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## Psychiatric nurses' perception of patient safety culture: A qualitative study

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**Background:** Patient safety is a vital element in providing high quality health care. In psychiatric wards numerous of physical and emotional factors have been found to affect patient safety. In addition, organization, healthcare provider and patients were identified to be significant factors in patient safety.

**Aim:** This study aims to discover nurses' perception of patient safety in psychiatric wards in Saudi Arabia.

**Method:** Data will be collected through semi-structure face to face interview with nurses who are working at psychiatric wards. Data will be analyzed through the use of thematic analysis.

**Results:** The results of this study will help in understanding the psychiatric nurses' perception of patient safety in Saudi Arabia. Several suggestions will be recommended for formulation of policies and strategies for psychiatric wards. In addition, recommendation to nursing education and training will be tailored in order to improve patient safety culture.

### Biography

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