



Statement of the Problem:

Mask availability, although widely discussed, the varied view on its effectiveness as Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE) in



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Biography

Patricia Obende has a passion for evidence-based practice, so in the early days of the COVID 19, with international variation, policies regarding RPE use varied across regions, no universally accepted practice, to find evidence-based support for RPE use. Amendable to seek evidence and advance practical recommendation in her Occupational Health Nursing clinical practice and her teaching role. As one responsible for facilitating practice learning of undergraduates and postgraduate students undertaking NMC