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## Orthogeriatrics @POA 68th Annual Convention

Celebrating an annual convention with Orthogeriatrics as a theme brought out the greatest number of attendees in recent history. The Board of Trustees capitalized on the renewed interest, stemming from recent CPD requirements imposed for license renewals, offering our fellows the world's best in terms of Orthogeriatric experts.

No less than the current president of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery, Bill Maloney, graced the four day affair, delivering the keynote address and a battery of lectures during both the plenary sessions and the jam-packed Hip and Knee Society symposium. Inspirational was the best description, as he took time to delve into common controversies surrounding geriatric arthroplasties, while taking time to



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Philippine Orthopaedic Association 2018 Officers: (From left) Drs. Paul San Pedro (Ex Officio), JAC Pimentel, Dave Alagar, Leslie Reyes (Treasurer), Paul Camiña (Secretary), Jerd Siatan (Vice President), Ces Grey (President), Mel Ramos, Ritchie Diyco, Peter Bernardo, Peter Quiaoit & Mar Cadag



Philippine Board of Orthopaedics 2018 Officers: From left) Drs. Judith Akol, Jofe Syquia (President), Lucil Detoyato, Manolito Flavier, James Paggao, Natz Orillaza, Rey Lopez, Bill Lavadia, Philip Baclig & Andrew Tabberrah

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meet and get to know as many of our fellows as possible.

The CPD requirements brought with it some birthing pains, and together with getting used to our newly installed POA Events Application on our smart phones, many fellows turned into techies, as they documented each session attended. Your

POA Board is currently exacting means by which the application can be made more efficient and more relevant for the greatest number of fellows. Improvements are certainly to be expected.

The large number of attendees resulted in a fruitful business meeting where matters from our society's finances, to extending

help to the PBO, to addressing the needs of our own geriatric fellows were all tackled.

Needless to say, the festivities were made complete with the POC and South Luzon Bands, which served to amplify the dynamic performances of Male Rigor and the VST&Co. The fellowship dinner and the congress banquet likewise enjoyed one of the biggest number of attendees ever recorded. Guests downed enormous amounts of both food and drink, while keeping their dance moves intact.

Institutional support was also significant, with 52 booths taken, and all hospitality suites all occupied, catering to all the Orthopedic needs of our fellows. Needless to say, this year's annual convention served as the best venue to renew, rekindle and reminisce old friendships, while forging ahead in creating meaningful, relevant and impactful new ties both here and abroad.

*-Ritchie Diyco*



## POA Supports Marawi Rebuilding

On December 13, 2017 Congress granted the request for an extension of Martial Law in the whole of Mindanao for one year by President Rodrigo Duterte. Although the fighting in Marawi has already ceased, there are still many people in the evacuation centers. It is estimated that the rehabilitation work will take around four years (which is overly-optimistic).

The Board of the Philippine Orthopaedic Association (POA) approved to give Php100,000 during the incumbency of Dr. Paul San Pedro in 2017 to help the people of Marawi. This report is to update you on what was done. The donation was coursed through the Northern Mindanao Chapter

of POA. The POA Northern Mindanao Chapter, which covers the area of conflict, contacted the orthopedic surgeons in that area and asked them on what the best way to help. It was decided to avoid redundancy and waste that the donation be coursed through the Lanao del Sur Medical Society.

In July of 2017, the Lanao del Sur Medical Society (LMS) through its officers, Dr. Jalilah Salma Bato and Dr. Taha Domado, received the money from us. The LMS then conducted relief operations on July 27 and 28, 2017. They bought rice and repacked it to 428 bags of 5 kilograms each. There were a total of 200 families helped in barangay Mahayhay and 248 families in Tagoloan

evacuation center.

The work for Marawi continues. People from different organizations continue to help and go there regularly. The government, together with the DOH, has been pouring resources to the rehabilitation of this city in Northern Mindanao, which is also known as the Heart of Islam in the Philippines. Hopefully this sad chapter in our history will never be repeated and that the proposed shift to Federalism will heal and remedy the years of injustice that is felt by our muslim brothers here in Mindanao.

