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Research needed to strengthen NANDA-I,  
NIC & NOC

**Presentation**

- + Why use classifications & research ?**
- + Classifications & nursing process**
- + Research needs**
- + Examples of implementation studies**
- + Integrating NNN into Electronic Health Records**
- + Research needed: Topics & Methods**
- + Conclusions**

## Classifications: WHY??

✚Main question:

What is the meaning for nursing?

For clinical nurses?

For educators, scientists?

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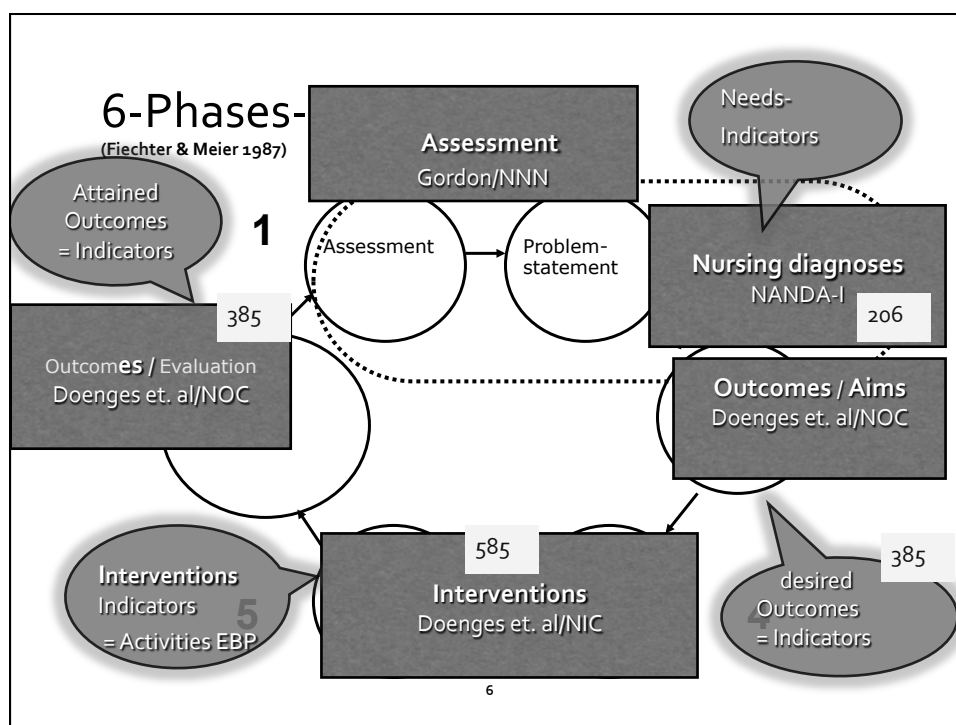
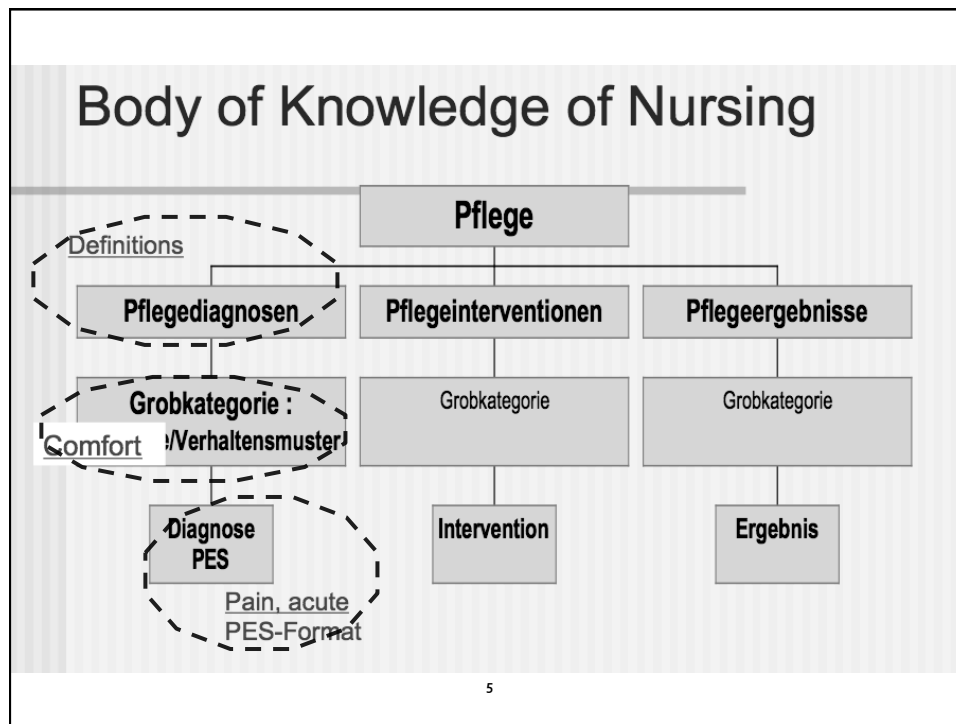
## The Unique Focus of Nursing (Profession & Science)



