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Office of the Secretary



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DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR

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FOR: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES, DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS, SERVICES AND CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, HEADS OF ATTACHED AGENCIES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS, CHIEFS OF HOSPITALS, MEDICAL CENTERS, SANITARIA, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS, INSTITUTES, AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: 81st Annual Clinical Congress of the Philippine College of Surgeons on December 6-10, 2025 at the EDSA Shangri-La Hotel Manila

The Philippine College of Surgeons is holding their 81st Annual Clinical Congress with the theme “Surgical Synergy: The Fusion of Classic Mastery and Modern Technology” on December 6-10, 2025 at the EDSA Shangri-La Hotel Manila.

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 attendee serves as a presenter, discussant, facilitator, moderator, or panelist, the registration or enrolment fees, per diem, traveling and other incidental expenses shall be borne by the sending office; **OR**
2. When the attendance or participation in the activity is related to the performance of job functions or in the practice of profession, and/or identified as a Learning and Development Intervention (LDI) based on the employee's Learning and Development Plan (LDP); **AND**
3. Subject to the office's availability of funds.

B. Official Time

1. When the attendee serves as a presenter, discussant, facilitator, moderator, panelist or participant in the said activity, duly funded through sponsorships by development partners or local partners in health.
2. For participants, the activity should be relevant to the performance of job functions or in the practice of profession, and/or identified as an LDI based on the employee's LDP.

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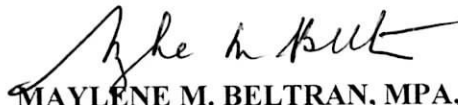
Attendees must secure authorization from their respective Directors or Heads of Office through an appropriate Personnel Order. Further, all other arrangements shall adhere to the following issuances:

- (1) Administrative Order (AO) No. 2021-0007, entitled "Guidelines on the Integrated Learning and Development Management System of the Department of Health (DOH)"; and
- (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 reference.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:



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October 6, 2025

TEODORO J. HERBOSA, MD, FPCS

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Dear Secretary Herbosa:

Greetings!

The Philippine College of Surgeons will be holding its **81st Annual Clinical Congress Convention** with the **"SURGICAL SYNERGY: THE FUSION OF CLASSIC MASTERY AND MODERN TECHNOLOGY"** on December 6 - 10, 2025, at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel Manila.

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 **October 27, 2025 (Monday)** for dissemination to all government physicians/surgeons before the first week of November 2025.

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

Thank you for your continued support and warmest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Jose Rhoel C. De Leon, MD, FPCS
President
Philippine College of Surgeons

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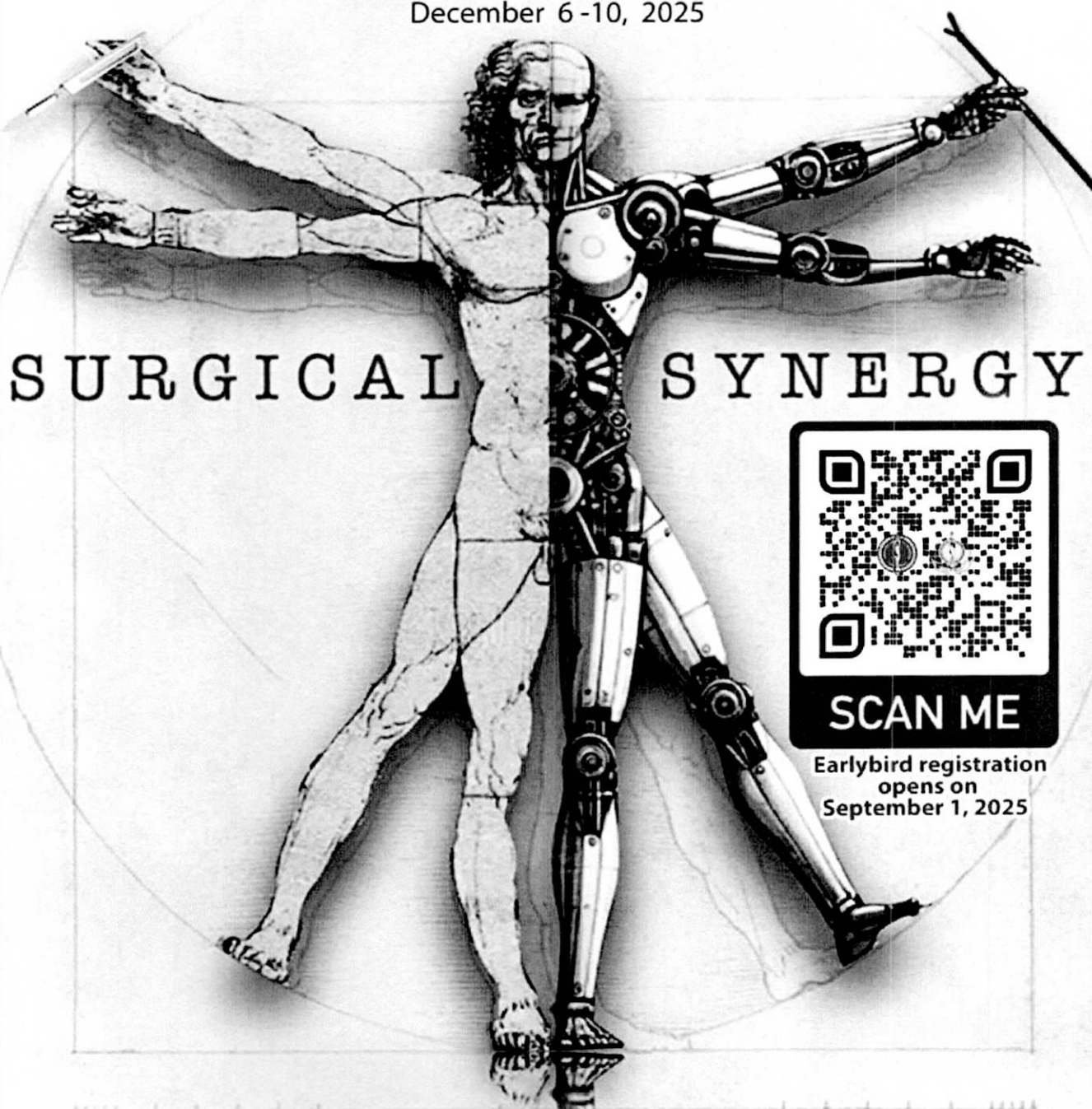


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81st Annual Clinical Congress

Edsa Shangri-La Manila, Mandaluyong City
December 6-10, 2025



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September 1, 2025

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