Nursing Practice In Kenya In The Era of COVID-19 Pandemic: A Reflection On Experiences In The Past 11 Months

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- 1st case in May
- Kinanie Isolation Unit Operational
- June 2020- Mks L5 waiting ward Operational
- July 2020: Opening of mass screening and Isolation centre
- July 2020: Isolation ICU
- Clinics suspended except oncology

Isolation ICU



Practice in Covid era

- Fear/anxiety- nurses and health workers
- Redeployments
- Stigma
- Use of technology- trainings, conferences
- Teamwork

Practice in Covid era

- Reduced hospitalization- Patients keep off
- More emphasis on IPC protocols
- Psychological support- Call Centre, Zumba
- Conspiracy theories on causes

Lab and ICU





Mass Isolation Center



Currently

- Mass screening and isolation inpatient wing closed temporarily
- No. of people coming for testing reduced

Lessons Learned

- Need to maintain the nurse patient ratio
- Teamwork is key in healthcare delivery

Thank you