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and PSNMT

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A NEW *Chapter* BEGINS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



What a respite. And a bright future awaits!

So much has changed in the world and in our field since the last issue of *Scintillations*. We have witnessed remarkable advances in technology, shifts in healthcare delivery, and growth within our Society. Even as members of the Philippine Society of Nuclear Medicine, we have moved forward in our careers and personal lives. Yet through it all, the heart and soul of nuclear medicine—and of this community—remain the same: our dedication, our shared vision, and our passion for improving lives through what we do have never wavered.

This newsletter is more than a publication. It is a reflection of who we are. It is a space to connect, to share stories, to celebrate achievements, and to inspire one another. I hope that it will grow into a powerful tool, not only to inform, educate, persuade, and unite us, but also to help us reach and explore across boundaries and chart opportunities we may have never imagined but are within reach through our capabilities, dedication, and commitment to make our country and people healthier.

It brings me great joy and a deep sense of fulfillment to share this message with you as we revive our Society's newsletter, *Scintillations*, a revival that has long been awaited.

After more than a decade of silence, we now turn a new page. I believe this marks not just a return, but a fresh beginning filled with promise and purpose.

I am especially grateful to our new Editor-in-Chief for stepping up to take on this important role. Your willingness to lead this initiative is truly appreciated. To the Board, thank you for your steadfast support. To all our members, thank you for your trust and engagement. And most of all, I give thanks to the Almighty—for the journey that has brought us here, and for what lies ahead.

With renewed hope and heartfelt gratitude.

MABUHAY!

Michele

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BEGIN AGAIN

from the
EDITOR'S DESK

To begin again is not an easy thing to do.

It requires courage, patience, determination, and a whole lot of passion.

Suffice to say, the call to revive our Society newsletter came with much fear and doubt. There was so much to consider, so much to decide, so much to do, and yet with the steadfast trust and support of our Board of Officers, especially our President, we fully embark on this challenge to chronicle, celebrate, and cherish the triumphs and milestones of the Filipino Nuclear Medicine Community.

I am grateful for the hard work of the members of our Editorial Board, whose dedication made the completion of this endeavor possible. Much thanks is also owed to the contributors of this revival issue, all of whom delivered beyond what was asked of them.

Dear colleagues, it is with deep pride and honor that I welcome you all to the revival issue of *Scintillations*:

Revisit the momentous 40th Annual Convention where we witnessed innovations and advancements in our field. Look back at how we committed ourselves to continuous learning with the special World Theranostics Day lecture and the first PSNM bootcamp. Discover the recent activities and achievements of our PSNM trainees and technologists. Witness new and emerging nuclear medicine facilities in the country.

As we begin again, I sincerely wish that you find something to celebrate and cherish within these pages that chronicle the first half of our year, 2025, as well as a touch of hope and a bit of inspiration for the days to come.

Stay Radiant!

Angeli

INNOVATE, ADVANCE, SCINTILLATE:

The 40th Annual
Philippine Society of Nuclear Medicine
Convention



By Jarri Alihan, MD
Photography by official PSNM photographers (SNP Creatives)

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Philippine Society of Nuclear Medicine (PSNM) held its 40th annual convention, with the theme, *Innovate, Advance,*

Scintillate, at The Manila Hotel last February 8-9, 2025. More than 500 medical professionals, including doctors, nuclear medicine technologists, nurses, and medical physicists, gathered together to celebrate and learn from the event.

The two-day event served as a platform for knowledge sharing and networking, fostering a vibrant community of nuclear medicine professionals and experts. Participants were immersed in plenary topics that were truly in theme, focusing on various advancements and updates on the different nuclear medicine tests and theranostic procedures.

One of the highlights of this year's convention was the workshop held for the different imaging systems that enabled participants to interact and exchange experiences and knowledge in data processing and image quality assessment.

Beyond formal sessions, the convention was filled with enthusiasm as young professionals and veteran specialists eagerly collaborated for future endeavors towards better health service delivery and improved patient outcomes.

Emphasis was put on the different regulations for setting up a nuclear medicine facility, as the Society anticipates an increase in the demand and utilization of nuclear medicine services in the Philippines. The event also highlighted future government-led nuclear medicine facilities that are soon to rise, signifying a bright future for nuclear medicine in the country.





Want to see more pictures from the conference? Click on this link:



The New FELLOWS, DIPLOMATE, & CNMTs



Above: Dr. Carlo Jose San Juan and Dr. Belinda Dancel-San Juan, newly inducted PSNM Fellows, with their family, and Dr. Eric Cruz, PSNM President 2023-2025.



Left: Dr. Francis Manuel Resma, new PSBNM Diplomat, delivering his induction response speech

Below: New Certified Nuclear Medicine Technologists

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RECOGNIZING *Dr. Diana Paez,* PSNM HONORARY FELLOW

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Dr. Diana Paez, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Nuclear Medicine and Diagnostic Imaging Section Head, was conferred the title of Honorary Fellow of the Philippine Society of Nuclear Medicine (PSNM) during the Induction Ceremonies of the 40th Annual PSNM Convention held last February 8, 2025 at the Manila Hotel.

