



NCSBN has made good progress in introducing and implementing the Nurse Licensure Compact. Using a universal set of licensure requirements, nurses with an unencumbered license in one jurisdiction can work through a privilege to practice in other jurisdictions. This has increased the ability to respond to needs and there has been an increase in the use of telehealth provision during the crisis.

Patients can protect themselves and others by getting needed treatment by a telehealth consultation rather than having to visit a provider in person. However, with regards to wider mobility, some population data has suggested that global mobility is not a solution to workforce shortages at this time due to the risks that moving a person from one country to another can bring in COVID-19 spread.

It is unclear whether the shift to using more telehealth provision during the crisis will be maintained in

Many nurses are women and have additional caring responsibilities either for children or elderly parents. Nurses and indeed other health workers, in addition to all the work pressures, must juggle finding emergency childcare alongside the worries of getting infected and taking the infection back home. With such high levels of women in the nursing workforce, policies that recognize and address the issue also need to be considered when developing response solutions and longer-term plans.

NCSBN has been calling for the modernization of the regulatory model for a number of years and has already taken bold steps in highlighting a path forward through a series of publications such as the regulation 2030 acting in the public interest and most recently a global profile of nursing regulation, education, and practice.

We have also made great progress through the development of technologies to support collaboration of regulators across jurisdictions and introduced agreements that facilitate the delivery of modern interventions at a distance but it must not stop there. The various emergency measures that have been taken are a rich source of low-hanging fruit that need to be harvested and consolidated into permanent legislative change once the current crisis is over.

NCSBN in its regulation 2030 report identified collaboration as one of the four focusing concepts needed to bring about a new regulatory model fit for today's complex global digital age. This crisis has reinforced our belief that collaboration is the way forward. Collaboration builds trust and respect, it increases efficiency and effectiveness of reach and offers a means to ensure that nursing plays its full role in influencing the future design of health and social care systems where nurses play an equal and respected part in modern collaborative teams.

This is only an initial assessment of lessons we are learning in response to COVID-19. The State of the World's Nursing report must be seen as a launching platform for increased visibility, contribution, and impact. As nurses, we all have a role to play. So in the middle of this challenging time, capture your learning and use it to build better global health in the years ahead.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me. It is, after all, through working together that we will create the future that we desire: a healthier world for all.