Experiences and responses  
to health problems, e.g.,  
Risk for Infection



Experiences and responses to life processes,  
e.g., Readiness for Enhanced Knowledge  
of Child Care



## We need classifications

### + Nursing has a mandate to strive for

- quality
- efficiency
- measurability



- ### + Without classifications:
- non-precise nursing language, documentation and evaluation

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## Background / State of research

### + Unspecific diagnoses, need for accuracy

Lunney, 2001, 2011; Müller-Staub, 2007/2011; Paans 2009)

- ### + To attain favorable nursing-sensitive patient outcomes:
- nursing diagnoses must be stated accurately, and linked with **effective nursing interventions**

(Björnell, 2002; Lavin, 2005; Müller-Staub et. al, 2009; Florin, 2005; Thoroddsen et al., 2010; Paans et al, 2010)

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### **Research needed - to evaluate**

1. effects of application/use of nursing diagnoses
2. evaluate the implementation of nursing diagnoses, interventions and outcomes into practice
3. evaluate educational & implementation methods
4. develop and test instruments
5. refinement: validity of nursing diagnoses

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### **Implementing classifications: Benefits?**

✚ Main research question:

Are patient outcomes better after implementing nursing classifications?

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## Using Knowledge for Clinical Practice



## Implementations and study designs

- ✚Introductory class and eight case meetings on all wards – duration of implementation: 1 year.  
*Pre-post implementation design*
- ✚Introductory class and 6 case study sessions for 12 multipliers (1st year), coaching (2nd year): *Descriptive evaluation study /qualitative interviews*
- ✚Guided clinical reasoning v.s. case studies on wards (3 months): *Cluster randomized, controlled experimental design*

Evaluation study of implementing nursing diagnoses, interventions & outcomes

- ✚ Pre- posttest design to evaluate the implementation effect
- ✚ Intervention: Staff education
- ✚ Data analysis of documentations: measurement instrument Q-DIO

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## Implementing nursing diagnoses:

Introductory class + eight case meetings to

- ✚ implement Nursing Diagnoses
- ✚ choose effective nursing interventions
- ✚ state and evaluate nursing outcomes
- ✚ understand relationships between nursing diagnoses, interventions and nursing outcomes

(Odenbreit, 2002a)

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Measurement instrument:  
Quality of Nursing Diagnoses, Interventions and Outcomes (Q-DIO)