*-JAC Pimentel*



# Your President At Work

A quarter of 2018 has just passed and much has been accomplished by your board. Our program for the annual convention has already been set with the theme "POA@69: Uniting the Specialties of Orthopaedics". It is set on Nov. 14-16 @ EDSA Shangri-La Hotel and program will start at 9 am. Please avail of the on-line pre-registration and make arrangements to arrive early on the 14th. Our POA Events app is currently being updated and will again be used this midyear meeting in Cebu. It will now be capable of online voting for our elections on November, offline CPD units recording with geo tagging to solve previous glitches.

We now have a lawyer, Atty. Rodmel Bautista, under retainer attending our board meetings and drafting all legal documents for us, reviewing contracts, running after arrears, reviewing provisions of the Data Privacy Act, etc. We also appointed an external auditor, Lagrimas N. Ong, to further protect our finances. New resolutions has been drafted - making attendance to a business meeting yearly as a prerequisite to remain in good standing & provisions for

PWDs. All fellows please take note of this and pass the word around.

Let me congratulate in advance the POA CEV Chapter under the leadership of Dr.

Jose Joefrey Arbatin for a successful mid-year convention. I recently attended the AAOS meeting in New Orleans and here are some of the pictures.

*At your service - Ces Grey*



*Dr. Grey with AAOS president Dr. David A. Halsey (left and AAOS immediate past president Dr. William Maloney*



*(Above and below) Philippine delegation to the 2018 AAOS meeting in New Orleans*



## NPC extends registration for covered professionals up to July 2, 2018

Last March 8, 2018, the National Privacy Commission (NPC) announced that it is extending the registration period for the data processing systems (DPS) of individual Personal Information Controllers (PIC) up to July 2, 2018. The individual PICs refers to professionals that includes Medical Doctors, Lawyers, Dentists, Accountants, and other professionals who process personal data covered by the Data Privacy Act.

For one to be covered by the scope of the Data Privacy Act, he should employ at least 250 individuals OR process personal data

and information of at least 1,000 individuals in practice of his profession or business.

To determine whether one should register with the NPC, let us take for example the case of a Doctor who is affiliated with a hospital and has in-patients admitted, while at the same time has his own private clinic, regardless whether the private clinic is located in the Medical Arts Building of the hospital or outside.

The in-patients of the Doctor shall not be included in counting the 1,000 individual

personal information. The PIC in this case is the hospital itself. Thus, the hospital should have registered with the NPC on the original deadline of March 8, 2018.

On the other hand, if the Doctor processes personal data of at least 1,000 individuals from all of his private clinics, he should then register with the NPC on or before July 2, 2018.

From the standpoint of NPC, the determination of the number of actual data handled

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# Test Construction Workshop by the PBO

The Philippine Board of Orthopaedics (PBO) recently held its annual "Workshop on Test Construction" on January 20, 2018 at the Getz Pharmaceuticals Headquarters in Pasig City. Chairmen and training officers of the various orthopaedic training institutions around the country listened to Dr. Dexter Clifton Pe, faculty secretary of the University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, as he gave a very informative lecture on topics such as setting learning objectives, creating test blueprints, methods of constructing valid and reliable test questions, preparing oral examinations, and setting minimum passing levels. This was followed by an interesting talk on training the trainers delivered by Dr. Carlo Angelo Cajucom, a board director of the Philippine Association of Training Officers in Surgery (PATOS). After lunch, the new evaluation tool to be used by the Board during its accreditation visits was presented to the audience. In a nutshell, more emphasis would be placed on surgical skills, theoretical knowledge, and research when compared with the previous evaluation tool.

- Jofe Syquia

## PBO CALENDAR

### JANUARY 20

Workshop for Associate Examiners  
Training for e-logbook  
Board meeting (1)

FEBRUARY 2: Practical exam: CLMMRH & WVMC

FEBRUARY 3: Visit: CLMMRH, WVSUMC & WVMC

FEBRUARY 16: Practical exam: JRMMC & USTH

FEBRUARY 17: Visit: JRMMC, USTH & CVMC

MARCH 16 -17  
Visit: BGH & ITRMC  
PBO Board meeting

APRIL 4  
Visit: CHH & VSMMC  
PBO meeting with Chair & TO

APRIL 14: Visit: DLSCM

APRIL 21: Visit: JBL

MAY 4: Practical Exam: EAMC& AFPMC

### MAY 19

Visit: Diliman Linkage - EAMC, AF  
PMC & VMMC  
PBO Board meeting (4)  
Practical exam: MMC  
Visit: MMC  
Practical & Visit: DLSUMC



Dr. Clifton Pe giving a lecture on test construction



Some of the participants of the Test Construction Workshop held on January 20, 2018 at the Getz Pharmaceuticals Headquarters in Pasig City.