This recognition comes after Dr. Paez's numerous contributions to the field of nuclear medicine including her dedication to research and education, her advocacy for the advancement and involvement of the practice in low- and middle-income countries, and her unwavering support and commitment to the global medical imaging community.



Above: Dr. Paez, delivering her acceptance speech during the Fellowship Night.

Bottom left: Dr. Paez with the PSNM Board of Officers.



A graduate of the El Bosque University Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Paez completed her residency in nuclear medicine at the Javeriana University, National Cancer Institute (1994) before pursuing further training in nuclear cardiology at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital and in nuclear oncology (PET) at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. She also holds a master's degree in communication and education from the Autonomous University of Barcelona.



PIONEERING *Nuclear Medicine* IN BOHOL

By Christian Yu, MD

Governor Celestino Gallares Memorial Medical Center (GCGMMC) proudly marks a historic milestone with the launch of Bohol's first Nuclear Medicine Facility. Spearheaded by Dr. Lucille T. Puraican and assisted by Dr. Christian Dominique S.C. Yu and the Nuclear Medicine staff, the unit officially began operations in February 2025. Offering advanced services including Radioimmunoassay (RIA), Immunoradiometric Assay (IRMA), and Radioactive Iodine (RAI) therapy, GCGMMC Nuclear Medicine ushers in a new era of diagnostic and therapeutic care for the province.

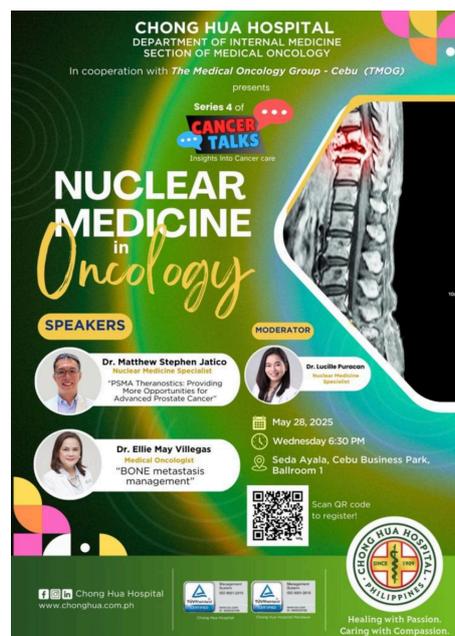


By Athena Charisse Ong-Barba, MD

ONCOLOGIC NUCLEAR MEDICINE TAKES THE SPOTLIGHT IN CEBU



Nuclear Medicine specialists in Cebu (from left to right): Dr. Jose Varela, Dr. Lucille Puracan, Dr. Matthew Jatico, Dr. Athena Charisse Ong-Barba, Dr. Christian Dominique Yu. Not in photo: Dr. Charles Tan and Dr. Henry Canizares



The Medical Oncology Group – Cebu (TMOG) held Series 4 of *Cancer Talks: Insight Into Cancer Care* in Seda Ayala, Cebu City last May 28, 2025. This session, appropriately called *Nuclear Medicine in Oncology*, was moderated by Dr. Lucille Puracan, and included Dr. Matthew Stephen Jatico as one of the speakers. This was the second part of the series that highlighted the role of Nuclear Medicine in cancer care, with the first one featuring Dr. Athena Charisse Ong-Barba and Dr. Jatico as speakers for the event.

In this particular session, Dr. Jatico talked about PSMA theranostics and his personal experience working with Lutetium-177 PSMA therapy in Chong Hua Hospital – Mandaue. He discussed the current evidence and technicalities of administering the treatment, which definitely piqued the interest of the audience, who were mostly cancer specialists.

The Cebu Nuclear Medicine physicians, who were present in full support of the event, hope to further strengthen their relationship with the TMOG-Cebu as well as with their colleagues from the different specialty fields, so as to maintain a well-oiled multidisciplinary approach in cancer care in the region.

THYROMOBILE SUPPORTS LAUNCH OF CARAGA'S FIRST SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

On July 25, 2025, Caraga State University (CSU) in Butuan City formally launched its School of Medicine, the first and only Doctor of Medicine program in the Caraga Region, welcoming its pioneer batch of students and faculty led by Dean Teresita Cadiz-Brion.

As part of Medicine Week (July 21–25), the Thyromobile team visited CSU on July 23. Nuclear Medicine specialists Dr. Teofilo O. San Luis, Jr., and Dr. Mary Stephanie Jo C. Estrada delivered patient education lectures and performed thyroid health services, with Dr. Antonio Quirino overseeing coordination. The activity offered free thyroid screening, salt testing, laboratory testing, and ultrasound services. This was held in partnership with the Philippine Medical Association, CSU, and the Department of Health, with support from other organizations.

