

Title of Abstract: A Scoping Review of the Influence of Organizational Attributes on Registered Nurse Contributions to Well-Child Care

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Abstract

Research Problem: Registered nurses (RN) are well positioned to deliver well-child care within interprofessional primary care teams. However, integrating RNs into these roles requires careful consideration of how organizational attributes influence role enactment within this setting.

Objective: The objective was to review and synthesize the scope and characteristics of the literature related to organizational barriers or facilitators to RN delivery of well-child care within the context of primary care in high-income countries.

Methods: The Joanna Briggs Institute scoping review methodology was used to conduct this review. Inclusion criteria included articles with a focus on RNs who deliver well-child care in primary care settings. Titles, abstracts, and full text articles were reviewed independently by two reviewers. Data was extracted and organized according to the dimensions in the nursing care organization framework. Principles of the 'best fit' framework synthesis guided the data.

Results: Five studies were included in the review. There was limited evidence related to the organizational attributes that influence registered nurse contributions to well-child care in high-income earning countries and the organizational attributes that influence nursing contributions to well-child care are not fully understood.

Significance and Implications: Well-child care is well aligned with the professional scope of practice for RNs and scope of practice optimization is linked to improved outcomes for families and the interprofessional team. Further research is needed to explore the relationship between organizational attributes and RN delivery of well-child care within primary care settings.