JUNE 15: Practical exam: TMC & SLMC

### JUNE 16:

Visit: TMC & SLMC  
Board meeting

### JUNE 30

Practical exam: SPMC  
Visit: SPMC & NMMC

JULY 7: MPL meeting/Board meeting

JULY 20: DIPLOMATE Written exam

JULY 21: DIPLOMATE Oral exam

### AUGUST 4:

Visit: POC & PGH  
PBO Board meeting

### OCTOBER 20:

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Interview of Outstanding residents  
Board meeting

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# 7th POSP Annual Interesting Case Presentation

The Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of the Philippines held its 7th Annual Pediatric Orthopaedic Interesting Case Presentation Contest during the Philippine Orthopaedic Association's 68th Annual Congress in EDSA Shangri-la Hotel, Mandaluyong City. Thirteen papers were received from nine training institutions. These papers were submitted and presented by Dr. Manuel Gaspar (Cagayan Valley Medical Center), Dr. John Patrick Marquez (Cagayan Valley Medical Center), Dr. Ali Farhan Pandaliday (Southern Philippines Medical Center), Dr. Aaron Paul Punzalan (Southern Philippines Medical Center), Dr. Angelo Carlo Ostrea (St. Luke's Medical Center), Dr. Joana Francesca Visperas (Philippine General Hospital), Dr. Ramon Mariano Najarro II (Chong Hua Hospital), Dr. Jose Mari Gerald Arpellida (De La Salle University Medical Center), Dr. Daniel Kristina Carolino (St. Luke's

Medical Center), Dr. Arvin Jonathan Arbas (Makati Medical Center), Dr. Rubie Anne Espinosa (Jose R. Reyes Memorial Medical Center), Dr. Leo Francis Diaz (Ilocos Training and Regional Medical Center) and Dr. Catherine Marie Montalban (Makati Medical Center).

All papers were presented in the special session on November 16, 2017 in the Palawan Room. Three judges were invited to pre-judge the papers and also judge the actual presentations. The esteemed judges were Dr. Jacqueline O. Navarro (developmental pediatrician with Masters in Clinical Epidemiology, The Medical City), Dr. Chastity Amor V. Rejuso (pediatric orthopedic sur-

geon with ongoing Masters in Hospital Administration, Pasig Children's Hospital and Quirino Memorial Medical Center), and Dr. Ser Anthony B. Si (orthopedic surgeon with ongoing Masters in Clinical Epidemiology, Philippine Orthopedic Center).

After much deliberation, the paper written and presented by Dr. Leo Francis Diaz from Ilocos Training and Regional Medical Center entitled "Ghost in the Living: Phantom Bone Disease of the Humerus in a Pediatric Patient" was selected as the winner. Dr. Diaz received a certificate and a cash prize of P10,000 for this distinction.

- Candice Lim



Front row (L-R): Dr. Carlo Emmanuel Sumpaico, POSP President, judge Dr. Chastity Amor Rejuso, winner Dr. Leo Francis Diaz, judge Dr. Jacqueline Navarro, and judge Dr. Ser Anthony Si (other presenters in back row)



Dr. Leo Francis Diaz (ITRMC) presenting his winning paper.



Some members of the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of the Philippines: (L-R): Dr. Candice Elaine Lim, Dr. Ana Cristina Decenteco, Dr. Rosalyn Flores, Dr. Julyn Aguilar, Dr. Chastity Amor Rejuso, Dr. Carlo Emmanuel Sumpaico, Dr. Juan Alejandro Legaspi, Dr. Juanito Javier, Dr. Daniel Dungca, Dr. Jose Bayani Aliling

## NPC extends...

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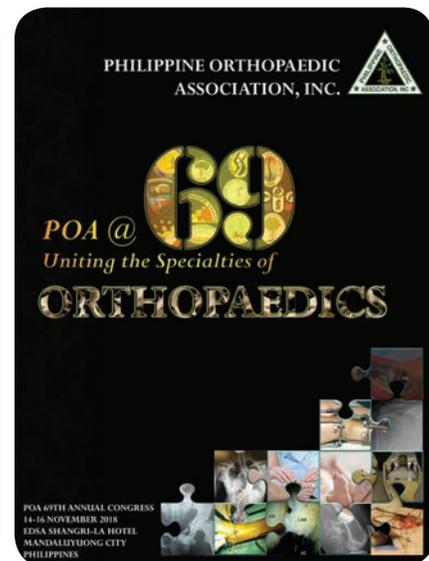
by Doctors is the most difficult task. In the first place, the personal data and information of patients is a privileged information received by the Doctor which is naturally confidential.