Nuclear Medicine plays an important role in thyroid health through accurate function testing, specialized imaging, and definitive treatment such as radioactive iodine therapy. Outreach initiatives such as Thyromobile help raise awareness, enable early detection of thyroid disorders, and strengthen public health education, especially in underserved areas.

Cancer care in the Davao Region reached a new milestone at Davao Regional Medical Center (DRMC), the Cancer Center for Mindanao, in Tagum City on November 14, 2024. The hospital has opened its Nuclear Medicine Radionuclide Therapy Unit, making it the first government hospital in the region to offer high-dose radioactive iodine (RAI) therapy.

The six-bedroom unit provides essential treatment for thyroid cancer patients and expands access to advanced care in the region. This milestone was made possible through the leadership of Medical Center Chief II Dr. Bryan O. Dalid and the dedication of the Nuclear Medicine team.

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DRMC LAUNCHES DAVAO REGION'S FIRST GOV'T RAI THERAPY UNIT



Some members of DRMC's Nuclear Medicine team with Medical Center Chief II Dr. Bryan O. Dalid at the unit's opening (L-R): Dr. Mary Stephanie Jo C. Estrada, Dr. Serhan Y. Solaiman, Dr. Dalid, Dr. Anna Jessica A. Ortiga, and Radiation Protection Officer Jake Ryan B. Oliganga.

SAN PEDRO HOSPITAL BLESSES *Future Nuclear Medicine* & BONE DENSITOMETRY CENTER

On June 30, 2025, San Pedro Hospital in Davao City held the blessing ceremony for its upcoming Nuclear Medicine and Bone Densitometry Center, coinciding with the celebration of the Feast of Saint Peter, the hospital's patron saint. The event began with a Thanksgiving Mass, followed by the blessing of the new facilities, and was attended by hospital leadership, staff, patients, and guests.

Once operational, the center will offer a broad range of nuclear medicine and bone health services, including radioactive iodine (RAI) therapy, imaging with SPECT/CT, DXA studies, RIA/IRMA laboratory testing, urea breath testing, and sentinel node procedures. This development will broaden access to advanced diagnostic and therapeutic care in the region and neighboring provinces, supporting early diagnosis, personalized treatment, and improved patient outcomes.



In front of the new Nuclear Medicine and Bone Densitometry Center (L-R): Dr. Mary Stephanie Jo C. Estrada, Dr. Serhan Solaiman, Ms. Jazel Porciuncula, and Mr. Christopher Mazo during the blessing ceremony. *Other photos on page 15.*

CIUDAD MEDICAL ZAMBOANGA MAKES HISTORY AS FIRST PRIVATE HOSPITAL IN REGION IX TO OFFER RAI THERAPY

By Mary Stephanie Jo C. Estrada, MD

On July 14, 2025, Ciudad Medical Zamboanga (CMZ) officially became the first private hospital in Region IX to offer radioactive iodine (RAI) therapy, after receiving licensing from the Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI) to acquire, handle, and utilize radioactive materials.

The CMZ Nuclear Medicine Department, led by nuclear medicine consultant and authorized user Dr. Elgie JF. Gregorio, with the support of CMZ Medical Director Dr. Joven M. Monsanto, marked the milestone with the successful treatment of their first RAI Therapy patient. RAI is a crucial treatment option for patients suffering from hyperthyroidism and thyroid cancer.

In addition to RAI Therapy, the department also offers radioimmunoassay (RIA) testing, enhancing the region's capacity for advanced diagnostics and targeted therapy.

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The CMZ Nuclear Medicine team during the successful treatment of the hospital's first RAI Therapy patient inside the radiation isolation room. (Other photos on page 15)



Inside the SPECT/CT room: San Pedro Hospital leaders, the Nuclear Medicine team, and partners from ACT during the blessing of the new Nuclear Medicine and Bone Densitometry Center. In photo (L-R): Dr. Surlito Encarnacion (SPH Medical Director), Ms. Jazel Porciuncula (ACT COO), Mr. Joshua Joules Coronado (Diagnostic Radiology Technologist Head), Nuclear Medicine specialists Dr. Sagisag Dadap, Dr. Mary Stephanie Jo C. Estrada, and Dr. Serhan Solaiman, Dr. Josil Cruz, and Ms. Maria Teresa D. Magno (SPH Ancillary Services Director).



The CMZ Nuclear Medicine Department celebrates its licensing from the Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI), making it the first private hospital in Region IX authorized to offer Radioactive Iodine (RAI) Therapy.

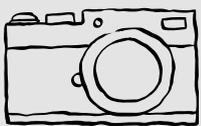
KEEPING THE BEAT:



PSNM TRAINEES AND THE FIRST HALF OF 2025

Excellence in Research

It's been quite a journey for the nuclear medicine residents and fellows for the year so far. To start it off, the pre-convention research paper presentation session brought academic excitement to the SV More Building in Quezon City last February 1, 2025, where the senior trainees stepped up to present their studies with confidence and pride. Various case reports on rare diseases offered fresh insights, and comprehensive meta-analyses brought new perspectives to existing knowledge. Each presentation showed not just academic expertise but also a commitment to advancing our field through evidence-based practice. The Q&A sessions with the judges also sparked valuable feedback for future research directions.



