



*How can we meet the aims of a
high quality and safe health
system in Europe?*

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1. What are the aims for a high quality safe health system?
2. How can these aims be achieved?
3. Who is responsible?



Aims:

- To deliver a consistent standard of health care to individuals in all countries within the EU;
- To develop European Accreditation Mechanisms based on national developments which comply with well established global frameworks;
- To implement a holistic and transparent system of accreditation which is easily recognised across borders.



The main driver of a high quality
and safe health care system must
be based on better health for
everyone



Doing the right things to the right people in the right way at the right time using the right people in the right place every time and doing the right things even better the next time = QUALITY



Multiplicity of terms applied to Quality and Safety

e.g. Standards, Peer Review,
Benchmarking, Regulation, Licensure,
Accreditation, Credentialing etc.



The emphasis irrespective of terminology is on evidence based practice and assessment of performance in relation to established standards.



Achieving the Aims

Examine the issues related to:

1. The people who receive health care;
2. The people who deliver health care.



Receiving Health Care

- ↑ Elderly Population
- ↑ Mobility of Patients
- Changes in Population Health
- Equity of Access
- Equity of Quality
- Safety and Risk Assessment

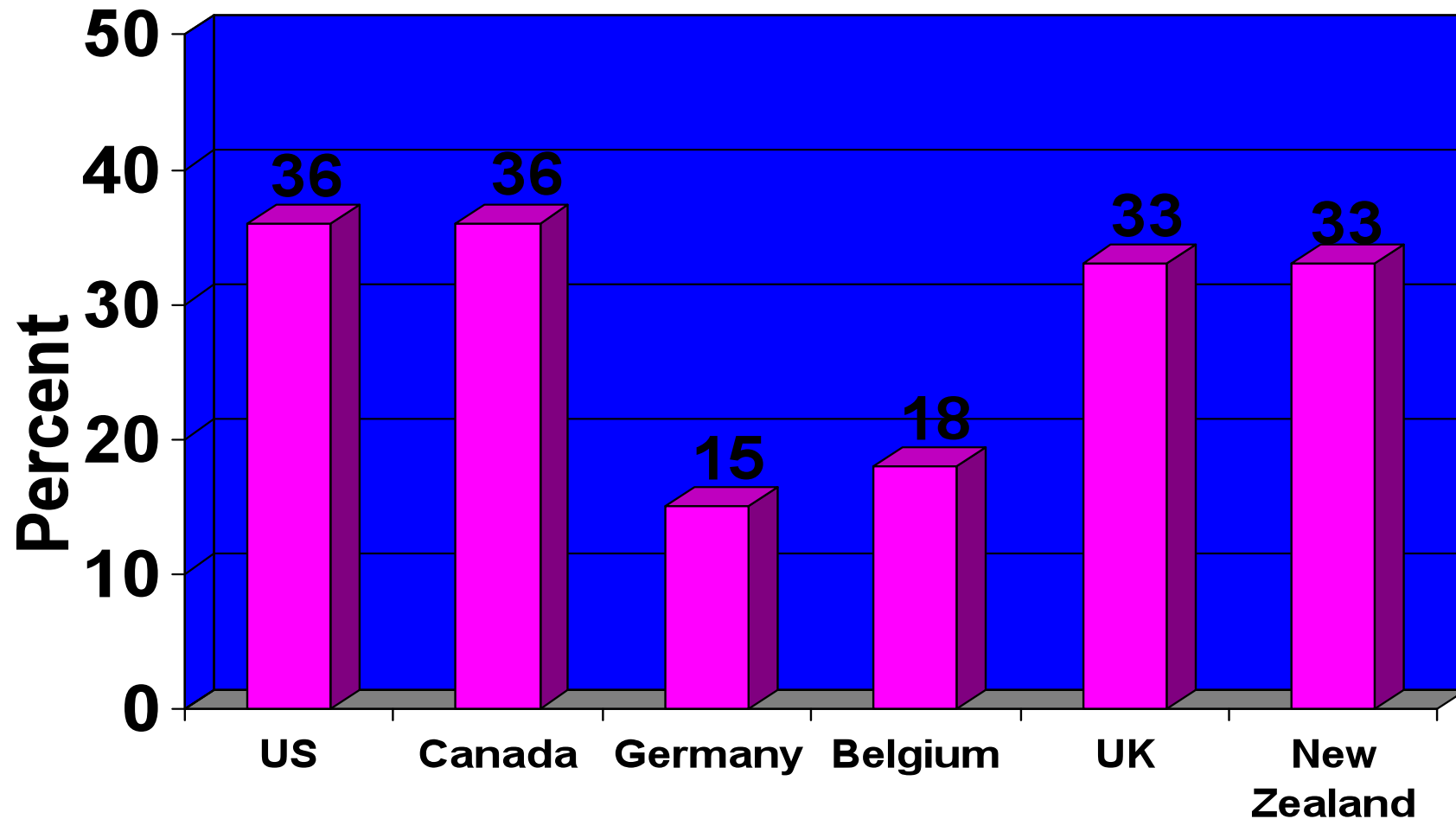


Delivering Health Care

- Health Care Reform
- Global Shortage of Health Professionals
- Mobility of Health Professionals
- Professional Preparedness
- Accreditation
- Skill Mix
- Employment & Environmental Conditions



Percent of Nurses Rating Patient Care on Their Unit as Excellent (Source: AIKEN 2002)

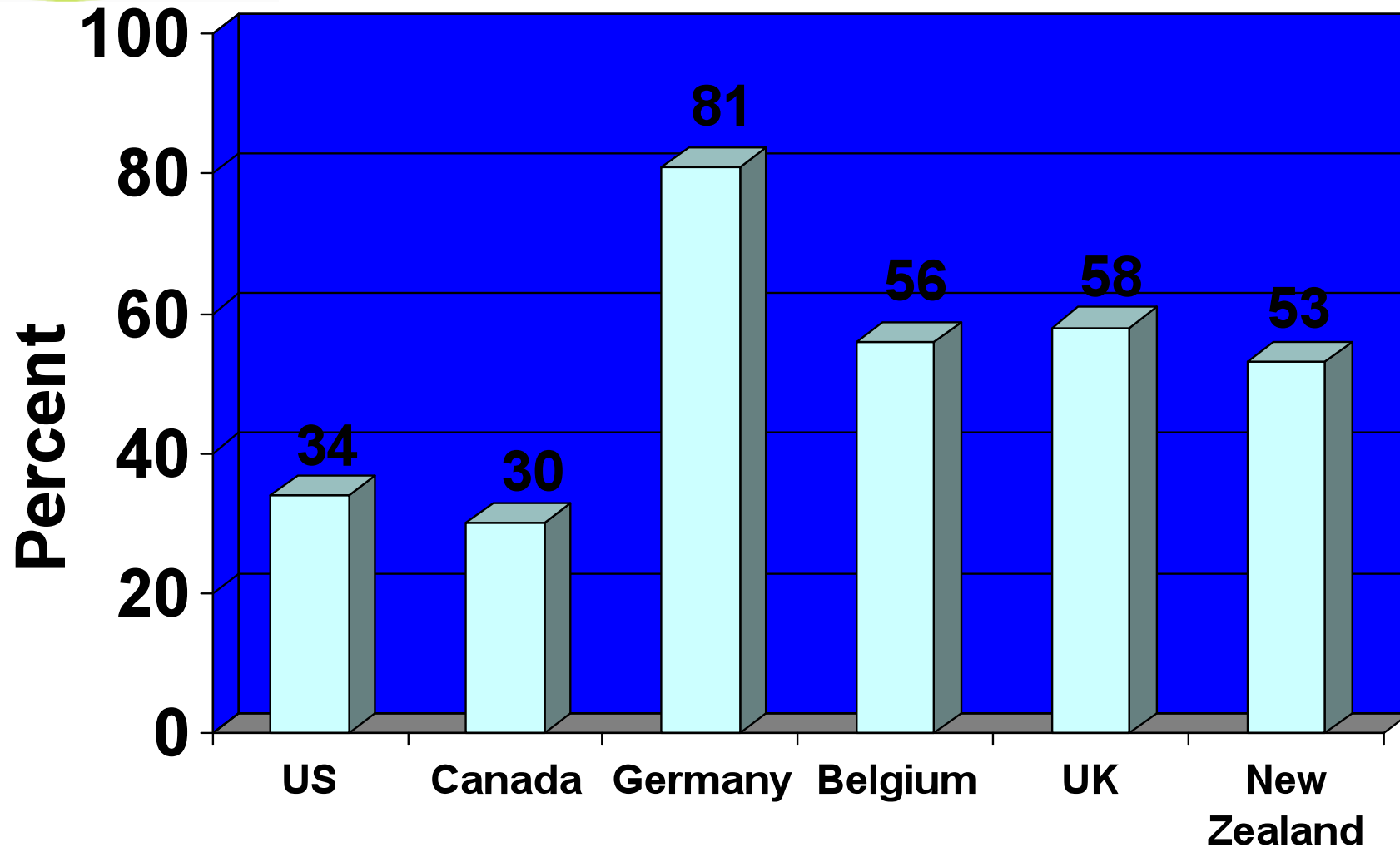


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Percent of Nurses Agreeing Patients Are Well Prepared for Discharge (Source: AIKEN 2002)

