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NCSBN staff and sent to about 150 individuals representing non-U.S. nursing jurisdictions. The survey was sent on January 2021 and closed in February.

All others indicated there was a general delay or the pandemic did not influence their clinical offerings to a great degree. No jurisdiction indicated these changes were permanent, rather most indicated the changes were made in response to the pandemic. Jurisdiction of Florida (n=1) indicated that students would not be allowed to graduate early to enter the workforce.

As for discipline during the pandemic, most jurisdictions observed about the same number of complaints relative to pre-pandemic times. In addition, an even larger majority indicated that they did not alter their disciplinary process. Of those that adjusted their disciplinary process, the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador simply indicated hearings were just held online.

In terms of telehealth changes, about 30% of the jurisdictions in our sample made changes to their telehealth policies. This included clarifying telehealth scope of practice and developing guidelines for virtual care. Again, a little over a third of the jurisdictions addressing this question reported their population received care via telehealth.

However, only 15% of our sample reported that nurses based in their own jurisdictions were providing care outside of their borders. In summary, the COVID-19 pandemic has strained nurses' capacity to provide care and as a result, nursing regulatory bodies had taken a variety of actions to support the nursing workforce.

The most significant changes appear to have been nursing education as clinicals have been shifted to simulation and lecture-based courses to online learning environments. Additionally, jurisdictions in our sample have brought retired nurses back into the workforce to supplement the current group and offered