

# QUALITY SURGERY FOR ALL



## Philippine College of Surgeons Foundation, Inc.

### VISION

The Philippine College of Surgeons Foundation, Inc. harnesses solutions to support initiatives that address the surgical needs of the Philippines.

### MISSION STATEMENT

We are responsible stewards of resources generated through collaboration with the Philippine College of Surgeons and all who share our Vision.



## Philippine College of Surgeons

The Organization of Surgical Specialists in the Philippines  
A Specialty Division of the Philippine Medical Association

### VISION

The Philippine College of Surgeons is the leading organization of surgical professionals, responsive to the community, committed to excellence and ethical practice.

### MISSION STATEMENTS

- To provide continuing professional development opportunities to surgeons, promote their welfare and represent their interests
- To collaborate with government in its health care agenda and be recognized as the lead organization in all aspects of surgical care in terms of education, policy and provisions
- To ensure access of patients to the highest standard of care
- To enhance synergistic professional partnerships with other medical specialties, allied health professions, industry partners and relevant national and international organizations

## MESSAGES



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

### MESSAGE



A warm salutation to the officers and members of the Philippine College of Surgeons (PCS) on the occasion of your 78th Annual Clinical Congress!

The country's health sector sheds a more significant light on the role of surgeons, especially in caring and treating critically-ill patients. Innovations in surgical care became one of the crucial factors in determining where the country was in its response to public health concerns. Considering national and international standards of quality surgical care was salient to heed the call of the challenges it imposed. Given this, our surgeons had to rise to the occasion - taking into account its responsiveness to the needs of the communities and the commitment of its members to both excellence and ethical practice. Apart from this, the transformation paved the way to the realization of Universal Health Care in the country - an Act that grants Filipinos access to eased healthcare services including surgical operations and care.

Since your establishment in 1936, the PCS has produced numerous opportunities for professional development among surgeons. The Department of Health (DOH) lauds the organization's commitment from strengthening surgical expertise to developing innovative ways to nurture partnerships and collaborations. The Department is with you as you journey to become the leader of surgical professionals in the country. The DOH also commends the establishment of the 12 PCS Chapters across the country, which aim to reach and give more Filipinos, wherever they are, access to the highest quality of surgical care.

As the celebration commences, the DOH recognizes the efforts and initiatives of the PCS in 'MANILA' growth within the organization. We appreciate your efforts towards an improved 'May 2022' service through efficient surgical management customization and optimization of outcomes - all geared towards the realization of Universal Health Care in the country.

May our efforts produce more synergy among other allied health professions and national and international organizations. Through education, policy, and service, let us continue on committing to Universal Health Care, ensuring guaranteed access to an all-encompassing healthcare service for every Juan and Juana.

Maraming salamat, para sa Healtlog Pilipinas!

MARIA ROSARIO S. VERGERE, MD, MPH, CEO II  
Department of Health Officer-In-Charge

## PCS 78th Annual Clinical Congress

### Quality Surgery for All

The Philippine College of Surgeons holds its 78th Annual Clinical Congress on December 4-7, 2022 at the EDSA Shangri-la Hotel. This marks a significant milestone as it will be the first Congress with a face-to-face component since 2020. This hybrid congress highlights the need of the country to provide quality surgical care for our countrymen. Let us join our surgeons in attending this annual event by the Philippine College of Surgeons to enhance our capabilities in providing quality surgical service to Filipinos.

The Philippine College of Surgeons is the foremost and premier surgical society established on September 12, 1936. It was started by 35 prominent surgeons with the aim of promoting the highest quality of surgical care for our country. The College has grown to almost 3,000 Fellow members and is recognized internationally as the mother society of various surgical specialty and subspecialty societies in the country.

The PCS continues the vision of the 35 founding members to provide excellent surgical care to the country with the theme of the clinical congress, "Quality Surgery for All." With the theme, the PCS aims to "discuss ways to ensure the highest standard of care for surgical patients through desired healthcare outcomes consistent with current professional standards." This congress will provide a venue to provide surgeons, residents, students of various surgical specialties and allied professionals with new concepts and knowledge that will help them in their practice and in training future doctors and surgeons that our country greatly needs. Various subspecialties and component societies are participating in this momentous activity to cater to the needs of the different participants for them to get the most benefit out of the time that they will sacrifice to attend the congress.

The PCS has invited various prominent local and international experts in surgery to share their knowledge and experience to help our surgeons, residents and students to understand the various concepts of surgery. The speakers were carefully chosen from various prominent local and international surgical societies based on their knowledge and expertise. The diverse topics to be discussed ranged from new technologies in surgery to defining quality in surgery. Various surgical subspecialty topics will also be discussed to provide a venue for surgeons and residents with a special interest in particular subspecialties of surgery.