4 Sub-concepts, 29 items, 3-5 point scales

Internal consistency: Cronbach's  $\alpha < 0.83$

Intra-Rater reliability: Pearson's  $\tau = 0.98$

Interrater reliability: Kappa = 0.94

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Sample



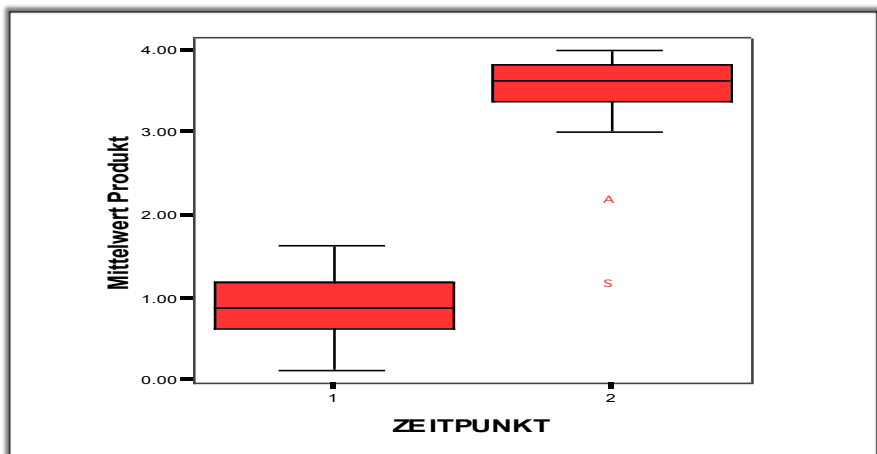
✚ Six wards, Swiss State Hospital

✚ 72 randomly selected, documented nursing diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes

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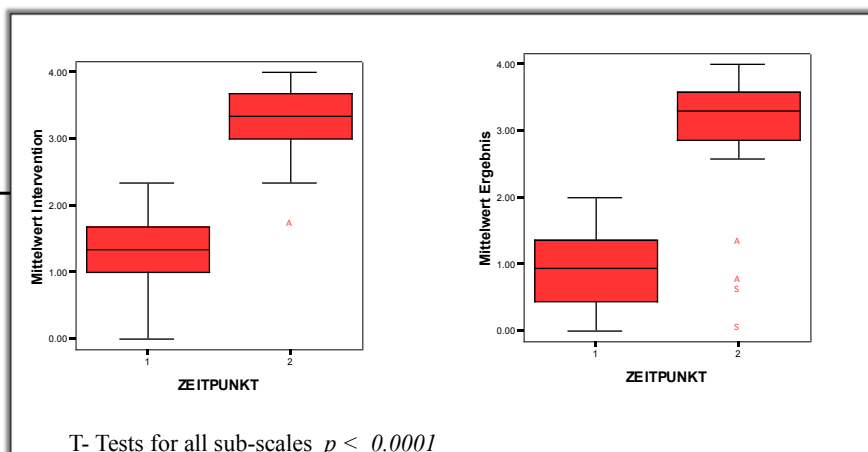


## Results: Nursing diagnoses



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## Nursing interventions and outcomes



T- Tests for all sub-scales  $p < 0.0001$

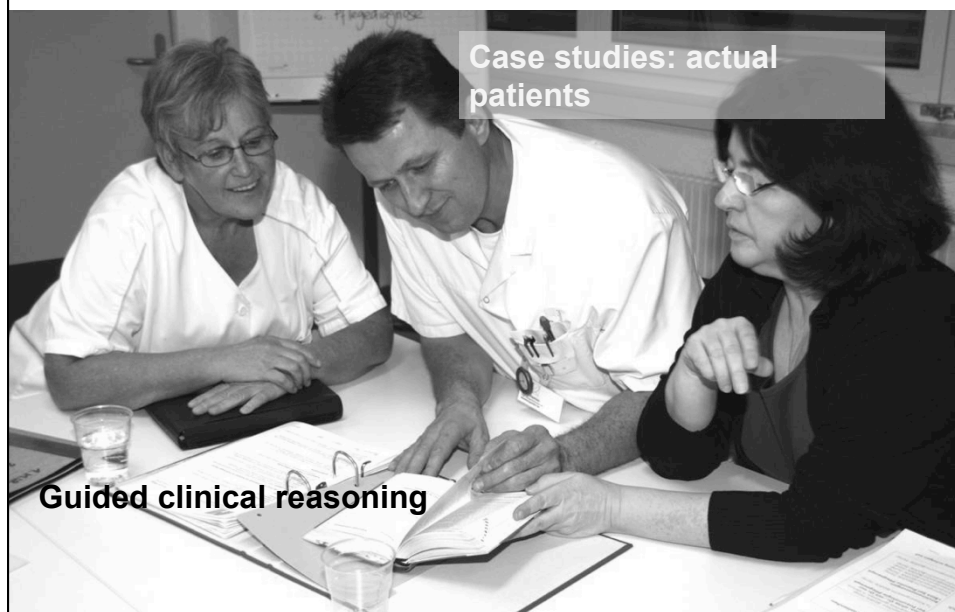
## Enhancing clinical reasoning – follow-up study

R-Question: After staff education in nursing diagnoses, interventions and outcomes, do nursing records contain:

- accurate nursing diagnoses? (+def. characteristics + related factors)
- effective nursing interventions = specific to the identified etiology?
- measurable, achievable nursing outcomes, describing the improvement in patients?