By Dominic Alcantara, MD

Research Presentation Awards

- 1st place: Kenji Ip, MD (Cardinal Santos Medical Center) - *Pure Yolk Sac Tumor Post Pubertal Type with Lung and Nodal Metastasis on FDG PET/CT in a 37-year-old Male Filipino*
- 2nd place: Faizal Guiamano, MD (Philippine Heart Center) - *Heart of Deception: A Rare Case of Metastatic Papillary Thyroid Carcinoma Mimicking a Left Atrial Myxoma*
- 3rd place: Mea Glor Tumaming, MD (St. Luke's Medical Center - Quezon City) – *Utility of FCH PET/CT in the Detection of Parathyroid Adenoma: A Case Series*
- Best Meta-analysis: Jessica Elise Kuizon, MD (Philippine Heart Center) – *The Role of Radioactive Iodine Therapy as Adjunctive Treatment in Papillary Thyroid Microcarcinoma: A Meta-Analysis*



Dancing Hearts at the Annual Convention

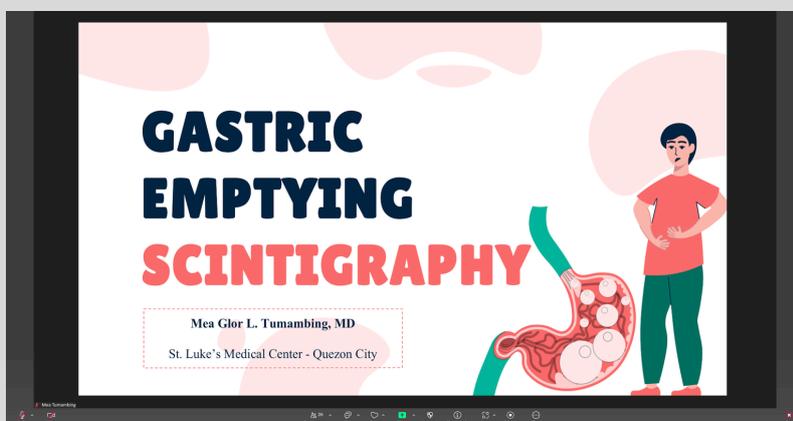
While the seniors were preparing their research presentations, the first year trainees were dedicating their weekends to wow the society. And on Fellowship Night they did! They brought the house down with their infectious energy, dancing to a mash-up of classic songs such as *Sweet Dreams*, *The Sign*, *Break Free*, and *Levitating*. Their polished choreography remains a big highlight of the convention and proves there's so much more to PSNM trainees than just academics.



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Sharing Knowledge, One Scan at a Time

Every last Saturday of the month, trainees present an interesting case or procedure during an online conference facilitated by the PSNM training council. However, these sessions aren't just about showcasing impressive images. The presenter walks everyone through the complete process, including patient preparation, the imaging protocol, and sample cases to test the audience's knowledge.



Because some centers see particular procedures more frequently than others, everyone benefits from the shared experience. The training officers also share their wisdom during these sessions with everyone getting the chance to ask thoughtful questions.

In addition, the trainees gathered for Dr. Jerry Obaldo's nuclear cardiology bootcamp at the Philippine Heart Center last April 26, 2025. The bootcamp covered essential concepts through a hands-on approach, with each trainee getting a hotseat experience. Afterward, the group enjoyed a well-deserved lunch together. Because nothing beats good food and great company after expanding your knowledge base!

As we head into the rest of the year, it's clear our trainees aren't just mastering technical skills. Through a mix of serious learning, creative expression, and social bonding, the PSNM trainees are well on their way to becoming well-rounded nuclear medicine physicians.



PSNM Technologists SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

By John Michael B. Medina, RMT, MMPHA



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New PSNMT Officers Elected During the 2025 PSNM Convention

During the recently concluded Philippine Society of Nuclear Medicine (PSNM) Annual Convention, the Technologists Section successfully held its election of officers for the new term. Held at The Manila Hotel last February 8, the election brought together active members from across the country to select a new set of leaders committed to advancing the practice and professional development of nuclear medicine technologists in the Philippines. The newly elected officers are set to continue the society's mission of promoting excellence, collaboration, and innovation in the field. Their term marks a renewed commitment to strengthening the voice and role of technologists in the evolving landscape of nuclear medicine.

Active Participation in Stakeholders' Consultation on CPSP-CATS for Radiologic Technology



John Michael B. Medina, RMT, MMPHA (PSNMT Chair), Daniel M. Asuncion, RMT (PSNMT Vice-Chair), and Danielle Kriskeena D. Caluag, RMT (PSNMT Treasurer) represented the academic and professional sector in medical imaging during the Stakeholders' Consultation organized by the Professional Regulatory Board of Radiologic Technology in collaboration with the Career Progression and Specialization Program – Credit Accumulation and Transfer System (CPSP-CATS) Committee.

