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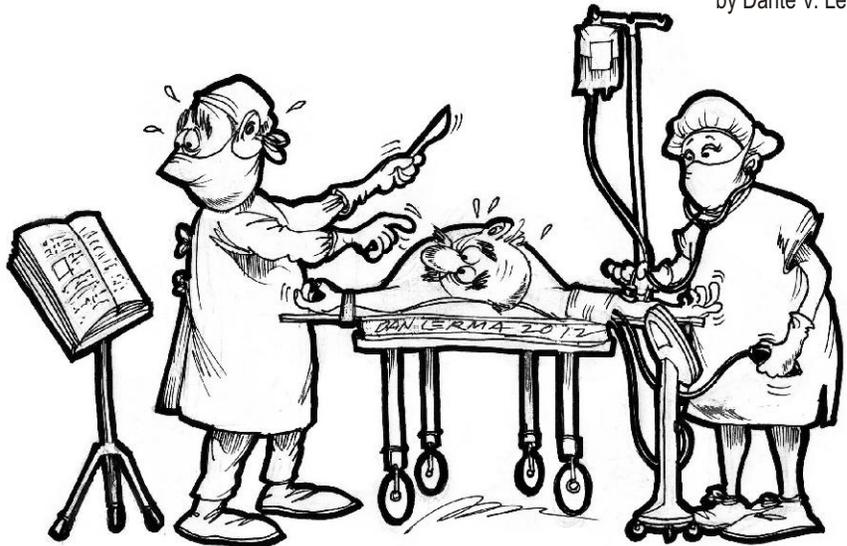
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Discernment



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Without a doubt, the road taken to become a surgeon is long and ardent; years you might say of training from medicine, to internship to residency. However you look at it, though, it starts way beyond the imbibition of skill and technique. Besides the long hours of training, of thankless little chores, of gruelling hours of operations and the audits that came with it, surgery is but one aspect of the soul of a surgeon.

I guess you could say the journey starts within. Of knowing what is right and choosing that path, of keeping true to what our parents, teachers and mentors have instilled in us as the proper and correct choice. With it comes the attitude not to stray from what we have set our lives (and our careers) to be. At this point in our lives, you could say that they are values and principles that should be already ingrained in our character. What we learn through the years of our childhood, adulthood and professional life we bring to whatever we do, wherever we are. Unknowingly, we pick habits and make them our routine.

As surgeons, we should not let vanity or gimmickry rule the way we practice our profession. The patient's well-being is our first priority. If we live by way of being true to what we believe in and what we have been taught, then this should not be a problem. We might take risks but we should always bear in mind that the risks we take should always be for the better good, for the benefit of the recipient which is always our patient. Where is the satisfaction if the procedure was brilliant

but left a patient maimed, or worse, dead? Ego should take the back seat and let the values that have ruled our lives be reflected in the way we conduct ourselves in our profession. *"Hindi puwede na palagi na lang tayong bida."* Pity those upon whom discernment has been elusive.

And with experiences both good and bad, we cast the blueprint of our lives which we pass on to others: our children, our friends, those whom we encounter as teacher and mentor. A well-loved teacher once said, "Integrity is when there is no dichotomy between what one does and what one believes in." There should be no conflict with our own beliefs and the things we do. It makes the load of surgery and the pressures of the profession easier to bear. ■

Unity



The President's Corner

Maximo H. Simbulan, Jr., MD, FPCS

The word is coined from the Latin word *unum* which means “oneness”. Unity is one of the essential advocacies of the college not only this year but ever since. The word seems a generic term for any organization. The Filipinos are somewhat notorious for this. History can reveal that when a group of people does not get what they want, forming a separate group would be an easier adventure rather than engaging themselves to a painstaking dialogue with the stakeholders. The college, despite these innuendos and controversies, is still at the helm of this flaming passion of being a strong body of safe and competent surgeons. Philippine Surgery, together with its global counterparts, is at the crossroads of tomorrow's healthcare system. As in Hamlet's famous phrase "to be or not to be", our college is also in several transitions from the traditional to the more proactive approach of dealing with drastic changes in surgical education and technology. The usual bravado of dealing with the college's affairs may no longer be applicable with the fast evolving concepts and terms of engagement in the surgical world.

It is amazing how the various international colleges of surgeons could come together and address pressing global issues relating to the making and practice of surgeons worldwide. However, it saddens me to realize that the organic schism among the various organizations within our health care system still exists. To better understand this, let us review some writings related to this concern.

There are several theories regarding unity and disunity of the human organism within his community and related organizations. First is the theory of Dirigiste Authority by Herbert Spencer and Hobbesian Authority of Thomas Henry Huxley. Huxley viewed unity as wielded by a centrally strong willed authority. In contrast, Spencer suggested a more liberal and coordinated form of unity. However, both schools of thought agreed that the problem of authority emanates from the problem of biological individuality not from political individualism. In 1860, Spencer wrote a paper "The Social Organism" which stated that complex organizations formed out of the

coalescence of several independent and uniform segments. This was a result from a study of the common hydra: after the young emerged from the parent body, they often detached and became independent. But in higher members of this class, the siphonophores, the young emerged but stayed attached, forming a compound animal. This is corroborated by the study of Wallace "that an insect might be a compound, representing as many individuals as there are true segments in the body, these individuals having become severally differentiated and specialized to perform certain definite functions for the good of the whole compound animal". This perhaps gave way to the Laissez faire political doctrines. On the other hand, Huxley's paper disputed this concept. He based his argument on dynamic nominalism. He found out that invertebrates may exhibit the phenomenon of metamerism. He suggested a greater level of governmental interference. This was emphasized in 1871 when he wrote a paper "Administrative nihilism" which dealt primarily upon which the foundation the authority of the state does rest.

