



Philippine College of Surgeons

Quality Surgery For All

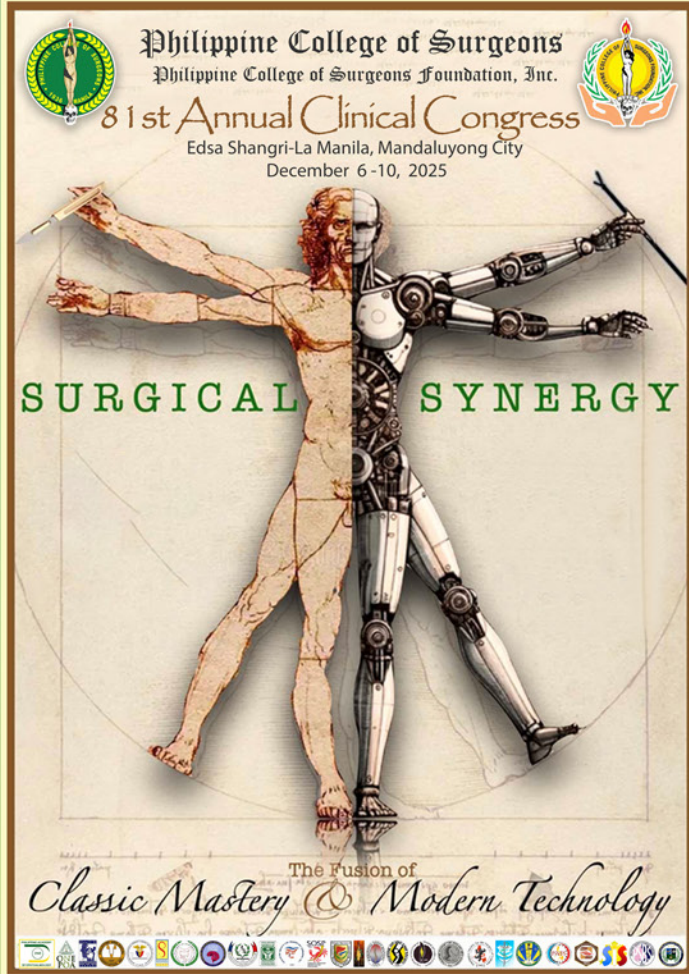
VISION

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

MISSION STATEMENT

We are the premier organization of surgical professionals.
We shall fulfill our vision through **Quality Surgery for all.**

PCS 81ST ANNUAL CLINICAL CONGRESS



For its 81st Annual Clinical Congress (ACC), the Philippine College of Surgeons lines up respected international and local speakers for what has evolved into an ASEAN event.

Spread through six days, including two pre-congress days, the ACC showcases an impressive array of topics, ranging from technical sessions, to research and public policy, leadership, and life outside the operating room. A variety of formats guarantees that there is something for everyone: lectures, symposia, panel discussions, workshops, and forums.

PCS casts a wide inclusive net to attract surgical trainees, associate members, younger fellows, active practitioners, and those looking to ease up on their surgical practice, with topics like "Champion of Champions: Interesting Case Category," presentation of clinical practice guidelines and standards of care for cancer and trauma, "Authorship, the Use of AI, and Predatory Publication," and "Unlocking the Entrepreneurial Potential of Surgeons!"

Aside from providing a platform for exchange of knowledge and best practices, the ACC is also a venue for deeper connections among surgeons, other medical specialists, allied professionals, and health policy experts to foster avenues for cooperation as PCS aims to provide "Quality Surgery for All."

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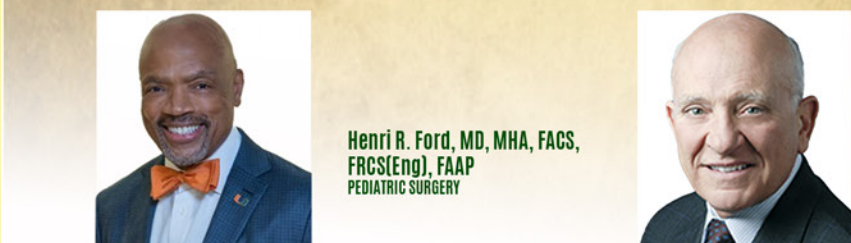
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Philippine College of Surgeons Foundation, Inc.

