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## Nursing Care Standard Intents

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### **NR.1 Qualified nursing director is responsible for managing nursing services in the hospital.**

- NR.1.1 The hospital has a full-time nursing director.
- NR.1.2 The nursing director is licensed and registered with the Saudi Commission for Health Specialties.
- NR.1.3 The nursing director is qualified by appropriate education, training, and experience (minimum bachelor degree of science in nursing and five years of managerial experience).
- NR.1.4 The nursing director is responsible for the direction, provision, and quality of nursing services provided to patients.
- NR.1.5 The nursing director develops the nursing organizational chart as well as the nursing education and quality improvement.
- NR.1.6 The hospital designates a deputy director of nursing to coordinate nursing activities and handle administrative and clinical issues during the absence of the nursing director.

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#### **Standard Intent:**

Nursing services are an integral part of the clinical services of any health care organization, and to be able to operate efficiently and fulfill its mission, the nursing department services are under the direction of one individual who is qualified by documented training, expertise, and experience, and is licensed and registered with the Saudi Commission for healthcare Specialties. This Individual assumes professional responsibility for the Nursing services provided. When this individual is absent the hospital designates a deputy to coordinate nursing activities and handle administrative and clinical issues Responsibilities include:

- Direction, provision, and quality of nursing services provided to patients.
- Develops the nursing organizational chart as well as the nursing education and quality improvement

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### **NR.2 The nursing director assumes a leadership position in the hospital.**

- NR.2.1 The nursing director represents the nursing staff as one of the hospital leaders.
- NR.2.2 The nursing director participates with the other hospital leaders in the decision making processes, including planning and budgeting.
- NR.2.3 The nursing director participates in the hospital's multi-disciplinary structures (e.g., committees such as quality improvement, infection control and pharmacy and therapeutics).
- NR.2.4 The nursing director oversees and assures that committees' recommendations are implemented at the nursing level.