In the early 19th century, two notable theories about human sociology is worth mentioning, the ideologies of Karl Heinrich Marx and Georg Friedrich Hegel. Marx described the struggles and tensions in a polarized society on the material account. Weber on his theory of dialectic posits that the physical (material) world is a reflex of the spirit. This concept however to develop, evolve and progress must undergo the process of struggles and conflict. To synthesize this paradigm of thesis and antithesis, several endeavors have evolved ever since. One of these is the art of mediation. Furthermore, the theories about consensus-stability as against conflict-change concepts are as well worth writing.

The first dwells on the emphasis on values and ideas as emphasized by Max Weber. On the opposite side, social structure is of prime importance and the rest are secondary. In reality however, there is a constant grip on whose values and ideas are better. A controlled equilibrium has to be put in order always to assure order and dynamism. This not a natural thing but enforced by those in dominion. This is the fulcrum between the conservative and the liberals. Conservative being those in power and liberals being those who want change.

This evolution of social unity is very much manifested in our college. The leadership has to balance the external requirements of the practice of surgery nationally and globally. Recently, the most taxing one has been the issue on PHIC accreditation by PMA. The board of regents is in the full stretch of level mindedness to address this concern. The concepts and theories stated above may help the college and hopefully other people to understand the wisdom of why we need to be united especially during this very trying time of Philippine surgery.

The leadership of the college believes that the strong foundation of this unification process is coordination and collaboration. Disjoint from this is selfish and perhaps condescending. Sometimes we are flabbergasted with the turn of events but we are Filipino Surgeons... Resilient, simple, but forward looking.

Our duty is beyond politics. Our advocacy is beyond legacy. There is a truth larger than us. There is life after ours. All these compelled us to be together to achieve this higher dimension not only for us but to the generations that will come through us. God is one, apart from Him is not! ■

2nd Quarter 2012



Across the Board

Alejandro Dizon, MD, FPCS

We all just had a memorable educational experience for the Philippine College of Surgeons 38th Midyear Convention which was held together with the 1st ASEAN Trauma Congress and the 1st ASEAN Surgical Summit in Bacolod City from May 9-12, 2012. WE had a total of 749 registrants broken down to 372 Fellows, 253 Residents, 78 Guests, 6 foreign faculty, 2 foreign delegates, 98 exhibitors and 13 accompanying persons with 11 ASEAN Delegates. This was one of the longest and busiest Mid-Year Conventions of the PCS, that I personally did not even have the chance to see Bacolod City outside of L'Fisher Hotel, the Government Center and the new Bacolod-Silay Airport. But the great food, hospitality and the genuine “smiles” of the people of Bacolod more than made up for that.

Day 0 (May 9) started very early at 8 AM with the Workshop on the Formulation of the new PCS Vision, Mission and Core Strategies with the Board of Regents, Past Presidents, Committee Chairs and Specialty Presidents and invited fellows in attendance. The current mission and vision was created in 2005 and after a marathon workshop that ended late in the afternoon, the new vision of the PCS was crafted: “A globally-recognized organization of surgical specialists dedicating to ensuring the highest standard of care” which will guide the college up to 2017. The details of this, including the mission statements, core and functional strategies will be communicated in detail to the fellows. Simultaneous to this session was the “traditional” pre-convention workshop of the Philippine Association of Training Officers in Surgery that continues to attract a good attendance despite the early schedule. The day ended with the courtesy call of the Board of Regents to the Bacolod City Mayor, the Honorable Evelio Leonardia at the Government Center.

Day 1 officially started with the Opening Ceremonies that was opened by the PCS President, Dr. Max Simbulan and The Philippine Society for the Surgery of Trauma, Dr. Ma.

Cheryl Cucueco. The occasion was likewise graced by the presence of Mayor Evelio Leonardia and the representative of the Provincial Governor, Dr. Miller Serondo, who gave the Keynote Address in behalf of Governor Alfredo G. Maranon, Jr. Three (3) simultaneous sessions for the rest of the day and the next two days started from then onwards. The Fellowship Night was held Thursday night at the L'Fisher Ballroom that showcased the renowned Maskara Festival featuring the Showtime Champions from the NRV Productions. It was indeed a truly an unforgettable spectacle complimented by free-flowing food highlighting the Bacolod cuisine and drinks.

The convention ended with the simultaneous workshops of the 1st ASEAN Surgical Summit with representatives of the ASEAN Surgical Societies in attendance that signified their commitment to the agreement to move forward with the formation of an ASEAN Federation of Surgery and the DOH-PCS Workshop on the Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgical Centers. We congratulate the PCS Negros Occidental Chapter for a very well-organized convention. This will be a hard act to follow and onwards to Naga City in 2013.

3rd Quarter 2012

The 3rd quarter of the year for the Philippine College of Surgeons Board of Surgeons, immediately after the Midyear Convention proved to be a very busy and hectic one.

Several updated publications will be released in time for the Annual Clinical Congress in December will be the PCS-ORNAP Manual by the Committee on Infection and the Primary Care Surgery Manual by the Subcommittee on Primary Care Surgery. These are publications that our partners in surgery and colleagues in the profession, the Primary Care Physicians, respectively look forward to as an easy to read and convenient reference.

The Board of Regents approved the creation of a new local chapter to be named the PCS Northeastern Luzon Chapter with 23 members/fellows comprising the provinces of Cagayan, Kalinga, Apayao, Ifugao, Quirino, Isabela and Nueva Viscaya. They will be formally chartered during the Annual Dinner and Induction of the New Board of Regents during the Annual Clinical Congress.

Select members of the Board of Regents and the Committee on Trauma will undergo an Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) Student and Instructor Course in Singapore on October 11-17, 2012. They will form the initial group of core faculty once formally certified by ATLS Instructors when they conduct their initial ATLS course here in Manila. This will enable the PCS to be a certified ATLS course provider that will attract not only local but even foreign surgeons from the nearby countries for their ATLS certification and requirements.