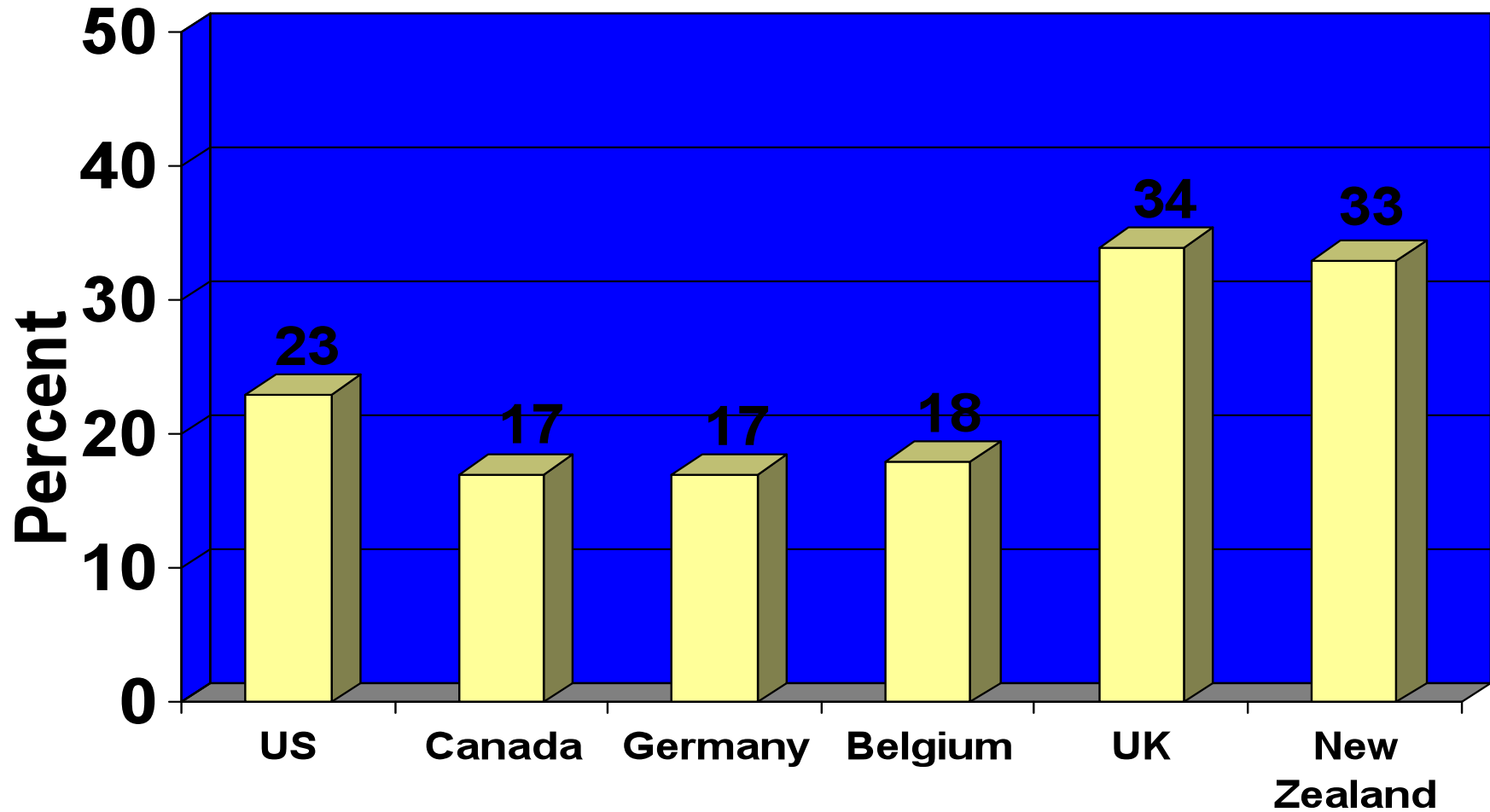


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Percent of Nurses that Intend to Leave Job in the Next Year (AIKEN 2002)