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## Results: example

### Control group

#### Nursing diagnosis

"Patient has a decubitus at left heel"

### Intervention group

#### Nursing diagnosis:

Impaired skin integrity: Pressure ulcer, grade II

#### Etiology/related factors

Altered circulation  
Mechanical (pressure, shear, friction)  
Impaired physical mobility  
Nutritional deficit

#### Signs/symptoms

Destruction of skin layers (dermis) at left heel, 2x3 cm wide, 1mm deep

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## Results....

### Control group

#### Nursing interventions

- 1) „Change bed position every 4 hours
- 2) „Change dressing daily”.

### Intervention group

#### Nursing interventions

- 1) „Observe wound daily
- 2) Positioning patient every 3 hours with wedge-pillow
- 3) Constant pressure-free positioning of heel
- 4) Aguagel dressing, next change at (date)
- 5) Mobilize patient 3 times daily for meals
- 6) Observe and document food and fluid intake (see protocols)
- 7) Instruction of patient about condition and interventions"

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## Results.... Nursing Outcomes

### Pre-intervention

#### **Nursing outcomes**

- 1) "Skin still red, small tissue damage".

### Post-intervention

#### **Nursing outcomes**

- 1) „Tissue integrity/observable healing with epithelized, dry, irritation- and odorless skin, free of pain
- 2) Unimpaired mobility of joint
- 3) Improved self-care ability = patient performs skin observation and care, changes of position, mobility and constant pressure free positioning of heel
- 4) Patient can explain her condition, the etiology (pressure, immobility, nutritional status and meaning of risk management).

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## Results, other: examples of diagnoses...

### Pre-intervention

#### **Nursing problem**

Urinary incontinence;  
no PES

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- Confusion, no PES
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- Risk for falling: sometimes...

### Post-intervention

#### **Nursing Diagnosis**

Urinary incontinence, total includ.signs/symt. + etiol. fact.

Hopelessness includ.signs/symt. + etiol. fact.  
Anxiety includ.signs/symt. + etiol. fact.  
Coping, ineffective includ.signs/symt. + etiol. fact.  
Confusion, acute includ.signs/symt. + etiol. fact.

Sensory Perception, impaired (visuel, kinesthetic)

Risk for falling includ.signs/symt. + etiol. fact.

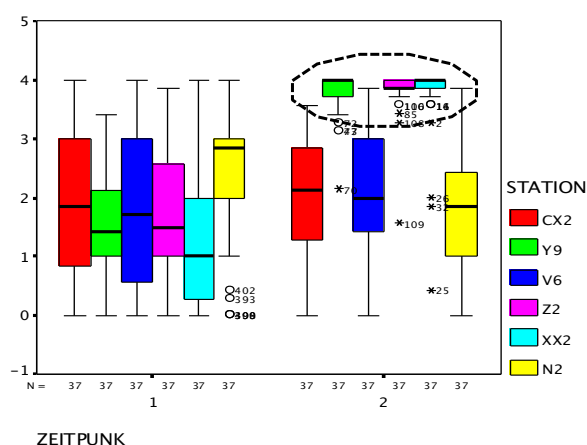
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## Results

	Pre-Mean (SD)	post-intervention
<b>Nursing diagnoses</b>		
Intervention group	2.69 (SD = .90)	3.70 (SD = .54) *
Control group	3.13 (SD = .89)	2.97 (SD = .80)
<b>Nursing interventions</b>		
Intervention group	2.33 (SD = .93)	3.88 (SD = .35) *
Control group	2.70 (SD = .88)	2.46 (SD = .95)
<b>Nursing outcomes</b>		
Intervention group	1.53 (SD = 1.08)	3.77 (SD = .53) *
Control group	2.02 (SD = 1.27)	1.94 (SD = 1.06)

**Intervention group: t-Tests  $p < 0.0001$**

## Nursing outcomes



Tests und Mann Whitney Signifikanz Test  $p < 0.0001$

(Müller-Staub, M., Needham, I., Odenbreit, M., Lavin, M. A., & van Achterberg, T., 2008)

Introductory class and 6 case study sessions for 12 multipliers (1st year), coaching (2nd year): *Descriptive evaluation study / qualitative interviews*