The 3rd quarter ended with two very major events for the college. In the morning and afternoon of the September 15, 2012, the “Constitutional Convention” or the meeting for

the PCS By-Laws Amendments was held at the Unilab Bayanihan Hall in Pasig City with the Board of Regents, various surgical specialty heads, chapter presidents or their representatives, past presidents and other invited resource persons. The event was very ably chaired by the PCS & PMA Past President, Dr. Rey Melchor Santos. The discussions through the day turned out to be very active, vibrant, colorful and healthy amongst the delegates. I personally appreciate the wisdom shared by many of the PCS Past Presidents in attendance. Lengthy and detailed as the process went, in the end, we can say that history just happened and the new and improved course of the college is on the way to make the Philippine College of Surgeons truly representative of the surgeons and various surgical specialties in the country and for the college to look after the welfare of the surgical patients and the welfare of its fellows.

It was but appropriate that the day ended with the Culmination Ceremonies of the PCS Diamond Jubilee & 76th Foundation Day Dinner at a likewise very historic venue, the Maynila Ballroom of the Manila Hotel. Though the torrential rains during the day contributed to a bit of a delay with the arrival of the invited guests, the programme started with the recognition of the Hall of Fame Awardees (PCS Outstanding Chapter for 3 consecutive years) amongst the PCS Local Chapters, namely: Cebu-Eastern Visayas (1995-97), represented by Chapter President Dr. Stephen Bullo, Metro Manila (2004-06), represented by Chapter President Dr. Hector Santos, Jr., and the Northern Mindanao Chapter (2006-08), represented by Chapter President Dr. Irwin Arribas. Special awards

were given to the long-time friends of the PCS in the pharmaceutical industry for their unwavering support for the various projects and activities of the college namely Bayer Philippines, Pfizer Inc. and United Laboratories. A special recognition was likewise given to a loyal tenant of the PCS Building, Dr. Esperanza Barlin of Neoderm Clinic. Several events were done during the evening ceremonies: the formal launching of the new Management Information System, the formal turn-over of the the Klinika ng Bayan at Kamarin, Caloocan City to the PCS Metro Manila Chapter, the presentation of the commemorative PCS Pin to the PCS Past Presidents and the new academic gown of the

PCS President. The night likewise served as the symbolic opening of the annual convention of the various surgical specialties that will culminate with the 68th Annual Clinical Congress of the PCS on December 2-5, 2012 at the EDSA Shangri-La Hotel. Finally, coming from another commitment outside Metro Manila, former senator and Chairman of the Philippine Red Cross, Richard Gordon came just in time for the formal signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between with PRC and the PCS to assist during times of disasters and calamities. The night ended with a toast by the PCS Vice President Dr. Alfred Belmonte for the 75 years and the future of the PCS. ■

The PCS Constitutional Convention



The Orthopedic “Branch”

“We few, we happy few, we band of brothers.”

William Shakespeare (1654-1616), English playwright
“*King Henry V*” (1599), Act iv. Scene 3



Jose S. Pujalte, Jr., MD, FPCS

Dr. Jose V. de los Santos, 1st President of the Philippine Orthopaedic Association (POA) in 1949, has another claim to fame. He was the first orthopaedic surgeon who was trained from the beginning in orthopaedics (in the US). Most of our pioneers in the bone and joint field were in fact general surgeons who dabbled in hard tissue. I've surely had professors in medical school who took their first two years of residency in general surgery, then segued to orthopaedics. It would take a few more years (in 1956) before a straight residency program in orthopaedics is offered by the National Orthopedic Hospital (now the Philippine Orthopedic Center).

Now the conundrum is: is orthopaedic surgery a branch of general surgery or is it an altogether different tree? It's interesting to note

that there's a subtle difference between “orthopaedic surgery” and “orthopaedics”. To use the former, is to accept the depiction of orthopaedic surgery as a **branch** from the **trunk** called “general surgery”. To use the latter (“orthopaedics,”) implies that it is a separate and distinct tree, with its own traditions and history.

To be united in the surgical field, is therefore, to acknowledge our differences but also to celebrate our connections. We are, after all, descended from the Company of Barber-Surgeons, belittled and decried by physicians of medieval Europe.

“Branch” or “tree” matters little, for we are all in the same orchard. ■

(Dr. Pujalte is an orthopaedic surgeon and a Regent of the Philippine College of Surgeons.)



Gifted.

That is Dr. Bienvenido Aldanese.

Michael Sabalza, MD, FPCS

I witnessed this giftedness for the first time in 1993 when I first assisted him in a Craniotomy as a General Surgery resident at The Medical City. My preconceived ideas of Neurosurgery being long, boring and merely glorified vegetable gardening was replaced by amazement and awe with the surgical skill and fortitude required. I saw one successful surgery after another and saw the immense impact that he and his surgeries made on his patients.

Dr. Aldanese had the heart and mind for Neurosurgery. I found out that his heart rate was a cool 60 beats per minute even when he is tense. This made his hands so stable even when the

patient's life was on the line. One time we had an intra-operative aneurysm rupture that left a rent that spanned almost half of the carotid. The patient was already at the brink of death but he remained calm and collected. Every move

was intentional till we repaired the carotid. After the surgery, I asked him, "Didn't you get nervous?" He replied, "You have no opportunity to get nervous. Stay the course, panicking will just make things worse. Keep in mind that it's not your carotid that just ruptured. Your job is to save the patient."

Dr. Aldanese was indefatigable. We would do surgeries in various hospitals in Metro Manila, see patients in his clinic and still makes sure he sees all his patients before



the day ends. Everyday was surgery day for us, at times doing 4 surgeries in 24 hours. Having a census of 60 in-patients in different hospitals was common. He is the country's aneurysm surgeon,

having logged more than 1,000 aneurysm cases, more than any other neurosurgeon here. He was constantly abreast with the latest in the field. Dr. Owel Mariano once asked me, "Natutulog pa ba ang boss mo?" With the number of patients he sees, the surgeries that he does and even plays tennis regularly, how



can he still have time to read and keep updated? My answer was he doesn't waste any time. He always has a book with him and reads in the car, in between cases, in the clinic and at home.

