

Integration of Nursing Clinical Research and Organizational Research: The Role of Leadership in Nursing Directorates

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Introduction. Nursing clinical research, focused on evidence-based practices to optimize direct patient care, must integrate with organizational research to address the complexities of modern healthcare systems. This synergy is crucial for enhancing service effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability, with leadership and management playing a pivotal role in nursing directorates. This abstract aims to outline a rigorous methodological framework combining clinical and organizational research, highlighting the responsibilities of nursing directorates in promoting innovation, accountability, and care quality.

Methods. A mixed-methods approach (qualitative-quantitative) integrated a systematic literature review (PRISMA guidelines) of nursing clinical studies (n=45, 2015-2025) with organizational analysis (Lean and Balanced Scorecard models). Case studies from Italian hospital settings (Emilia-Romagna) evaluated transformational leadership impacts on clinical outcomes (e.g., length-of-stay reduction, Delta=-15, p<0.01) and managerial indicators (e.g., nursing turnover, HR=0.72, 95% CI 0.58-0.89). Tools included semi-structured interviews (n=30 leaders) and multivariate regression analysis.

Results. Integration showed that effective leadership in nursing directorates amplifies clinical research impact by 28% (moderate effect, $n^2=0.14$), reducing clinical errors and optimizing resources. Key responsibilities encompass: (i) evidence-based budget allocation; (ii) continuous training; (iii) KPI monitoring (e.g., patient satisfaction, NPS>80).

Discussion. The convergence of nursing clinical and organizational research, underpinned by responsible leadership, positions nursing directorates as catalysts for healthcare excellence. Hybrid protocols for policy-making are recommended, alongside future randomized trials for causal validation.

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