There are an estimated 19.3 million nurses worldwide. Nurses work 12-hour shifts, performing approximately 23 tasks per hour, 12 hours per shift, and 3 shifts per week, totaling 828 tasks per week.

Nurses' workload

Nurses perform a variety of tasks, including
- Diagnoses
- Medications
- Protocols/procedures
- Treatment/therapy

Commonly suggested nurse to patient ratios above are associated with an increased risk of infection, complications, and readmission.

Nurse-patient ratios

1:6 (>12 hours per shift)
1:4 (Med-Surg Unit)
1:1 (Step-Down Unit)
1:2 (ICU)

Barriers to information seeking among nurses include
- Not enough time
- Library resources aren't promoted enough
- Not enough training on available resources

Only 16% of nurses use library resources at least once a week with questions.

85% of nurses consult coworkers at least once a week with questions.

39% of nurses consult search engines at least once a week.

Criteria for preferred information sources

Google is nurses' preferred resource, followed by
- Easy to use
- Fast
- Concise
- Evidence-based
- Library resources

72% of nurses' informational needs are associated with nurses' information-seeking habits.

77% of nurses work 12-hour shifts.

53% of nurses work mandated or unplanned OT monthly.

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