Dr. Aldanese was also gifted with an abundance of compassion and empathy. All too often patients would seek him out for his expertise but when financially challenged, he would not hesitate doing the surgery free of charge if not at a considerable discount. He would always say that it's not patient's fault he got sick and that the least you can do is to help them. Don't mind about the money. At the very least you get to hone your surgical skills.

A gift given to be shared. Dr. Aldanese is a tireless teacher. Unselfishly sharing his knowledge, skill and insight with all the residents and associates who trained under him. Like any teacher, he can be harsh at times. But he will say that his job is to save lives not to make us feel good.

Dr. Aldanese was born gifted as a few of us here may also be. But talent can only take you so far. Dr. Aldanese nurtured his. He performed countless surgeries throughout his career that most definitely sharpened his skill. These he performed not without an arsenal of knowledge that he constantly builds up with each case that he encounters. His patients are not just cases to study or heads to be cracked open nor are they mere subjects that provide a source of livelihood. These are people whose lives he cared for with families in whose hearts he has been endeared, with or without compensation. And the lessons he has learned from all his readings, and all his surgeries, from patients lives he touched who in turn touched his, all these he shared and continually shares with us

his students in nuggets of wisdom accumulated from his almost half a century of practice.

A gift that has been honed with dynamic learning and practice, a passion tempered with humanity and compassion, wisdom that is selflessly shared with those who will listen.

These are what legends are made of. This is Dr. Aldanese! ■

This was the introduction of Dr. Michael N. Sabalza, FPCS for Dr. Bienvenido B. Aldanese, FPCS, Neurosurgeon, awarded "Legend of the Knife" by the Philippine College of Surgeons' Metro Manila Chapter during its 10th awarding ceremonies last November 2011.

An individual of professional integrity as defined by the North Georgia College & State University (from <http://www.northgeorgia.edu/2010>) as "... one who willingly "adopts" and consistently applies the knowledge, skills, and values of a chosen profession. Integrity may be the most appropriate word used to describe the person who willingly and consistently acts in accordance with social standards or moral values of society. Professional integrity thus defines the professional who consistently and willingly practices within the guidelines of the mission of a chosen profession under the obligation of a Code of Ethics."

The Philippine College of Surgeons published its Code of Ethics in 2004, aimed to uphold professionalism and integrity among its Fellows. It upholds the principles of "primum non nocere" (first do no harm), continuous pursuit of education and teaching, and obedience to the "Golden Rule", and the Hippocratic Oath.

The PCSMMC strongly upholds the value of professional integrity and highlights this by honoring surgeons of such character during its annual Legends of the Knife Awarding Ceremonies.

-Ma. Luisa D. Aquino, MD, FPCS

PCS - Southern Tagalog Chapter

Master of the Knife



Elvis Bedia, MD, FPCS

Master of the Knife:

- Cream of the Crop
- Recognition of Fellows with so many contributions to the chapter and in the practice of surgery

The concept of Master of the Knife started during my term as President of the chapter in 2005. While working on the annual strategic plan of the Ospital ng Binan, I chanced upon Dr. Dexter Aison who was incidentally the Chief of Clinics of the hospital then. During the break, I asked him of a worthwhile program for the very first Christmas party of our chapter and he suggested to give due recognition to those fellows who were so dedicated and deeply involved in the activity of the PCS-STC. It took me another day or two to decide if it would be possible to implement such a proposal, as there were so many Fellows who were so active in the chapter activities and giving of such recognition would not bear so much significance during the party.

I thought of giving the award to those who have not only been active in the chapter but also contributed to the practice in surgery. Someone who had been a mentor, critic, guide, and had made and maintained a good standing in the chapter worthy of emulation. Someone who can be considered the cream of the crop. Someone who, without question, can and should be labeled as the MASTER OF THE KNIFE.

The first Christmas party of the chapter was held in 2005 at the Congo Grill restaurant in Alabang. It was highlighted by the awarding of the Master of the Knife to Dr. Ramon S. Inso, Dr. Jose Cueto, past presidents of the chapter, and Dr.

Ramon Pastor, charter member of the chapter. The three recipients were unanimously approved by the general membership of the chapter. Since then, the awarding of the Master of the Knife became the highlight of every Christmas party of the chapter.

In 2006, under the leadership of Dr. Shirard Adiviso, the award was given to Dr. Oscar Brion, a charter member of the chapter. In 2007 during the presidency of Dr. Allen Alfred Buenafe, the recipient of Master of the Knife was Dr. Nemesio K. Villa, a charter member of the chapter. Dr. Hernan C. Ang, during his presidency in 2008, awarded the Master of the Knife to Dr. Leslie M.

Reyes and Dr. Armando Santos during the chapter Christmas party held in Manong's Restaurant in Alabang. Both were past presidents of the chapter.

The Mall of Asia was chosen as the venue for the 2009 Christmas party, which coincided with the last day of the PCS annual convention during the term of Dr. Noel Diaz, chapter president. Awarded as the Master of the Knife were Dr. Arturo Tolentino, Dr. Ruben S. Anonuevo, charter members of the chapter, and Dr. Tuazon Of De la Salle Medical center. Dr. Arthur Tolentino is also a past president of the chapter.

In 2010 the chapter successfully hosted the PCS Midyear convention during the term of Dr. Luis Buno. That year, the award of Master of the Knife went to Dr. Alex Palines of Batangas, former chapter president and former Chairman of the Surgery department of Batangas Regional Hospital.

2011 is considered as the most illustrious year of the chapter so far, with the Southern Tagalog Chapter winning the Best Chapter Of The Night during the PCS Fellowship Night and Most Outstanding PCS Chapter awards. Chapter president Dr. Marcus Jose Brillantes awarded the Master of the Knife to Dr. Domingo O. Amistad, a past president of the chapter and Medical Director of Calamba Doctors's Hospital. Incidentally, the Christmas party was held at the residence of Dr. Marc Brillantes in Susana Heights, Muntinlupa City.