Held on April 28, 2025, at the Sunstar Grand Hotel in Manila, the consultation centered on the draft Resolution for the creation of the CPSP and the proposed Professional Practice Outcomes within the Level Alignment Matrix for the following specializations: Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Computed Tomography (CT), and Ultrasound.

As participants, the aforementioned PSNMT officers contributed to the meaningful exchange of perspectives aimed at shaping future pathways for specialization, competency development, and professional growth in radiologic technology. This engagement reflects a commitment to advancing education and practice standards in alignment with national goals for healthcare excellence.

Championing Collaboration in Radiation Healthcare at the 2025 PCMP

In line with the commitment to advancing interdisciplinary cooperation in radiation healthcare, Dr. Michele D. Ogbac (PSNM President) and John Michael B. Medina, RMT, MMPHA (PSNMT Chair) participated as panelists in the round table discussion during the Philippine Conference on Medical Physics (PCMP) held on June 5–6, 2025, at the Diamond Hotel, Manila.

With the theme, Filipino Medical Physicists as Leaders in Enhancing Patient Care, the conference gathered professionals from various radiation science disciplines to explore strategies that elevate patient outcomes through collaboration and innovation.

As panelists in the session on Collaborative Work in the Healthcare Sector among Radiation Healthcare Professionals, Dr. Ogbac and Mr. Medina shared valuable insights on fostering effective interprofessional partnerships among medical physicists, nuclear medicine technologists, radiologic technologists, and other allied health professionals. The discussion underscored the importance of teamwork in ensuring patient safety, treatment quality, and overall excellence in care.

Their participation highlighted a continued dedication to promoting synergy and shared responsibility across the healthcare spectrum, alongside the signing of the Joint Declaration on Patient Safety and Professional Ethics in Medical Radiological Practices.

A copy of the Joint Declaration on Patient Safety and Professional Ethics in Medical Radiological Practices may be found in page 22. (Courtesy: SOCIETY OF MEDICAL PHYSICISTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC.)





**JOINT DECLARATION ON PATIENT SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL ETHICS
IN MEDICAL RADIOLOGICAL PRACTICES**

By the Society of Medical Physicists in the Republic of the Philippines, Philippine College of Radiology, Philippine Radiation Oncology Society, Philippine Association of Radiologic Technologists, Philippine Society of Nuclear Medicine, and the Philippine Society for Nuclear Medicine Technologists

WHEREAS, medical radiological procedures are essential components of healthcare, playing a critical role in ensuring accurate diagnosis and effective treatment, thereby upholding the quality of care in alignment with the objectives of universal healthcare in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the use of radiation in medicine carries inherent risks that must be managed with scientific rigor, ethical integrity, and unwavering patient-centeredness;

WHEREAS, professional collaboration among physicians, medical physicists, radiologic technologists, and allied medical professionals is crucial in ensuring quality assurance, radiation safety, and the responsible use of medical technologies;

WHEREAS, the undersigned professional societies recognize the critical importance of safeguarding patient welfare and upholding the highest ethical and professional standards in the conduct of medical radiological procedures across all health facilities in the country.

WE JOINTLY DECLARE THAT, cognizant of our collective duty to promote public health and uphold professional integrity, and in recognition of the increasing complexity and technological advances in the application of radiation in medicine, we jointly affirm the following commitments:

1. **Patient safety is paramount.** We affirm that patient safety shall be the foremost consideration in all medical radiological procedures. All exposures to radiation must be justified, optimized, and conducted with the highest level of diligence in accordance with established national and international standards.
2. **Professional ethics and accountability must guide all actions.** We uphold the principles of integrity, transparency, and accountability in exercising our respective professional functions. All members of our societies shall adhere to the ethical codes of practice governing the conduct of radiological and nuclear medicine procedures, including protecting patient dignity, privacy, and informed consent.
3. **Radiation protection is a shared duty.** We commit to full and consistent implementation of radiation protection measures, quality control protocols, regulatory standards, and maintaining a safety culture.
4. **Education, training, and continuing professional development are essential.** We recognize the indispensable role of formal education, certification, and continuous professional development in ensuring competence and adaptability in a rapidly evolving field. We commit to fostering interdisciplinary training, knowledge-sharing, and technical excellence.
5. **We commit to joint advocacy and collaboration.** We will actively participate in national dialogues, policy reviews, and regulatory consultations to advance a culture of safety, accountability, and continuous improvement in the use of medical radiation.
6. **Continuous review and application of shared learning to advance standards of care is important.** We further commit to regularly reviewing the implementation of these principles in our respective professional societies and institutions, and to share best practices and challenges in an effort to continuously improve standards of care.

We jointly and fervently call upon all health facilities, governmental institutions, training providers, and fellow healthcare professionals to work collaboratively in reinforcing a culture of safety, ethical conduct, and clinical excellence in the use of medical radiation. This declaration shall serve as a foundation for future policy development, practice guidelines, and inter-society collaborations promoting safe and ethical radiological care.

