



**Special issue:
COVID-19 Pandemic lessons for Future Policy:
What have we learnt?**

The worldwide outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020 caused significant disruption in all spheres of life and led to an unprecedented demand on health services in the community, nursing homes, hospitals and mental health facilities. Health care providers needed to learn new approaches to educating the public and providing quality care to patients. Unpreparedness, lack of information, threats of a new and contagious virus, social distancing and restrictions on “normal life”, chaotic work environments, poor professional support, and rapid changes in public and healthcare policies at all levels caused unprecedented stress for all and nurses, in particular. This special issue focuses on the lessons learnt for policy-level changes from the Covid-19 global pandemic. This impact on policies will address diverse aspects in health care and allied areas such as health promotion and disease prevention, clinical practice, management and strategy, academic teaching, education and research, ethics and more. The conceptual framework for contributions from different countries is the World Health Organization (WHO) Health Systems framework: Stewardship/governance, Human Resources, Information, Service provision, Equitable distribution and responsiveness, taking special needs, as social determinants of health, culture and language into account.

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1. What are the laws and regulations needed?

- Is there a law on epidemics? If yes, and a plan for its implementation?
- How to better manage competing demands of the health care system?
- How do we clarify roles and responsibilities?

2. What are the Human resources needed?

- Nursing positions and with what expertise?
- How do we better support and manage nursing staff?
- How do we improve teamwork?
- How do we better manage nurse recruitment and reassignments?
- What are the implications for basic nursing education?
- What are the lessons for continuing education?

3. What are the new Information needs?

- How do we prepare for better ways of communicating with the public and special communities?
- How do we prepare for better ways of communication among services?
- How do we prepare for better ways of communication with patients?
- How do we prepare for better ways of communication with families?

4. How do we prepare for future Service provision?

- Linking of public health-primary-secondary & tertiary care
- Triage guidelines
- Equipment
- Drugs
- Testing capacity
- Contact tracing
- Vaccination
- Screening
- Ensuring quality& safety
- Maintaining and managing Routine healthcare services

5. How do we address the ethical request for Equitable distribution and responsiveness to the specific needs of population sectors?

- The Elderly in the community
- Persons in institutions (nursing homes etc.)
- School children
- Chronically ill homebound persons & family or professional caregivers
- Movement, vision & hearing-impaired persons
- Mentally Ill and intellectually impaired persons
- Minority populations
- Migrants & asylum seekers
- Prisoners

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