Dr. Rolando Reyes, 2012 Southern Tagalog Chapter chapter president has announced the search for the next recipient of the Master of the Knife Award. The Award continues to give due recognition, and thanks to our members who gave support and contributed so much for the benefit and success of the chapter in realizing its organizational goals.

The criteria for selection of the Master of the Knife and its process are as follows:

1. Must have been a PCS and PSGS Fellow of good standing for at least 10 years and 5 years respectively either current or past (at least during his active years if applicable).

Plus any 2 of the following:

- A. Must have consistently and actively participated in most of the activities of both PCS and PSGS, chapter or national.
- B. Must have served as an active officer in the chapter or national surgical society.
- C. Must have made an impact in the practice of the art of surgery and in the enhancement of the image of the surgical society.
- D. Must be of unquestionable integrity, honesty and lived to practice the Hippocratic and PCS Fellows' oaths.

Process:

1. Nominated in writing by the officers from the respective province. This should be accompanied by an explanation or justification.
2. Screened by the Committee on Nomination.
3. Approved by the Officers of both PCS/PSGS Southern Tagalog Chapter.

As we keep on evolving to be better than ever, we continue to inspire the chapter fellows and the residents by recognizing the true Master of the Knife. Not only is this award inspiring, it also uplifts the spirit among our members to maintain the individual integrity, sense of involvement and love of our craft, a mark of true Surgeon.■

PCS - Panay Chapter

Master of the Knife

Luis Serafin C. Dabao, MD, FPCS

Dr. Wilfredo Polido, or “Willie” as he is affectionately called by family and friends hails from the west coast of Panay, in Culasi, Antique. A boy among six other siblings, he grew up in Pandan where he had his primary education closely supervised by his gentle mother and a father who was also a judge. It was as a matter of course that early in life, largely by the influence of his father, he was already keenly aware of the value of proper education. It was regarded as a premium in the family. Such academic expectations did not, however, deter him from playfully imbibing the charms of sleepy yet cheerful ambience of Pandan. Those carefree boyhood years were some of his fondest memories.

College at the Central Philippine University was uneventful and went quickly. Medicine years at FEU, though a little bit difficult, were fascinating for the learning, and they, too, went swiftly.

Predominantly rural Antique offered little opportunities for up-and-coming medical doctors. So, after taking his oath as a physician, “Willie” started practice in Iloilo. Soon, he was busy assisting in surgeries and it did not take long for him to be assisted by those same physicians he once assisted! Things were looking great and lucrative.

But the academic world was alluring. And the desire to provide top quality patient care drew “Willie” to the new Training Program at Iloilo Doctors' Hospital. Since then, the momentum in his career has been unrelenting. After becoming a Diplomate of the Philippine Board of Surgery at the first take, the rest was fascinating history! He rendered distinguished service from one field to another.

Professor of Surgery at the then West Visayas State College (one among the best medical schools in the country at that time and still is); Training Officer of IDH Surgical Training Program, WVMC Surgical Training Program; Chairman, Department of Surgery at St. Paul's Hospital...Iloilo Mission Hospital...Gov. Benito Lopez Memorial Hospital (now WVSUMC); Board Member of Iloilo Medical Society;

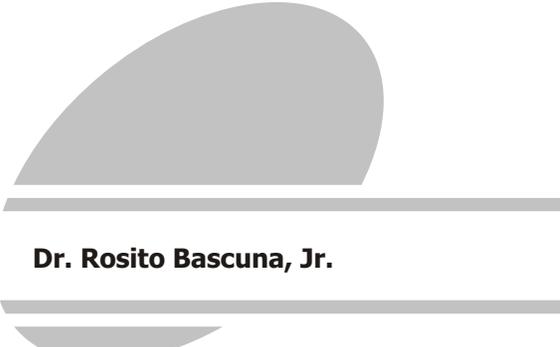
President, Panay Chapter, Philippine College of Surgeons; Regent, Philippine College of Surgeons;; Fellow: PCS, PSGS, PSHNS, SOSP, PALES. Active Member Iloilo Baptist Center; Great father to two sons; great grandfather to five grandchildren; great lover to his extraordinarily beautiful wife, Betty. The list can go a long way indeed. But in all these accomplishments, “Willie” has always held that “...great people are not those who are good in what they do, but are good in being at what they are... we are not human doings but human beings.”

The life of Dr. “Willie” Polido reflects this philosophy brilliantly. Over the years, he has conducted himself in integrity, compassion, wisdom, respect for mankind, and supreme love for God. He is a man of vision, values, valor, and virtues (personal application of one's held values). There is about him a simplicity of demeanor, yet with a heart and mind possessing profound insights in life, and even about death.

Like everybody else, he has imperfections. And he would be the first to admit that he is often in need of forgiveness for shortcomings and mistakes. Reason enough for him to be tolerant but not licentious, patient but not indecisive, principled but not dogmatic, spiritual but not religious.

PCS Panay is proud and honoured to have Dr. Wilfredo Polido as mentor, model, and a bit of a father. ■

PURA: Defining Urology Residency Training



Dr. Rosito Bascuna, Jr.

The Philippine Urology Residents Association, Inc., (PURA) established in 1987 by young idealistic resident Urologists then, has now grown into an organized family of competent members. Fifty two men and women (yes, there are three of them) residents from the different training institutions namely, Armed Forces of the Philippines, UP-Philippine General Hospital, Veterans Memorial Medical Center, St. Luke's Medical Center, University of the East-Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center, National Kidney & Transplant Institute, East Ave Medical Center, Jose Reyes Medical Center, and University of Santo Tomas University Hospital aim to be united and have a distinct role and identity in the matters of Urology in the country.

Even before the holiday break starts, activities for the year are calendared in the first business meeting among the officers and committee heads. New members are introduced to and inducted into the organization come January. A Valentine's party and out of town team-building activity are held in February and March, respectively. During the Annual Midyear Convention of the Philippine Urological Association, PURA members get exposed in the limelight as their bodies get splashed with artful designs in body-paint contests.