- + „Without diagnoses no meaningful care!“
- + „Using classifications (D/I/O) enhanced my professional role and understanding“
- + „I focus more on individual care needs“
- + „My communication changed: I'm closer to patients, know more about their problems and needs such as anxiety, coping, nutrition, pain.... Nursing became more interesting!“

(Müller-Staub, Hofstetter & Reithmayer, 2010)

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## Integrating NNN & research

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- into Electronic Health Records
- and education

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## Electronic Health Record (EHR) requirements

- Concept oriented (knowledge based) classifications
- Standardized, research-based language to represent the unique function of nursing
- Standardization and coding of concepts
- Include full NNN into EHRs
- Apply nursing process based on classifications: link diagnoses, interventions and outcomes
- Intelligent expert systems: Decision support

= *Individualized, evidence-based care*

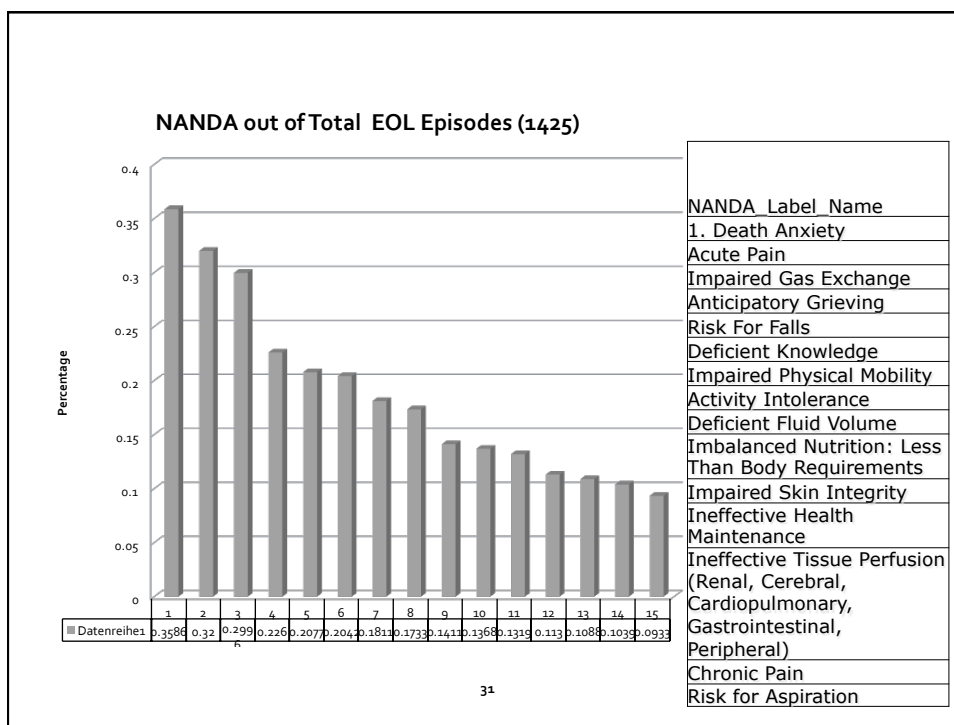
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## Episode of Care Hx NOC Outcomes



NOC Outcomes								
Outcome	Date/Shift Initiated	Expected Rating	Initial Rating	Rating in last 3 shifts			Date/Shift	Final Rating
				10/31/2007 7a - 11a	10/31/2007 11a - 7p	11/01/2007 7a - 3p		
● Cognitive Orientation	10/30/2007 7p - 7a	5	5	5	5		10/31/2007 11a - 7p (R)	5
● Swallowing Status	10/30/2007 7p - 7a	4	2	3	4	4		
● Tissue Perfusion: Cerebral	10/30/2007 7p - 7a	4	2	3	4	4		
● Knowledge: Illness Care	11/01/2007 7a - 3p	4	2			2		
● Social Support	11/01/2007 7a - 3p	4	2			2		

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## Developing & validating nursing diagnoses

### Concept Analyses

#### Content Validation:

new diagnoses (Brandano Chaves et al., 2010) *Impaired Memory*

Nurse expert study: descriptive correlational design

(Guirao-Goris & Duarte-Climents, 2007) *Sedentary Lifestyle*

### + More important: Clinical validation studies

Examples: Bartek et al.; 1999; Carlson-Catalano et al., 1998; Kim et al., 1984; Zeitoun, de Barros, Michel & de Bettencourt, 2007



## Example: *Ineffective Peripheral Tissue*

A three-phase clinical study was performed to validate 18 defining characteristics of *Ineffective Peripheral Tissue Perfusion* (Silva, Cruz, Bortolotto et al., 2006).