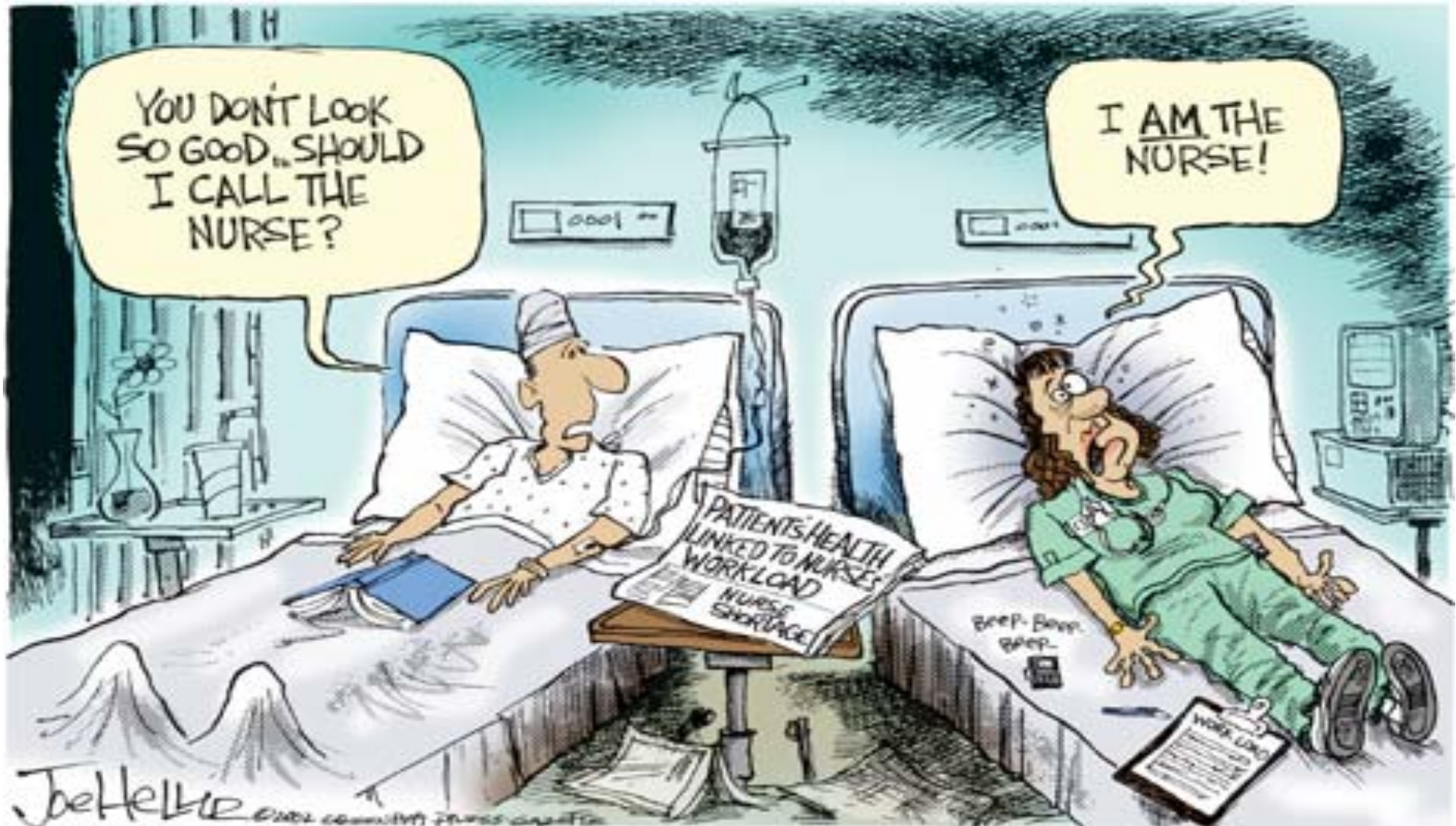


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Nurse Staffing & Mortality

Patients in US hospitals with 8:1 patient to nurse ratios have more than a 30% greater risk of death following common surgical procedures than patients in hospitals with 4:1 ratio.



Achieving Aims (1)

- Build on WHO Health 21
- Proposal for EU Health Strategy
- Data Collection & Dissemination
- Build Mechanisms to Improve Collaboration & Communication with Representative Organisations
- Collaborate & Exchange of Innovation & Best Practice



Achieving Aims (2)

- Involve Civil Society
- Stimulate International Studies
- Prioritise Recruitment and Retention of Health Care Professionals
- Support Professional Preparedness



Who is Responsible?

All of Us

- Individual
- Collective
- Organisational
- Representational
- Governmental
- European



Health is Wealth

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