Whoever branded PURA as relaxed and fun-loving is probably wrong. Serious in its aim to encourage members to excel, the tradition of Campbell's lecture series and a mock exam are held months before the dreaded in-service exams. As reward, financial grants are given to top five performing institutions. Different avenues for presenting journals, innovations and rare interesting cases exist for residents to showcase their talent and wit in research. Most of the works get published and displayed not only in the local setting but also in international congresses such as in the American Urological Association Annual Convention, East Asia Society of Endourology, World Congress of Endourology, etc.

To be involved in social responsibility, PURA organizes surgical missions in under-served and far-flung provinces such as Antique to perform TURP and herniorrhaphies. To be updated in the latest Urological advances, resident-members

attend different scientific meetings held at the National Kidney & Transplant Institute, and St. Luke's Medical Center and Veterans Memorial Medical Center. Some fortunate members get their passports stamped when they exit the country as they attend conventions abroad.

To keep the friendly competition in high gear, East Avenue Medical Center sponsors the annual Pataasan ng Ihi Quiz Bee contest. Not to be outdone is the Mr. and Ms. Uro organized by St. Luke's Medical Center featuring the first year residents from all the training institutions as contestants in a pageant that rivals Bb. Pilipinas. To set sights on the mundane talents of residents, one has to witness the Talentadong Uro in National Kidney & Transplant Insititute.

Members may be so focused in their training but they know how to party, so whoever assumed PURA as fun-loving is probably correct. A sports fest, be it in the form of go-karting or traditional games such as tumbang preso and patintero, is held during its anniversary in October. After the election of officers, the last activity attended by every member is the Christmas party wherein everyone enjoys a variety of gifts and raffle prizes. By the last quarter of the year, camaraderie has been usually developed as proven by members calling each other by their nicknames. The unique bond that ties among the members makes residency in Urology more meaningful. ■

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AWSP GOES TO KAMARIN, CALOOCAN



Medicines for the Klinika ng Bayan, Kamarin, Caloocan



Clothes, shoes, slippers, bags and toys



Trustees and people of Kamarin

Members of the AWSP made their annual visit and gift-giving activity to the PCS-Klinika ng Bayan in Kamarin, Novaliches last Oct. 14, 2012. They brought along medicines for the clinic donated by pharmaceutical partners, the United Laboratories and Pharex. Clothes, shoes and bags were given, as well, and these items are sold to fund the needs of the clinic. The exciting part were the raffle draws and each child had a choice of getting either a pair of slippers or a toy while the adults could either choose a body lotion or pair of slippers. The affair ended with the

giving of packed lunch to each family who attended the activity.

The AWSP had an informal meeting with the officers of the Samahan ng Nagkakaisang Kamarin (SNK) after so as to be updated on the concerns of the Samahan followed by lunch.

The gift-giving activity of the AWSP is always something the SNK look forward to every year and it is also something the AWSP members enjoy doing. ■

1st ASEAN SURGICAL SUMMIT

May 12, 2012 (Saturday); 8:00 AM
Chalet Roof Deck, L'Fisher Hotel
Bacolod City

GENERAL OBJECTIVES:

1. To formally organize the ASEAN Federation for Surgery
2. To formulate a plan for the implementation of the MRA in the field of surgery.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

1. To reaffirm commitment to organize the ASEAN Federation for Surgery.
2. To formulate the vision/mission of the ASEAN Federation.
3. To decide on the governance of the Federation.
4. To determine the role of the ASEAN Federation and the Surgical Colleges in the implementation of the MRA in the field of surgery.

PARTICIPANTS

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Also Present:

Undersecretary Teodoro J. Herbosa, MD
Department of Health Philippines

Vijayan Appasamy, MD Singapore

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

MORNING SESSION

8:00	REGISTRATION
8:30	Opening Ceremonies
	Ecumenical Prayer
	Alfred H. Belmonte, MD Vice – President, PCS
	Welcome Remarks
	Maximo H. Simbulan, Jr., MD President, PCS
8:45	Introduction of the Participants
	Alejandro C. Dizon, MD Secretary, PCS
9:00	Orientation to the Workshop
	Josefina R. Almonte, MD Chairperson Ad-hoc Committee on the MRA

9:15

PLENARY I

- 1) Presentation of the Declaration to organize the ASEAN Federation for Surgery
- 2) Affirmation of the commitment to organize the ASEAN Federation for Surgery

Moderator: Armando C. Crisostomo, MD

9:45

Lecturette: Formulation of the Vision and Mission
Maximo H. Simbulan, Jr., MD
President, PCS

10:15

C O F F E E B R E A K

10:30

WORKSHOPI

TASKS:

1. Formulate the vision / mission of the Federation
2. Based on the formulated vision and mission review either the draft of the proposed MOA / Constitution and By – Laws
3. Formulate recommendations regarding the MOA / Constitution and By – Laws
4. Formulate proposals as to the governance of the Federation

11:30

PLENARY II

Presentation of the output
Decide on the governance of the Federation

Moderator: Maximo H. Simbulan, Jr., MD

12:30

L U N C H B R E A K

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30

Overview & Status of the MRA
Jose Y. Cueto, Jr., MD

WORKSHOP II

TASKS:

1. Determine whether it is aligned with the vision / mission of the Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA)
2. Given the kind of relationship that the group decided on, determine the role of the ASEAN Federation for Surgery and the individual Surgical Colleges in the implementation of the MRA in Surgery
3. Formulate a plan for the implementation of the MRA in the field of surgery

3:00

PLENARY III

Presentation of the Output
Moderator: Jose Y. Cueto, Jr., MD

3:30 Synthesis, Recommendations and Next Steps

ALEJANDRO C. DIZON, MD
Secretary
Master of Ceremonies

OUTPUTS

The delegates agreed to the following:

1. To discuss with their respective Colleges the spirit and idea of the formation of the federation in order to establish friendship, mutual understanding, and networking more than contents of the Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA).
2. To send a copy of the powerpoint presentation of Dr. Jose Y. Cueto, Jr., which details the MRA and the possible future role of the federation to MRA concerns
3. Mission Statement of the Federation

A federation of nationally recognized surgical organizations that will promote collaboration in education, training, research and networking of resources to advance the standard of surgery in the Asean region.