These being said, the determination of whether or not the Doctor should register with the NPC lies with the Doctor himself. After all, the Data Privacy Act is a law with the purpose of protecting the privacy rights of the data subjects, which are the patients themselves.

-Atty. Rodmel L. Bautista



**POA 69TH ANNUAL CONGRESS**  
 14-16 November 2018  
 EDSA Shangri-la Hotel  
 Theme: **POA @69: Uniting the Specialties of Orthopaedics**



# APFSSH 2017 in Cebu: A Milestone

The Association of Hand Surgeons of the Philippines (AHSP) made history last November 2017 when the society hosted their first international congress, the 11th Asian Pacific Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (APFSSH). This was in conjunction with the 7th Asian Pacific Federation of Societies for Hand Therapy (APFSHT) Congress and was held at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Cebu City.

The AHSP President and Congress Secretary General, Dr. Emmanuel Estrella, together with Dr. Ida Tacata, the Congress President, welcomed the delegates during the first day. It was a well-attended event

with 443 participants from 25 countries all over the globe.

A total of 119 talks and presentations were delivered during the 4-day congress with the theme “Classic. Current. Cutting Edge”. A variety of topics were discoursed, covering current concepts, updates in treatments, and difficult dilemmas about the wrist, hand, pediatric hand conditions, flaps and microsurgery. Renowned guests and speakers included Peter Stern, Donald Lalonde, John Capo, Marc Garcia-Elias, Diego Fernandez, Scott Kozin, and Thomas Keifhaber. Distinguished foreign Asia-Pacific speakers included Somsak Leechavevong,

Katzuteru Doi, Pak-Cheong Ho, Rajah Sabapathy, and Sandeep Sebastin.

At the end of the Congress, the members of the AHSP were all grateful for delegates’ interest in the topics prepared, the warm camaraderie among the international societies, and the new knowledge the attendees have gained from the experts who graciously honored the congress – from the classic treatments revisited, to the current concepts and the cutting edge techniques introduced to the practice of hand surgery.

- Claire Durban-Mella



East meets West. Congress President Ida Tacata is flanked by speakers Pak-Cheong Ho, Him-Keung Wong, Peter Stern, and Greg Bain (L – R)



Guest speakers Marc Garcia-Elias (Spain), Goo Hyun Baek (South Korea), and Rajah Sabapathy (India) enjoying the welcome drinks.



Dr. Ida Tacata giving the opening remarks during the Welcome cocktails.



Cutting Edge. Don Lalonde on wide awake local anesthesia no tourniquet (WALANT).



# Welcome the Newest Subspecialty:

## POWCDLS

On September 9, 2017, the day started like any other day except for the event of the Philippine Orthopaedic Wound Care and Diabetic Limb Society (POWCDLS), the newest society under the Philippine Orthopaedic Association. It was an opportunity for the attendees to grow in knowledge and share new practices on wound care management held at the Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila in Quezon City. The theme was “Wound Care Essentials in Orthopaedic Perspective: Bridging the gap for a better patient care”.

International and national specialists came together in one informative day which was attended by over 150 participants composed of residents, fellows of the POA, nurses and doctors from all over the Philippines. Dr. Michael Muñoz, our program emcee, did a marvelous job in keeping the ball rolling with class and wit. The participants were welcomed by Dr. Daniel Caro, one of the founding advisers of the society. Founding President, Dr. Jay Asuncion, presented the flow of the convention.

Dr. Adi Ramadhinara, a renowned wound specialist from Indonesia, discussed “Multidisciplinary Approach in Wound Management”. This was followed by an informative talk on “When to Refer to a Vascular Surgeon” by Dr. Querredo Baclig, a vascular and kidney transplant specialist from Cebu. He also discussed the whats and whys of “Varicose Veins”.

Dr. Phillippe Baclig focused on the importance of establishing a wound care center during his talk on “Wound Care Center, I Do Believe Now, Local Experience”. Prior to lunch, Dr. Asuncion shared his experience through the talk on “Diabetic Foot Infection: To Cut or Not to Cut”.

