

CHALLENGES RELATED TO TRANSITIONING FROM HOSPITAL TO TEMPORARY CARE AT A SKILLED NURSING FACILITY

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Background and importance

With decreasing number of hospital beds, more patients are discharged from hospitals to temporary care at skilled nursing facilities requiring handling of more complex and frail citizens in a non-hospital setting.



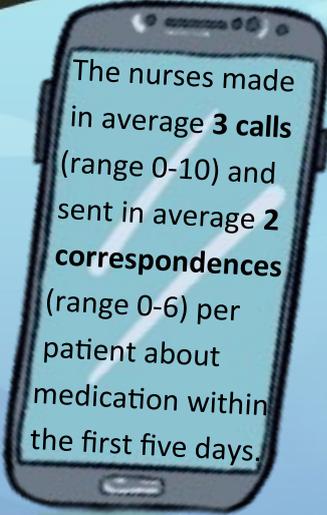
Aim and objective

To systematically map challenges related to the transition of patients from hospital to temporary care at a skilled nursing facility in relation to (i) medication management, (ii) responsibility of the medical treatment, and (iii) communication.

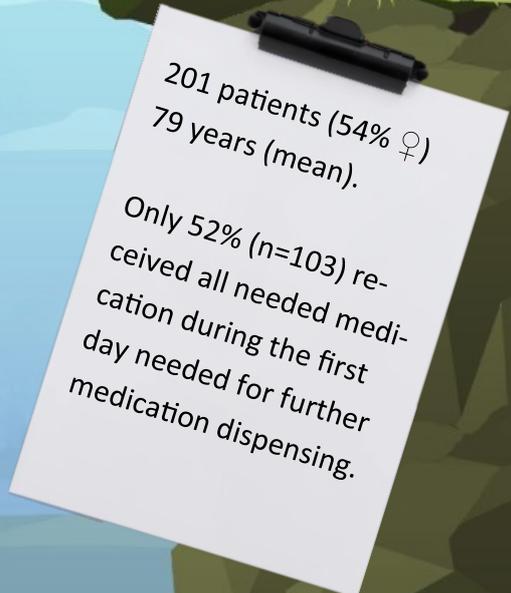
Materials and methods

This descriptive study included medical and surgical patients admitted to hospital and discharged to a skilled nursing facility .

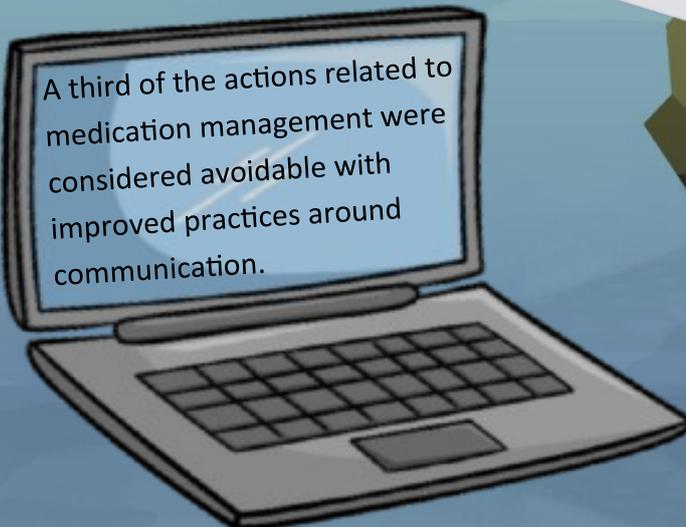
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The nurses made in average **3 calls** (range 0-10) and sent in average **2 correspondences** (range 0-6) per patient about medication within the first five days.



201 patients (54% ♀)
79 years (mean).
Only 52% (n=103) received all needed medication during the first day needed for further medication dispensing.



A third of the actions related to medication management were considered avoidable with improved practices around communication.



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