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### A new year, a new challenge, a new COVID-19 variant


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It has been one year since the Coronavirus become a pandemic worldwide. Studies highlighted that various measures have been well conducted to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. Recently, World Health Organization (WHO) just announced a new COVID variant named Omicron which is initially reported in South Africa. As a result, the challenge is getting more difficult as viruses continuously mutate. Indonesia announced the findings of the first case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 on December 16, 2021. For this reason, nurses are still required for their contribution by providing preventive levels are primordial prevention, primary prevention, secondary prevention, and tertiary prevention. In addition, these strategies are not only aimed at preventing the onset of disease through risk reduction, but also reduce complications. The first challenge faced is that there is still a knowledge gap among nurses. Nursing services for patients at moderate, acute, to critical levels, require more professional nursing competencies. Finally, the pandemic situation demand nurses to gain competencies in delivering innovative care for patients with COVID-19 infection.

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