We enjoin all stakeholders to align their operations with these shared values and to contribute meaningfully to the advancement of safe and quality use of radiation in medicine for all Filipinos.

Signed on **5 JUNE 2025** during the 6th Philippine Conference of Medical Physics in **Manila, Philippines**.

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President
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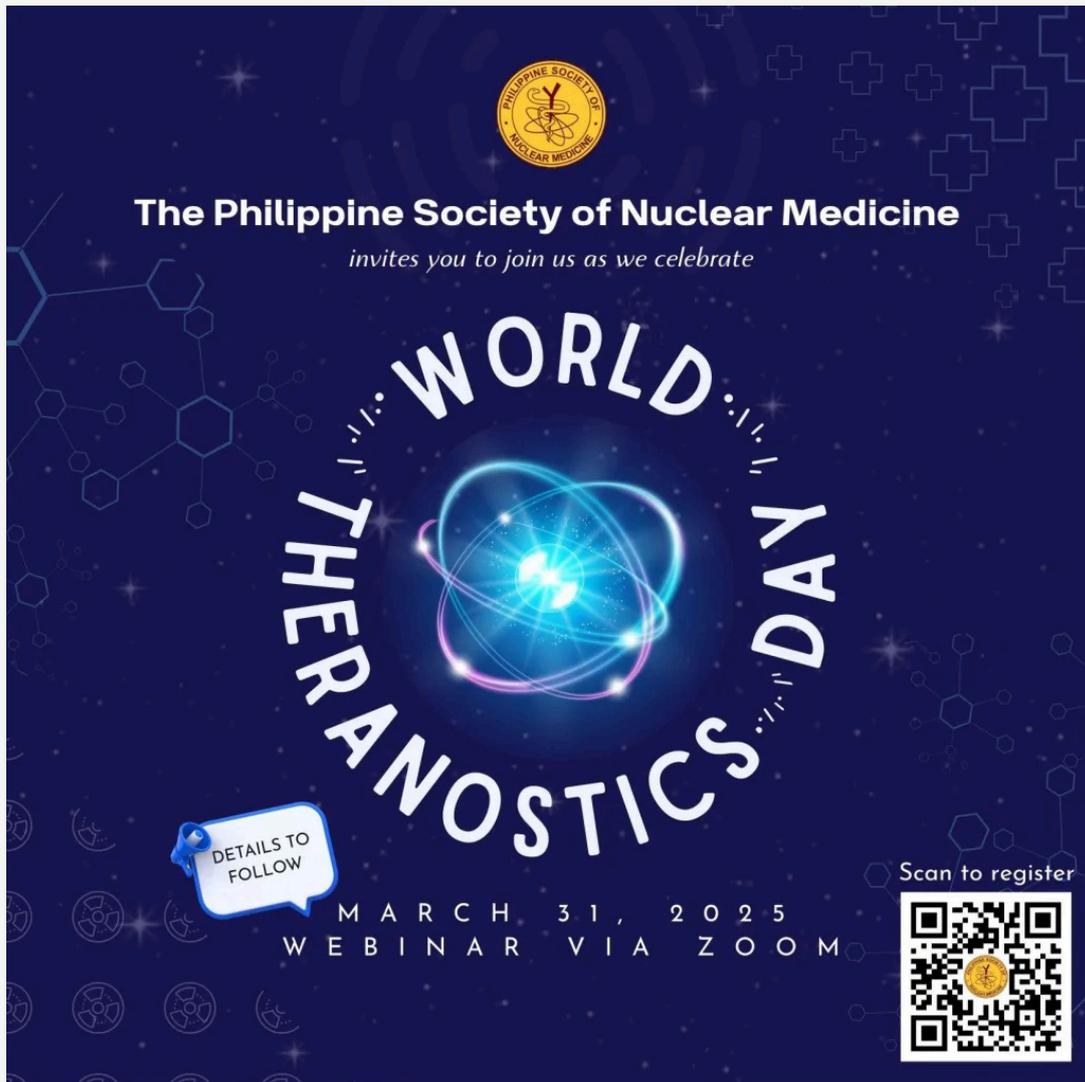
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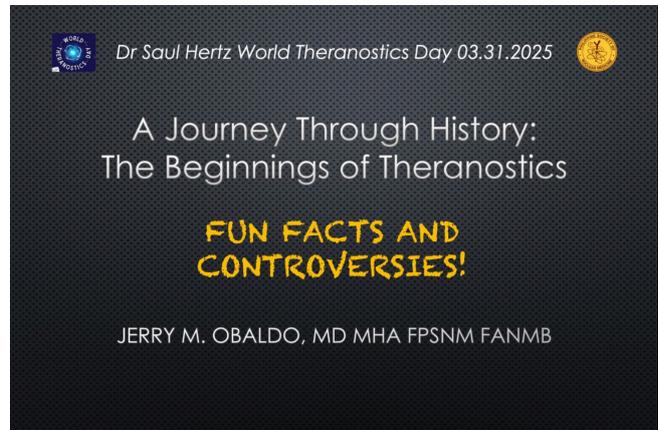


