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- Results (what did you find?)
- Discussion (what does it mean?)
- Conclusion, including study limitations and recommendations for further research
- References

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- Nursing outcomes/ implications
- Conclusion/recommendations
- References

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- Title
- Introduction
- Unit, nurse or coordinator role description
- Future directions
- Conclusion

- References (if applicable)
- Include pictures

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- 100 – 250 words

Manuscript

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1. Hyer W & Fell JM. Screening for familial adenomatous polyposis. Archives of Disease in Childhood 2001; 8:377-381.

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2. Norton D *et al.* An Investigation of Geriatric Nursing Problems in Hospital. London: Elsevier, 1962, p1-3.

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