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

MESSAGES



For many years, the Philippine College of Surgeons (PCS) has remained true to its mission of gathering the nation's surgeons into one disciplined community that addresses the surgical needs of Filipino patients. The organization has played a key role in establishing perioperative standards and shaping the next generation of surgeons through rigorous training and education. By linking hospitals and guiding policy, it helps patients advance efficiently across levels of care, keeps ethics at the center of decisions, and brings competent surgery within the reach of more communities.

May this 81st Annual Clinical Congress transform your knowledge and expertise into a more compassionate and responsive healthcare system. Let it produce practical guidelines that strengthen teamwork from wards to operating rooms, combining the wisdom of classic mastery with the precision of modern technology.

May it also sustain the best practices by mentoring fellows, standardizing skills and supervision at the frontline, improving data systems and registries, and aligning hospital resources and budgeting with outcome-focused innovations. Above all, may this event move us towards a more equitable, resilient, and accessible surgical service where skill and discipline deliver gains in the well-being of every family.

As we continue working for a Bagong Pilipinas, I call on the PCS to work alongside this administration in creating a community of surgeons that is inclusive, financially sustainable, just, and within the reach of all. Together, let us nurture a healthier and more productive citizenry for a better tomorrow. May you have a meaningful and fruitful gathering.

MANILA
06 December 2025
THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.



Warmest greetings to the Philippine College of Surgeons on your 81st Annual Clinical Congress, "Surgical Synergy: The Fusion of Classic Mastery and Modern Technology."

By bringing together classic mastery and cutting-edge advancements, this convention highlights how surgery continues to redefine excellence in healthcare. It provides a vital platform for surgeons, residents, and allied professionals to engage in meaningful exchange, sharing knowledge, refining skills, and embracing innovations that strengthen the practice of surgery across specialties.

The Department of Health (DOH) values the enduring contributions of the surgical community in advancing our shared goal of Kalusugan para sa Lahat. From improving standards of care to nurturing the next generation of surgical leaders, your work directly supports the health sector's 8-Point Action Agenda, "Sa Bagong Pilipinas, Bawat Buhay Mahalaga", ensuring health services that are safe, accessible, and people-centered.

On behalf of the DOH, I congratulate the Philippine College of Surgeons on this milestone. May this congress inspire greater collaboration, innovation, and dedication as we work together to uphold the highest standards of surgical care for every Filipino.

Dahil sa Bagong Pilipinas, Bawat Buhay Mahalaga!

TEODORO J. HERBOSA, MD
Secretary of Health



I am deeply honored to congratulate the Philippine College of Surgeons as you hold your 81st Annual Convention with the theme "SURGICAL SYNERGY: The Fusion of Classic Mastery and Modern Technology". The PMA lauds your efforts to combine traditional Surgical practices with modern transformative evidence-based advances in Surgical management. By staying current with the latest advancement in surgery you can ensure providing the most effective and up to date care for your patients.

PMA salutes the collaborative efforts of the various surgical specialties in strengthening the PCS. You have managed to integrate various disciplines in adapting to modern surgical treatment options to enhance the quality of life and promote overall efficiency and surgical success. Holding a world class exchange of surgical expertise has brought the Filipino Surgeon at par with global surgical experts. This reaffirms your relevance as a leader of all surgical societies.

The Philippine Medical Association recognizes your achievement through sacrifices and hard work. We shall all work as one to deliver comprehensive and coordinated surgical care for a healthy community and a healthy Nation.

Manatili po tayong "Nagkakaisang PMA: Hatid ay Kalusugan para sa Lahat!"

Mabuhay and Philippine College of Surgeons!

HECTOR M. SANTOS, JR., MD, MMHA
President



We are elated to be part of the 81st Annual Clinical Congress of the Philippine College of Surgeons and for the remarkable participation of the community of medical professionals, creative minds, and lifesavers whose purpose is not only noble but life-changing as well. The theme "Surgical Synergy: The Fusion of Classic Mastery and Modern Technology" instantly reminds me of traditional wisdom, a spark of modern-day improvisation, and an abundance of heart!

