

# Nursing Workforce: The Talisman in the Pandemic Era

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The perspectives on nursing services and nursing care acquire great dimensions and relevance in the scenario of health.<sup>1</sup> This experience may not essentially reveal all of the facets of nursing services even in the modern era.<sup>2</sup> Having said that, it is high time that we had recognized the important fact that nursing professionals depict a dynamic and progressive role in all the vital aspects of the healthcare delivery system.<sup>3</sup>

Nursing professionals play a crucial role in achieving the healthcare milestones by donning the most important link in the carefully articulated process of healthcare delivery. It needs to be emphasized that the duties of a nursing personnel ranges from providing not only highly specific nursing care but also holistically coordinating the work of other healthcare professionals. Thus, we could envisage total healthcare delivery to the sick and weary.<sup>4</sup>

The recent outbreak of the COVID-19 infection is taking a heavy toll globally.<sup>5</sup> The noble efforts put in by the nursing personnel in the COVID-19 crisis bears ample testimony to the inherent potentials that nurses do possess in effectively addressing gigantic professional challenges related to the healthcare sector, in general and healthcare delivery, in particular.<sup>6</sup> The response worldwide to this mega crisis has moved nursing services into a higher pedestal aimed at global focus.

Let us not forget the fact that the entire nursing community is also in the risk zone and on many an occasion, adequate rest and recuperation are also sacrificed in preference to patient care.<sup>7</sup> The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance and relevance of the contribution of the nurses to health care from the viewpoints of prevention and promotion.<sup>8</sup>

I am quite sure that nursing personnel are well informed about the inherent challenges associated with providing high-quality care at a crucial time of pandemic. They have convincingly demonstrated how to improve productivity by coupling with sustained high-quality nursing care.<sup>9</sup>

The essential tenets of health care are firmly ingrained into the nursing profession, ever since the fledgling professionals had entered into the portals of a nursing school. Year 2020 being the year of the nurse and midwife ushers in greater hopes for the nursing profession and in the eyes of the World Health Organization (WHO), the nurses are the torchbearers of providing compassionate patient care.<sup>10</sup>

Stay safe!! Stay blessed!!!

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