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EXPERIENCES IN THE WORK OF NURSE - INSTRUMENTALIST IN WORKING WITH COVID - 19 SUSPECT / POSITIVE PATIENTS IN THE SURGICAL OPERATING ROOM KBC - RIJEKA (LOCALITY SUŠAK)

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**Introduction:** Working in a surgical operating room is complex and demanding. Difficulty in work is manifested not only because of the patient, but also in the complexity of the operation, the large flow of information, the nature of communication and team coordination. For successful work in the surgical operating room during the first wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, it is important that nurses - instrumentalists possess knowledge, expertise and skills on the basic principles of the profession, education and literature that helps in the educational process.

Methodology: The paper uses a qualitative research approach, using the method of reasoned theory. The research instrument is an unstructured interview. The interview was conducted in KBC - Rijeka, operating room and sterilization department, Sušak locality.

**Results:** The results obtained in this study show that respondents consider an important role in education about Covid -19 because of preventing the spread of infection, the domain of work more demanding with suspicious / positive Covid - 19 patients, satisfaction in interprofessional relationships and quality of good communication in teamwork.

**Discussion and conclusion:** Respondents provided answers on compliance with the prescribed protocols on Covid 19, professional approach to perioperative, intraoperative care for the patient, his safety, as well as safety in the work of all health professionals in the team. Throughout the future, there is a need for team building, meeting and education to further professionally exchange information on new guidelines for working with Covid - 19 patients and to reduce stress in working with suspected / positive Covid - 19 patients.

Key words: operating room, nurses - instrumentalist, Covid - 19

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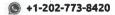
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