4. For Singapore to host the next summit next year.

DOCUMENTS FURNISHED:

1. Declaration to organize the ASEAN Federation of Surgery signed in 2008 by the following College Presidents: Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam
2. ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Medical Practitioners

76th PCS Foundation Day Activities

11th PCS FOUNDATION DAY CUP:

An Inter- Surgical Specialty and Chapter Golf Challenge

September 12, 2012 (Wednesday)

Eastridge Golf Club, Inc.

The 11th inter-specialty golf tournament was held last September 12, 2012 (Wednesday) at Eastridge Golf Club. A total of 40 individual golf players including pharmaceutical companies joined the tournament. A total of 5 groups registered during the event. The results of the tournament are as follows: Class B champion cordillera chapter, class A champion CLC, over all champion PSGS, composed of Dr. Ervin H. Nucum, Dr. Eduardo Esequie, Dr. Noel G. Yamzon, Dr. George T. Cheu, Dr. Romeo R. Abary and Dr. Jorge T. Logarta.



Simultaneous Blood Letting – in 14 hospitals

September 12, 2012 (Wednesday)

The following are the 14 hospitals wherein blood-letting was held.

Hospital	No. of Donors	Blood Quantity (450cc/bag)
1. Chinese General Hospital and Medical Center	38	17,100
2. East Avenue Medical Center	4	1,800
3. FEU-NRMF Hospital	15	6,750
4. JRRMMC	59	26,550
5. *Makati Medical Center		
6. MCU-FDTMF Hospital	115	51,750
7. *Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital		
8. Quezon City General Hospital	34	15,300
9. Rizal Medical Center	17	7,650
10. Sto. Tomas University Hospital	36	16,200
11. St. Luke's Medical Center	36	16,200
12. The Medical City	4	1,800
13. UP-PGH	41	18,450
14. Veterans Memorial Medical Center	1	500
TOTAL		180,050

**not conducted bloodletting*



CGHMC



JRRMMC



Lay Forum and Operation Bukol

September 13 (Thursday)

PMA Auditorium

8:00 AM-5:00 PM

A Lay Forum on “Skin Cancer: Diagnosis, Prevention and Treatment” was held in the PMA auditorium last September 13, 2012. Speaker was Dr. Hector M. Santos, PCSMMC President and PAPRAS, Past President. It was attended by the different lay people from all over Quezon City.

A simultaneous “Operation “Bukol” in cooperation with the Philippine Medical Association and the Quezon City Medical Society was held in the PMA premises. A total of 45 physicians and 2 volunteer nurses participated in the operation bukol. A total of 81 patients underwent minor surgical procedures and 30 patients were referred to different hospitals for their surgical treatment which can't be performed safely in that setting.





Medical Mission

September 14, 2012
(Friday)

PCS Klinika Ng Bayan
Camarin, Caloocan City
8:00 AM – 12 Noon

A medical mission was conducted at the PCS Klinika ng Bayan in Kamarin, Caloocan. This was in cooperation with UNILAB wherein their Mobile Clinic with facilities for x-ray, ECG, CBC and urinalysis examinations was utilized. UNILAB, Pfizer and Gamot Publiko, a generic

drugstore donated medicines for the mission. A total of 16 physicians from JRRMMC, VMMC, QCGH, FEU-NRMF and EAMC joined the activity where a total of 65 patients availed of the services e.g. ECG – 30; CXR – 42, CBC – 12 and Urinalysis – 3.

76th Foundation Day Dinner

September 15, 2012

Manila Hotel

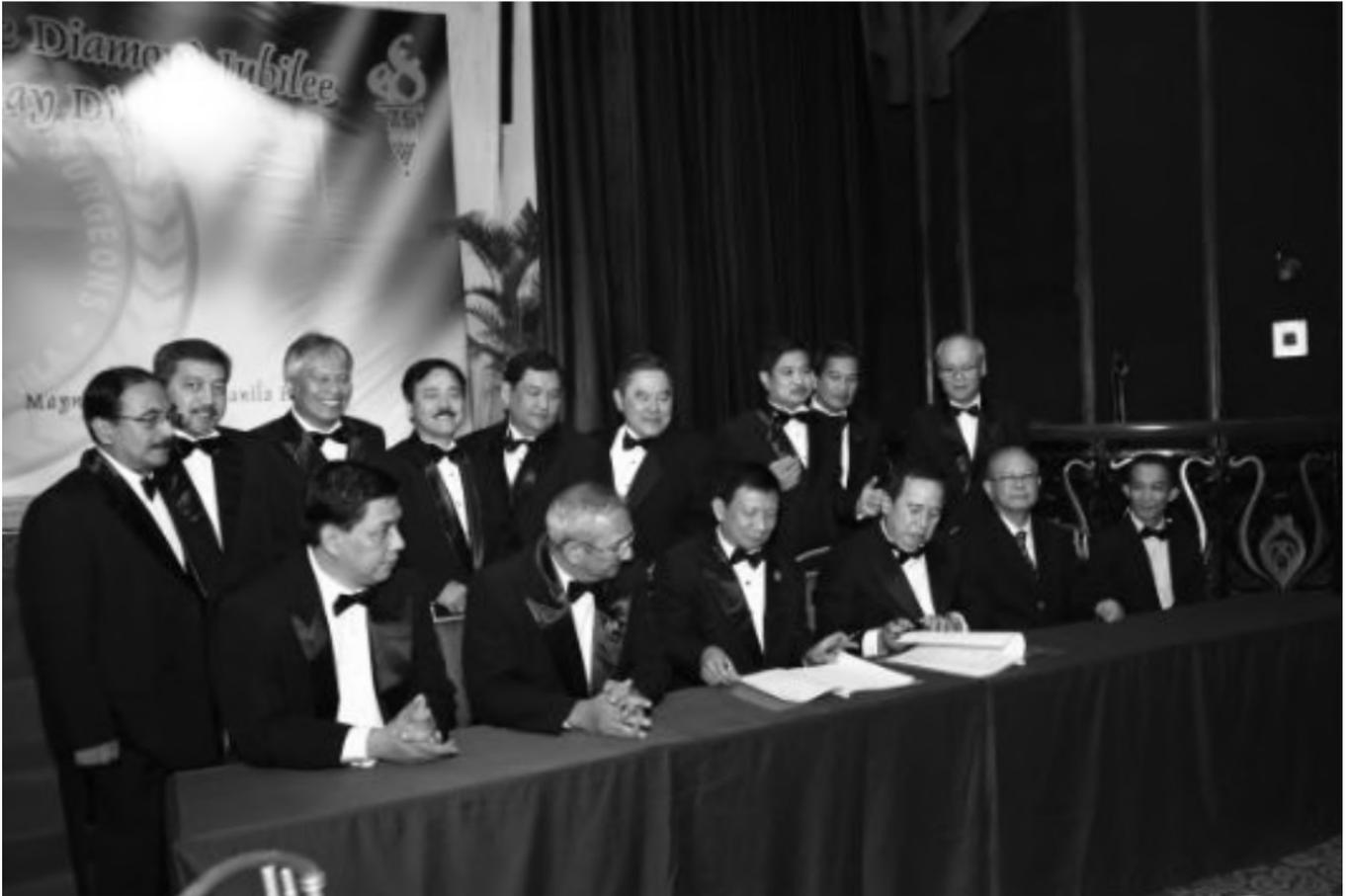
The special event of the PCS, the Culmination Ceremonies of the Diamond Jubilee and 76th Foundation Day Dinner of the Philippines College of Surgeons, was held in the newly renovated Manila Hotel last September 15, 2012. It was a rainy evening but invited guest and officers of the PCS came and attended the event. The celebration started with a short greeting by PCS President Maximo H. Simbulan, Jr., MD.

