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# Rehabilitation Nursing: Applications for Rehabilitation Nursing

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**Abstract**

Rehabilitation nursing is a specialist form of rehabilitation requiring specialist nursing. Furthermore, as in many areas of nursing, nurses in this field recognize that there is a need to increase the quality of and provide the most up-to-date care for their patients and patients' families. To achieve high levels of competence, neurological rehabilitation nurses need to be aware of the existing body of research in this field. Effective hospital and community rehabilitation services are increasingly recognised as a means of meeting the changing pattern of health and social care requirements. This review aims to validate the existing knowledge base in this area by identifying and critically analysing research conducted in the area of neurological rehabilitation nursing.

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