PSNM CELEBRATES *World Theranostics Day 2025* WITH INSPIRING WEBINAR

By Miguel Antonio C.
Catangui, MD

The Philippine Society of Nuclear Medicine (PSNM) proudly joined the global medical community in celebrating World Theranostics Day on March 31, 2025 through a highly engaging and educational webinar. This special occasion was made even more memorable through the invaluable contributions of two esteemed speakers, Dr. Jerry Obaldo and Dr. Homer Macapinlac, who generously shared their expertise, insights, and passion for the field.

Dr. Obaldo opened the program with a captivating lecture on the origins of theranostics, complemented by photographs from his travels. Through compelling storytelling, he traced the roots of radiation science to the pioneering work of Marie Curie before moving on to landmark medical breakthroughs such as the use of radioactive iodine. His talk seamlessly connected these milestones to the development of modern theranostics. True to his signature style, Dr. Obaldo delivered a presentation that was both informative and entertaining, certainly an experience worth remembering.

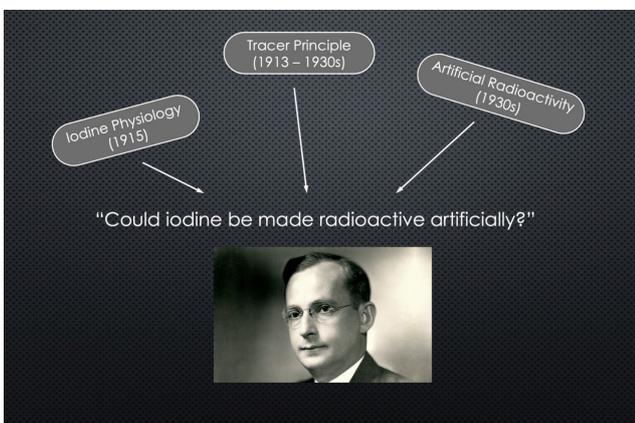


Following this, Dr. Macapinlac delivered a thought-provoking lecture on advancing theranostics in the new era of precision medicine. True to Nuclear Medicine’s end goal of personalized care, Dr. Macapinlac emphasized how theranostics can be harnessed for patient- and disease-specific therapies, highlighting its potential to improve clinical outcomes. His breadth of knowledge and ability to communicate complex concepts with clarity made his session both enlightening and inspiring.



Through the guidance of moderator and PSNM scientific chair, Dr. Thomas Pascual, the Society delivered a well-organized and impactful program, one that reflects PSNM’s ongoing commitment to professional growth and innovation in the field.

The success of this year’s celebration has sparked hope among members that World Theranostics Day will become an annual tradition, an event that Nuclear Medicine specialists across the country will eagerly anticipate in the years ahead.



Pictured are slides from Dr. Obaldo’s lecture.





PSNM HOLDS NUCLEAR CARDIOLOGY BOOTCAMP

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The Philippine Society of Nuclear Medicine (PSNM), in cooperation with the Nuclear Medicine Division of the Philippine Heart Center (PHC), hosted a special training course entitled Nuclear Cardiology Bootcamp last April 26, 2025 at the PHC Medical Arts Building 5th floor Amphitheater. Participants were treated to a comprehensive lecture series that highlighted basic and essential concepts in myocardial perfusion scintigraphy (MPS). The half-day learning affair also featured an interactive workshop that challenged the knowledge and skills of participants, with a spotlight on the common and not-so-common pearls and pitfalls. Dr. Jerry M. Obaldo served as lecturer and workshop facilitator.



All smiles from the participants of the nuclear cardiology bootcamp after a day of high-yield learning



Left: Nuclear cardiology bootcamp facilitator Dr. Jerry M. Obaldo (4th from the left) with current PHC Nuclear Medicine Division Chief and PSNM President Dr. Michele D. Ogbac (4th from the right), and the PHC division consultants and trainees

