Workload of NICU nurses linked to missed nursing care

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between increased infant-to-nurse ratio and odds of missed care when workload variables were modeled independently (e.g., nurses caring for three or more infants were 2.51 times more likely to report missing any care during the shift). All 12 models demonstrated a significant worsening association of increased NASA-TLX subjective workload ratings with odds of missed care (e.g., each 5-point increase in rating was correlated with a 34 percent increase in likelihood of missing a nursing assessment for an assigned infant during the same shift).

"Subjective workload was the one variable that was consistently and strongly associated with missed care," Tubbs-Cooley said in a statement.

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