



Preparing the frontline: The role of Nursing Education in the fight against COVID19 Pandemic – the KFSH&RC Experience

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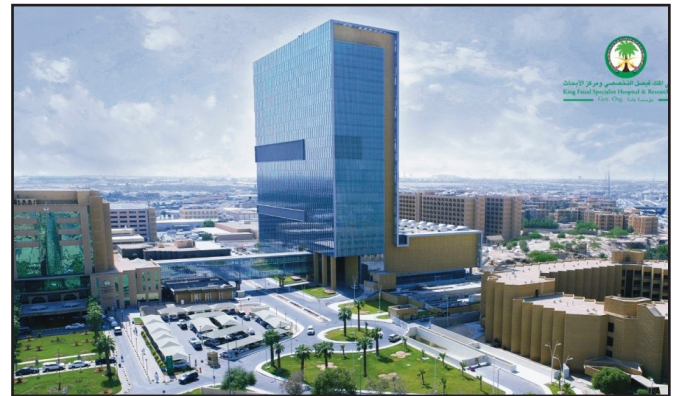
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Abstract:

The beginning of 2020 set the whole globe to a test. Healthcare systems, healthcare professionals worldwide, most importantly nurses, were put face to face with a health challenge of massive proportions: the COVID19 epidemic. Nurses have always been the first and last line of defense, and surely continue to be during this time of uncertainty and fear of the unknown. Being the backbone of any Healthcare system around the world, these professionals are key to prevent the spread of infections by ensuring all aspects of nursing care are properly conducted. Furthermore, as Healthcare is expanding in complexity, the Nursing professionals need to be prepared to broaden their roles. At KFSH&RC, the Nursing Education Department, aligned with the Institution's Strategy, structured and implemented a plan which upskills the Nursing Team, preparing the nurses to work in unfamiliar environments or to work in clinical settings outside their usual practice. Better trained staff prepares the Hospital for a further escalation of the number of infected patients admitted. Plan, implementation process and results to be presented and discussed during the webinar.

Biography:

Goncalo Placido is a Nurse Specialist in Medical-Surgical Nursing with a broad expertise in Primary Care, Peri-Operative Nursing, Infectious Diseases, Oncology, Cardiol-



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