1. Literature review to identify def. characteristics ; and construction and validation of a data collection instrument
2. Patients underwent a clinical nursing evaluation:
  - interview
  - physical examination
  - tests to evaluate peripheral perfusion
3. Clinical validation of defining characteristics:
  - evaluation of vasomotor function by three methods
    - analysis of vasodilation in response to reactive hyperemia
    - intra-arterial infusion of acetylcholine
    - and pulse wave velocity measurements.

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Validating nursing diagnoses.....

### + Clinical Consensus Validation:

research

- practicing nurses identify the specific NANDA-I, NIC, and NOCs that apply to patients served by their unit

(Lunney, McGuire, Endozo, & McIntosh-Waddy, 2010; Lunney, Caffrey, & Umbro, 2010; Minthorn, 2006; Minthorn & Lunney, 2010; Lunney, M., McGuire, M., Endozo, N., & Waddy-McIntosh, D. (2010).

### + Construct and Criterion-Related Validity

- applying a 'Goldstandard' e.g. measurement scale to assess and compare/contrast related factors and def. characteristics  
(Concurrent validity, known-groups technique)  
e.g. Fatigue scale vs NANDA-I diagnosis

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## Validating nursing diagnoses

### Sensitivity, Specificity, and Predictive Value

#### + *Ineffective Airway Clearance*

Measuring the sensitivity, specificity and predictive value of clinical indicators made a significant difference in the number of children identified with IAC (da Silva, Lopes, Araujo, Ciol, & Carvalho, 2009)

- + Chaves Carvalho, Goyata, & Souza (2010 ) identified *Impaired Spirituality* in 27.5 % of the patients. The highest sensitivity, specificity and predictive values were found with the defining characteristics of: anger, feels abandoned, questions suffering, and expresses alienation.

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## Validating nursing diagnoses

### +Epidemiological

- incidence
- prevalence of specific diagnoses in settings and populations can show the importance and co-occurrence of diagnoses

### + Effectiveness studies

Diagnoses – Interventions – Outcomes  
(Shever, Titler, Dochterman, Fei & Picone, 2007)

### +Accuracy of diagnoses, effectiveness of interventions, quality of patient outcomes

(Müller-Staub, Needham, Odenbreit, Lavin & van Achterberg, 2007, 2008).

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## Accuracy & critical thinking (educational studies)

### +Accuracy of diagnoses

was assessed in patient records (n = 341) from 35 wards in 10 randomized hospitals in the Netherlands (Paans, Sermeus, Nieweg, & van der Schans, 2010a)

### +Evaluating teaching critical thinking to experienced nurses (Cruz, Pimenta, & Lunney, 2009)

### +Evaluating teaching critical thinking to nursing students (Collins, 2010)

### +Instruments

Lunney Scale, Q-DIO and the D-Catch  
(Müller-Staub, Lunney et al., 2009; Müller-Staub, Lunney et al., 2010; Paans, Sermeus, Nieweg, & van der Schans, 2010a; 2010b)

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## Classifications = Quality improvement

### After implementing nursing diagnoses (NANDA-I):

- Assessments/diagnoses → accurate
- Nursing interventions → effective
- Patient outcomes → enhanced



Björwell et al, 2002; Curell & Urquart 2003; Daly 2002; Müller-Staub 2007; Müller-Staub et al. 2007, 2008, 2009)

### Nurses: Significantly better knowledge

### Nurses: Significantly higher satisfaction

- Measuring workload and staffing levels
- Grade und Skill-Mix

(Keenan et al, 2008)

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## Conclusions/Recommendations

1. Implement NNN into practice and EHRs (including linkages)

✚ Interactive, automated nursing assessments and reports

✚ EHR as valid, research based decision making tools



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## Conclusions

Nurses need support through education & coaching

More studies needed



*DO RESEARCH !*

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