

## Special Issue

# Nursing System in the Time of COVID-19

### Message from the Guest Editors

According to the latest WHO report, nursing is the largest occupational group in the health sector, accounting for approximately 59% of health professionals (World Health Organization, 2020). Nursing includes the promotion of health, prevention of illness, and the care of ill, disabled and dying people. Advocacy, promotion of a safe environment, research, participation in shaping health policy, inpatient and health system management, and education are also key nursing roles (International Council of Nurses, 2002). Thus, nurses are present in all health–disease processes throughout the life cycle and in all care settings all over the world. However, the WHO report also shows us that the world does not have a global nursing workforce commensurate with universal health coverage and SDG targets. In addition, nursing remains a highly gendered profession with associated biases in the workplace (World Health Organization, 2020). It was in this context that nurses all over the world participated in the collective effort to fight the pandemic by being present on all possible fronts.

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