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- FOR: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES; DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS, DOH-CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, SERVICES AND SPECIALTY HOSPITALS, CHIEFS OF DOH-HOSPITALS, MEDICAL CENTERS AND INSTITUTES, DIRECTORS OF TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS, AND OTHERS CONCERNED**
- SUBJECT: 50th Midyear Convention of the Philippine College of Surgeons on May 1-3, 2024**

The Philippine College of Surgeons will be holding its 50th Midyear Convention on May 1-3, 2024 at the Baguio Country Club, Baguio City.

In accordance with the Department Order No. 2007-0053, attendance to this activity of concerned **DOH Physicians** shall be on:

A. Official Business

- (1) when the DOH employee is a presenter/discussant, facilitator, moderator, or panelist. As such, the registration/enrolment fees, per diems, and traveling and other incidental expenses, shall be borne by the sending office;
- (2) when attendance to the activity is related to performance of job functions or related to the practice of his/her profession, and the Learning and Development Intervention (LDI) is identified in the employee's Learning and Development Plan (LDP); and
- (3) **subject to the office's availability of funds.**

B. Official Time when the DOH employee is duly funded through sponsorships by development partners or local partners in health.

For either case attendance to the activity must be related to performance of job functions or related to the practice of his/her profession, and the Learning and Development Intervention (LDI) is identified in the employee's Learning and Development Plan (LDP).

Additionally, attendees must be authorized by their respective hospital directors or office heads, through an appropriate Personnel Order.

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All other transactions shall be in accordance with the following issuances:

- (1) Administrative Order (AO) No. 2021-0007, entitled “Guidelines on the Integrated Learning and Development Management System of the Department of Health (DOH)”;
- (2) Department Order (DO) No. 2014-0094, entitled “Guidelines on the Allowable Rates of Payment for Human Resource Development Activities.”

Attached is the invitation letter for your ready reference.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:


KENNETH G. RONQUILLO, MD, MPH, CESO III
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TEODORO J. HERBOSA, MD, FPCS

Secretary
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Dear Secretary Herbosa:

Greetings!

The Philippine College of Surgeons will be holding its **50th Midyear Convention** with the theme "**Golden Milestones of Philippine Surgery: Lessons for the Future**" on May 1-3, 2024, at the Baguio Country Club, Camp John Hay, Baguio City.

This is a national activity intended to provide surgeons, residents, and allied professionals with the current and upcoming standards in the diagnosis and management of surgical conditions. This also aims to discuss the developments in surgical management in different surgical specialties, involving decision-making, innovations and new techniques, geared towards improvements in outcomes.

In this regard, we respectfully request your good office on "**Official Time**" for the surgeons in government service who will be attending this convention.

We are looking forward to receiving a department circular on or before **April 12, 2024 (Friday)** for dissemination to all government physicians/surgeons before the end of April 2024.

For further details, please call the PCS Secretariat on 0920 911 9590.

Thank you for your continued support and warmest regards.

Sincerely yours,

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President
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PCS 2024 MIDYEAR CONVENTION



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In collaboration with
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GOLDEN MILESTONES OF PHILIPPINE SURGERY: *Lessons for the Future*



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open on March 1, 2024



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