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Tools for the assessment of the recovery process following discharge from day surgery: a literature review

220 - M Warren Stromberg, E Saxborn, S Gambreus, M Brattwall and JG Jakobsson
This literature review provides an overview of ten studies which assessed the patient’s general recovery after discharge from hospital following elective surgery and anaesthesia. Ten multi-dimensional tools were identified and these included six common domain assessments: pain, physiological function, activities of daily living (ADL), emotions, nausea/vomiting and nutrition/elimination. Most of the tools assessed the recovery process by using patient-subjective reported outcomes on visual analogue (VAS) or pre-graded scales.

230 CLINICAL FEATURE
A student nurse experience of an intervention that addresses the perioperative nursing shortage

-J Carter Monahan
The purpose of this paper will be to briefly discuss the nursing shortage and present a unique preceptorship program that was developed to address the perioperative nursing shortage at three healthcare institutions. The program involved collaboration between the hospitals that were experiencing high attrition rates and a university located in the State of Michigan in midwestern United States. This paper will discuss the first perioperative class that was offered. Following presentation of the program, a brief discussion of why collaborative preceptorships and residencies should be implemented to address the nursing shortage will be presented.

235 KEY PEOPLE OF INTEREST
An interview with Professor Jane Reid - M Guckian Fisher
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