

Experiences of Frontline Pakistani Emigrant Physicians Combating COVID-19 in the United Kingdom: A Qualitative Phenomenological Analysis

Reading the consent to the participant

Demographic details / Introductory questions

Age:

Location in the UK:

Time living in the UK:

Living with family or alone:

Questions under three main themes

Themes	Questions
<i>Working across borders and cultures: Problems and perspectives</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How long have been in this profession? (<i>Story of joining</i>) • Do you have experience of working in Pakistan? (<i>How long? / How was it?</i>) • Any working environment difference in the UK compared to Pakistan? (<i>Descriptions</i>) • Do you face any cultural issues in the UK? (<i>How? / Why or any reasons?</i>) • Do you think about Pakistan at this difficult time? (<i>Is it normal? Miss anything such as environment?</i>)
<i>Coping with fear and anxiety</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How have you been chosen to work in the COVID-19 ward? (<i>Selection criterion</i>) • What were your feelings to work in the COVID-19 ward? • Can you tell if anything changed in your life? • How safe do you feel working in the COVID-19 ward?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Which methods did you use to prepare yourself for this? (<i>spiritual/psychological</i>)• Do you talk to your family back home? (<i>How often? Type of topics</i>)
<i>Passion and profession</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is more important according to your opinion in such conditions: Passion or profession?• Have you ever tried to go over the prescribed limits to help patients?• Do you think that protocols adopted for the patients and doctors are reasonable?• Are there any suggestions you want to give for the Pakistani health system?• Is there anything else you want to add into this?