During the lunch symposium, Dr. Maria Teresa Abola and Dr. Constancio Reyes talked on Corbridge Vessel Due F Role of GAGs in Vascular Diseases and Wound Care. This was followed by the induction of fellows of the POWCDLS led by Dr. Paul Cesar San Pedro. President of the POA.



Induction of fellows led by Dr. Paul San Pedro



Dr. Jerome Asuncion as he shares his experiences on Diabetic Foot Infection



Dr. Philippe Baclig on establishing wound care centers

The members of the POWCDLS took an oath to uphold the standards of high quality practice. The event was then followed by a breakout session for the nurses with in-depth discussion on sharp debridement by Dr. Pierre Mella. The session was graced by the presence of Diane Eng, RN, a wound care nurse specialist from Singapore, who talked about Advanced Wound Assessment. This was followed by a workshop on the technique on the use of ABI (Ankle Brachial Index) and debridement moderated by professional nurses and orthopaedic fellows.

Simultaneously, Dr. Brian Dormitorio and Dr. Jonatahan Ronquillo shared their experiences with wound care facilities.

Before the event ended, the participants were given a chance to ask and make clarifications on matters discussed by our highly respected speakers during the town-hall discussion which was led by Dr. Adi Ramadhinara and Dr. Jay Asuncion.



Emcee, Dr. Michael Muñoz



Dr. Daniel Caro gives the welcome address



Dr. Adisaputra Ramadhinara on his talk



Dr. Querredo Baclig, vascular and kidney transplant specialist



Photo of the panel during the Town-hall discussion

Left to right. Dr. Jonathan Ronquillo, Dr. Pierre Mella, Dr. Brian Dormitorio, Dr. Querredo Baclig, Diane Eng, RN

- Alexandra Jane Fojas



## Residents Managed Case Presentation

Last March 6, 2018, the Organization of Residents Training in Orthopedics (ORTO) held its first Residents Managed Case Presentation at the Four Seasons Buffet and Hotpot Restaurant in Araneta Center, Cubao. This activity was held to promote academic discussion and the sharing of knowledge among the different training institutions. It was attended by representatives of eleven training hospitals: V Luna Medical Center – AFP Health Service Command, Veteran's Memorial Medical Center, Philippine Orthopedic Center, The Medical City, St Luke's Medical Center – Quezon City, De La Salle Medical Center – Dasmariñas, East Avenue Medical Center, UST Hospital, Makati Medical Center, Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center, and the UP – Philippine General Hospital.

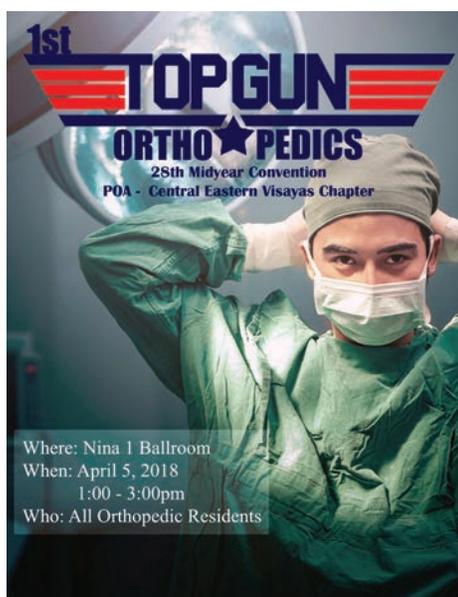
Out of the eleven training institutions currently part of the ORTO, four presented cases of patients that they managed. The presenting institutions were comprised of residents from DLSU, SLMC, VLMC, and POC. The reactors for the event were Raymar Sibonga, MD, FPOA and Janmichaelben G Miranda, MD, FPOA – both active consultants of the V Luna Medical Center.

It was a night of learning and fun as residents discussed and exchanged ideas about interesting cases while receiving feedback from the consultant reactors and the resident body. The discussion was immediately followed by socialization among orthopaedic residents as they enjoyed good food and good company.

- Angelo Gerodias



Residents from the different training institutions of the ORTO mingling prior to the case presentations.



Poster of the midyear activity of ORTO



Dr. Timtiman from the VLMC presenting a case of a gunshot injury resulting to a severely comminuted diaphyseal humerus fracture managed using external fixation and subsequent locked plating with bone grafting.