



## CHALLENGES FACED BY NURSING FRATERNITY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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**ABSTRACT** In the Battle against COVID-19 nurses are in the middle of this situation. The current pandemic situation of covid-19 has put health care professionals against various challenges. The image of world has changed due to this COVID-19 pandemic, due to its impact on health, living, economy, and politics. The health care sector image has changed dramatically because of this unexpected nature of the pandemic. From the starting of this pandemic health care providers have faced multiple challenges in doing their duties and responsibilities.<sup>3</sup>

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### INTRODUCTION

The world introduced with new pandemic in 2019. During Coronavirus disease health care system faced major challenges across all over the world. All health care professionals are front line warriors and they fight with an invisible enemy that kept the health in danger & devastated the life of the people. This pandemic brings lot of fear, stress among the people. As nursing fraternity, nurse are committed to serve the society & the nursing fraternity faced the biggest challenge to cure the patient & provide care to the affected people with COVID-19.<sup>1</sup> Nurses were actively involved in hospital management & leadership activities in the management of covid-19.<sup>2</sup>

To recognize the contributions of nursing fraternity the year 2020 was designated by the World Health Organization as the "International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife." Nurses are strongest pillars of the health care & always ready to accept & face the challenges by becoming as frontline workers.

### Challenge Faced By Nursing Fraternity During Covid-19 Pandemic:

During the COVID-19 pandemic, health care system severely impacted. The common challenges faced by the nurses during this pandemic all over the country in the current situation are:-

#### • Availability of Less experienced staff in the hospitals:-

It is very important to empower the nurses with right education & skills that is essential to handle the crisis so the nurses can confidently deal with the challenges. During this time Digitalization through webinars help us to continuously upgrade the knowledge of the nurses about COVID-19 care and prevention.

#### • Personal Protective Equipment (ppe) Shortage:-

During this pandemic there is shortage of PPE that is essential to prevent the spread of infection, such as masks, gloves, gown. So our nurses feel fear about their health because PPE is essential to protect themselves from COVID-19.

#### • Accommodation & transport Unavailability for the health:-

care workers:- Due to the pandemic & lockdown during this time the health care workers those who are staying in rented house they faced problem because people are not allowing them to stay in their home

due to the fear of spreading COVID-19. Transport facility is also affected during covid-19 pandemic situation.

#### • Lack Quarantine Facilities Or Period For The Nursing Staff:-

Due to the increasing cases the duty rotation of the staff organized in such a way that the nursing staff didn't get sufficient time to rest at home. Nurses need to take special care while providing care to the patient in intensive care units, isolation wards, the purpose of this is reduce the exposure COVID-19. Few nurses are trained to attend the suspected Covid-19 patients and also ensured that the staffs are available in all shifts in case of absence of the designated staff. All essential facilities like room, beds, food etc made available for the nurses who stay far away.

#### • Physical exhaustion & mental stress due to pandemic working situation:-

Due to the pandemic & overcrowding in the health care sector the nursing staff are doing double shift to manage the situation due to the overburden the staff usually get exhausted & going through the mental stress.

#### • Inadequate health insurance coverage

#### • Safety & security issues:-

Nursing staff are Concern regarding regarding there personal safety and security at workplace and in the community as well as concerns regarding the safety of family members. They are worried about their family members also , because when they are posted for covid duty they can't meet their family members.

#### • Communication gap:-

Due to the pandemic the gap in the communication develop in the hospital authorities and nursing fraternity that leads to confusion and also delayed in decisions making , that cause frustration and mental exhaustion in the nursing staff.<sup>1</sup>

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