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*Fighting Stigma, Discrimination, and Xenophobia in the COVID-19 Era: Perspectives from Health Worker*



# Stigma against COVID-19 health workers

“Health workers on the front lines against COVID-19 face pathogen exposure, long working hours, psychological

# Strategies for tackling stigma

## Education

- “ Public education on the facts surrounding COVID-19 are necessary for curbing stigma of patients and health workers
- “ Self reflection of our own biases is key

## Advocacy

- “ Advocating for the ethical treatment and truths around foreign-educated health workers essential

## Transnational Collaboration and Partnership

- “ Learning and sharing best practices from colleagues around the globe

# THANK YOU

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