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Comments

Very nice job and very useful information. Audrey's video was a nice addition.

A couple of specific suggestions:

1. Your slide that says that 12% of nurses leave the profession is an incorrect summary of the study, which is commonly misquoted. It should say "of nurses who leave the profession, 12% leave due to back injury"-- the cite and abstract is printed below.
2. It would be useful to note that there are now many studies that show that investments in safe lifting equipment pay for themselves very quickly in savings from workers' compensation and indirect costs. While the intended audience is nursing students rather than hospital administrators, this would be useful information to give to them to pass on to administrators.
3. It would be much better in the Nelson video to have video of the transfer devices being used if you can do it without making the video much longer-- that is a better use of the video technology than just a talking head with slides.
4. The announcer comes on at the end of the video but is cut off somehow.
5. It would be useful to have a text only option instead of the audio for the basic slide show so that those who wanted to could go through it at their own pace.

Hope that is helpful.
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Citation:

Backing out: nurse wastage associated with back pain D. A. Stubbs , P. W. Buckle , M. P. Hudson , P. M. Rivers and D. Baty

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Abstract

Results from a survey of 1008 National Health Service nurses and nursing auxiliaries leaving their current position are reported. These indicate that 1.3% of nurse leavers are leaving their positions for good solely because of back pain. Further, one nurse leaver in 29 is leaving their position with back pain as a main or contributory cause and 12% of all nurse leavers intending to leave for good cited back pain as either a main or contributory factor. The findings from this survey have implications for Health Authorities in relation to costs and manpower planning, and emphasize the need to provide further education and prompt referral and treatment to prevent long-term back morbidity and wastage, not only for registered nurses but also for nursing auxiliaries and aides.