The PCS Annual Clinical Congress will also be the venue for inducting its new fellows and electing the new Board of Regents for the year 2023. It will also be an excellent way to renew ties with other surgeons during the dinner and induction of the new BOR.

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### MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT



Greetings of Peace to all!

With this note, allow me to thank all PMA members in the practice of surgery for the collective leadership among those who stood up with conviction to heal our nation during its hardest and most trying times... Unay na mga Bayaning Filipino Manggagamot na may katangi-tanging adhikain!

We mark a new dedication within the Association and a new spirit among us all. A president may sense and proclaim that new spirit but only a renewed membership can provide it. We have a place, all of us, in a long story - a story we continue but whose end we will not see. It is the PMA story - a story of flawed and fallible people united across the generations by grand and enduring ideals.

Let us all strive to measure up to expectations, leading with conviction, putting the best of our personal capabilities and the fullest measure of our dedication to the service of our organization.

We live in interesting times! It is a VUCA World that we are faced with. The COVID-19 pandemic we face plunged us into Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, and Ambiguity. Now more than ever, we realize that we belong to a global community of healthcare professionals and what we do and do not do here at the PMA impacts the community of healthcare practice all over the world.

I salute you all for your rapid response to the Covid-19 crisis and for your vision to set the standards of "Quality Surgery for All" as you focus in the current evaluation, management and best practices in the treatment of various diseases in different specialties both locally and abroad.

Let us work together, to address the Association's deepest problems one person at a time, by encouraging and empowering the good hearts and good works of each and every member. This is the essence of a transformational and servant leadership that will be the foundation of everything that we will do at the Society level and at the PMA. Though our challenges are fearsome, so are our strengths. We must bring to our task today the vision and will of those who came before us. Let us always remember that we are ONE PMA!

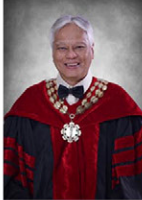
Congratulations on your 78th Annual Clinical Congress and Mabuhay ang Philippine College of Surgeons!

Mabuhay ang PMA!

MARIA MINERVA P. CALIMAG, MD, MSc, PhD  
PMA PRESIDENT  
2022-2023



### MESSAGE



Warm greetings!

It is with much excitement that I wish to invite everyone to the 78th Philippine College of Surgeons Annual Clinical Congress on December 4-7, 2022 at the EDSA Shangri-la Hotel, with the theme "Quality Surgery for All". Finally, after more than two years, we are now back to our usual face to face interactive scientific gathering, that will provide the much-needed surgical education to all the members of the PCS, the surgical trainees and other interested attendees. The highly pertinent topics and sessions, featuring local and international experts, have been carefully selected to update all of us on the developments in the various fields of surgery.

Supported by the Philippine College of Surgeons Foundation, the PCS continues to fulfill its mission to provide continuing professional development opportunities to surgeons, promote their welfare as well as to ensure access of patients to the highest standard of care, thereby promoting the delivery of the best surgical care for all Filipinos. Thanks to all the members of the organizing committee for their incredible efforts to come up with such very interesting topics, including those that are relevant in addressing the surgical gaps in the country.

A pre-convention "Swing Fore a Cause" Golf Tournament and a fun-filled Fellowship Night with Raffle draws have been organized to highlight the resumption of our normal human interactions, to rekindle camaraderie, friendship and promote unity.

So, let us all attend this convention, learn from the exchange of knowledge and once again enjoy the company of our colleagues from the various surgical specialties. See you there!

RAMON S. INSO, MD, FPCS  
President



### MESSAGE



It is my great pleasure to welcome all delegates, guests and exhibitors to the 78th Philippine College of Surgeons Annual Clinical Congress "Quality Surgery for All" on December 4 to 7, 2022 at the EDSA Shangri-la Hotel. After 2 years of virtual conferences, this is a wonderful opportunity to renew ties, rekindle friendships and create new friends during this face-to-face congress. I would also like to welcome our foreign delegates and guests who have graciously accepted our invitation to attend the congress. Likewise, I wish to thank our generous partners in the pharmaceutical industry who have supported the activities of the College through the years.

This year's scientific program covers topics for the surgeon and the surgeon-in-training. Sessions on professionalism, surgical education, training, health financing, among others, are included together with panel discussions, plenary sessions on clinical matters. Not to be missed is the Fellowship Night on December 4, 2022, which features a fashion show from the Association of Women Surgeons of the Philippines. The Chapter and Specialty Society of the Year will be recognized during the Annual Dinner and Induction of the 2023 Board of Regents on December 6, 2022. I would like to invite all to join us in our social program.

In closing, I wish everyone a fruitful Congress and a safe trip back to your homes and loved ones thereafter. And as this is the season, Maligayang Pasko (A Happy Christmas) at Marigong Bagong Taon (and a Prosperous New Year)!

MARIA CONCEPCION C. VESAGAS, MD, FPCS  
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