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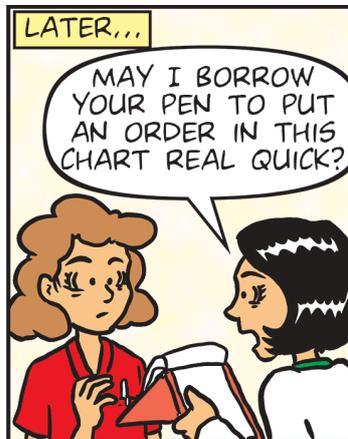
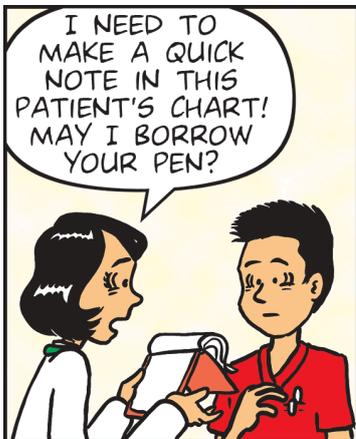
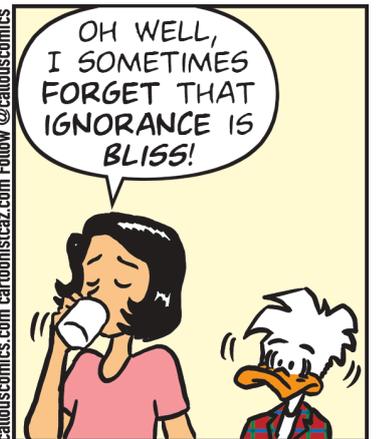
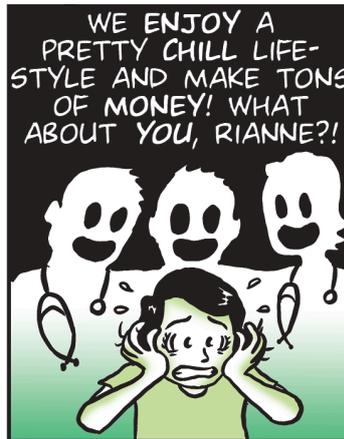
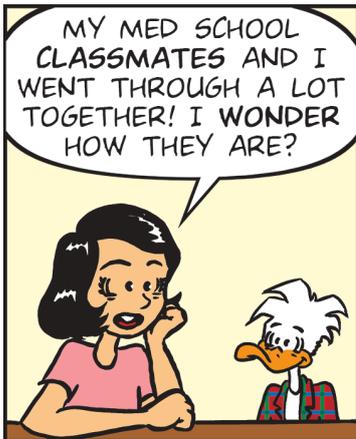
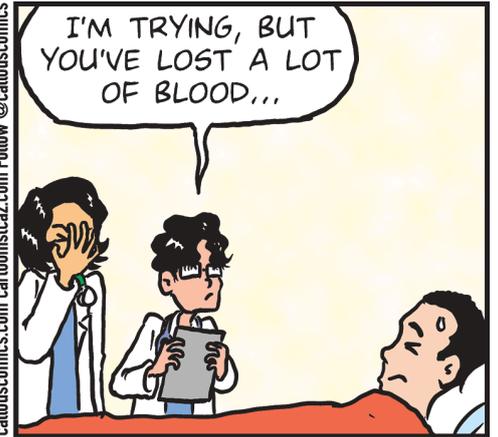
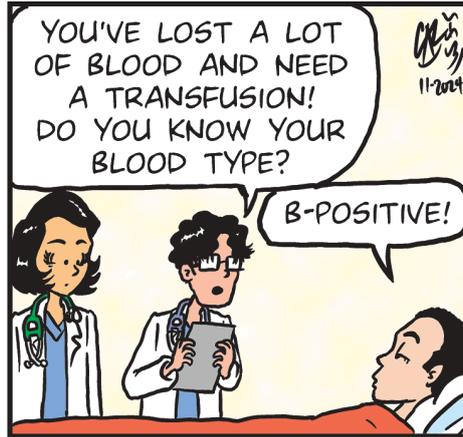
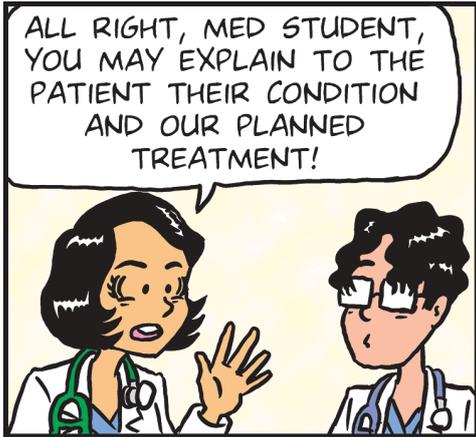
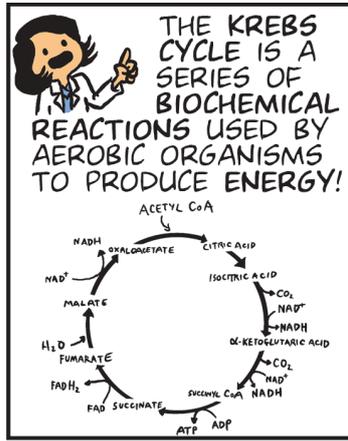
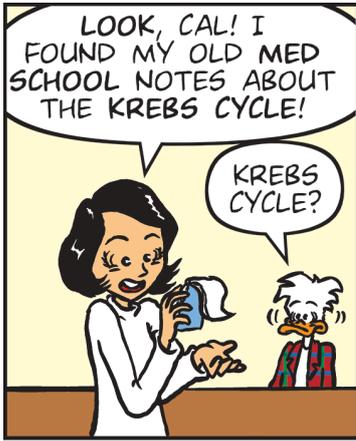
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