Highlights of the evening were:





Special recognition and awards to distinguished fellows, most outstanding chapters and partner pharmaceutical companies.



Signing of the MOA between the PCS and the Philippines Red Cross represented by Sen. Richard Gordon.



Signing memorandum of understanding between the PCS and the Philippine Board of Surgical Specialties.



Turn over of the Kamarin Klinika ng bayan to the PCS Metro Manila Chapter represented by Hector Santos, MD.



Official launching of the Management Information System.



Commencement Ceremonies of the Annual Clinical Congress of Component Societies.



Presentation of specially designed PCS pin to the past presidents of the college.



Official presentation of the new Presidential Academic gown.

The entire evening went on smoothly with the master of ceremonies duties being handled by the PCS Secretary Alejandro C. Dizon, MD. The night ended with a ceremonial toast led by PCS vice President, Alfred H. Belmonte, MD.



PCS FELLOW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

One of the functions of the PCS is to provide additional training opportunities for Fellows. However, some Fellows are unable to go on further training to improve their surgical and clinical skills for various reasons, including lack of, or incomplete, financial support. In this regard, the PCS may be able to fund and assist deserving Fellows in their chosen training fellowships. Through this program, the PCS ultimately raises the quality of health care delivery, benefiting all.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM

- a) To provide the needed expertise in the area where the candidate comes from.
- b) To provide assistance for further career development of Fellows in their chosen specialty.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- a) PCS Fellows in good standing in all surgical specialties.
- b) He/she should be a Fellow in good standing for a minimum of two (2) years to be considered in the program.
- c) He/she must not be more than 50 years old upon application,
- d) Must be willing to undergo uninterrupted training for 1-12 months.
- e) Must be willing to go back to his/her geographical area to practice his chosen field of specialty.
- f) Percentage weight given to each criterion
 - Needed expertise - 40%
 - Place of practice - 30%
 - Financial status - 10%
 - Accomplishment - 10%
 - Interview - 10%
 - Position in the hospital - plus factor
- g) Endorsement from his/her surgical specialty society and local PCS Chapter.

SELECTION PROCEDURES

- a) A completed application form and a letter of intent, to include the details of the training program, addressed to the President of the PCS and the Chairman of the Committee on Continuing Surgical Education should be submitted.
- b) Upon receipt of the application and letter of intent by the PCS, initial screening will be done by the committee on Continuing Surgical Education (CSE).
- c) The applicant will be interviewed by the Committee.
- d) Successful candidates will then be recommended to the BOR for approval.
- e) The BOR reserves the right to interview the applicant.
- f) Successful candidates will be informed upon the approval of the BOR.

MECHANICS OF IMPLEMENTATION

- a) The PCS Fellow is responsible for looking for a position in a program of interest to him/her.
- b) PCS may assist the Fellow as far as recommendations for the position are concerned.
- c) The Fellow should apply to PCS for funding.
- d) The amount to be given by the PCS to the Fellow will be determined by the Committee.
- e) The financial support will be released by the PCS only after the acceptance/approval of the Fellow's application.
- f) The Committee will recommend the list of scholars to the BOR for final approval.
- g) The scholars are required to give a report to the PCS and if deemed appropriate, they will present the report during the Annual Clinical Congress upon completion of the training.
- h) A Memorandum of Agreement/Understanding will be executed between the PCS and the scholar.
- i) In the event that the Fellow decides to discontinue the Fellowship training for reasons that are not acceptable to the PCS, he/she will reimburse all the money spent by the College.
- j) A copy of the Certificate of Completion should be submitted to the PCS together with a written report regarding their training for possible publication in the PCS Newsletter.
- k) The scholar should present/lecture during the Midyear Convention or Annual Clinical Congress on what he/she learned from the training or he/she can be invited as a speaker in sessions where the topic for discussion is related to the field of specialty where the training took place.

****Application forms available at the PCS Secretariat and at the PCS Booth during the convention.***

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