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**JOSE ANTONIO M. SALUD, MD**  
President  
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Dear **Doctor Salud**,

**The Philippine Association of Thoracic, Cardiac, and Vascular Surgeons, Inc. (PATACSI)** is the umbrella organization of Board Certified thoracic, cardiac, and vascular surgeons in the country. It is a specialty society recognized by the Philippine Medical Association and Philippine College of Surgeons.

The PATACSI is in Bayanihan with the entire nation as we battle the Covid-19 pandemic that has made its toll on thousands of healthcare workers in our country.


The PATACSI, through its Ad Hoc Committee on Covid-19 crisis, has come up with guidelines in the care of the surgical patient with thoracic, cardiac, and vascular concerns that may serve as reference for healthcare workers, particularly surgeons, as we deliver appropriate treatment to our surgical patients in the time of Covid-19 pandemic, and emerging infectious diseases in the future. It may also serve as guidelines for hospital administrators in both government and private sectors.

Please find together with this letter the said Guidelines entitled COVID19 Crisis Driven Recommendations on THORACIC, CARDIAC and VASCULAR SURGERY.

We hope that you find these guidelines useful as we emerge victorious in this Covid-19 battle.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to call our Secretariat at mobile phone nos. 0998-552-4137 and 0908-888-4192.

Sincerely yours,

  
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