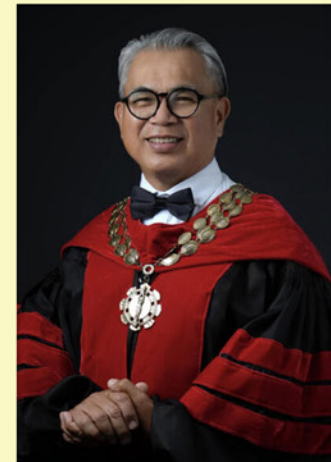
Healthcare professionals play a crucial role in the functioning of hospitals and clinics, often encountering various challenges and significant successes. Gatherings focused on this field serve not only to enhance skills and exchange ideas but also to foster renewal, inspiration, and a sense of shared purpose among participants.

Your responsibilities as surgeons go far beyond the operating room. You demonstrate precision, compassion, and courage, often enduring long hours with limited breaks and insufficient nourishment. While your hands showcase technical expertise, your hearts carry the hopes of each patient. This remarkable dedication reflects the highest standard of professional excellence.

May this gathering also offer you a moment to pause, connect, and enjoy the company of colleagues who understand the weight and the wonder of being on the cutting edge, quite literally.

Congratulations and Mabuhay ang Philippine College of Surgeons

CARMELITA H. ABALOS
City Mayor



In our commemorative book Eight Decades of Philippine Surgery, 1967 President Dr. Clemente R. Palma said... "The College was founded with the primary purpose of elevating the standards of surgical practice and the goal is still the same..." That goal, objective and purpose have been rephrased through the decades but it remains to be the same - providing quality surgery for all.

This year - on our 89th year - we will be holding our 81st Annual Clinical Congress with the theme "SURGICAL SYNERGY: The Fusion of Classic Mastery and Modern Technology." Through the years in our pursuit of improving quality of surgical care, we have been at the forefront in ensuring that the mastery of surgery is appropriately adapted to the rapidly changing technological advances in our field.

Our Organizing Committee led by our Vice President - Dr. Joselito Mendoza have worked tirelessly to give us a very good learning experience as we again come together not just to learn but also to renew the essence of our ties and fellowship.

The Philippine College of Surgeons is the house of every Filipino Surgeon regardless of subspecialty. We are looking forward to seeing all of you once again and welcome you to your home.

Mabuhay ang PCS!
Mabuhay ang Pilipinong Maninistis!

JOSE RHOEL C. DE LEON, MD, FPCS
President



It is with deep honor and genuine pride that I welcome you to the 81st Annual Clinical Congress of the Philippine College of Surgeons, to be held at the esteemed EDSA Shangri-La Hotel. We gather once again, not just as professionals, but as a united surgical community—driven by a shared passion, a rich legacy, and a collective vision for the future of Philippine surgery.

This year's theme, "Surgical Synergy: Fusion of Classic Mastery and Modern Technology," speaks directly to the evolving soul of our profession. It acknowledges our roots—the steady hands and timeless principles passed down by generations of surgical masters. At the same time, it embraces the ever-accelerating wave of technological advancement—robotics, AI, advanced imaging, and minimally invasive techniques—that is reshaping how we diagnose, operate, and heal.

In today's rapidly advancing surgical landscape, the challenge is not merely to keep up—it is to integrate. To marry the discipline, precision, and judgment of classical surgical training with the agility, data, and precision of modern innovation. In this synergy lies the future of our profession—not in choosing one over the other, but in fusing both into something greater than the sum of its parts.

Over the coming days, let us take this opportunity to learn from each other, challenge established thinking, celebrate milestones, and pave new paths. Whether through groundbreaking research, inspiring case studies, or heartfelt mentorship, may this congress ignite fresh ideas and reaffirm our purpose.

To our distinguished speakers, generous partners, and dedicated collaborators—thank you for enriching this event with your presence and expertise. To the organizing committee and the many hands behind the scenes—your tireless efforts and attention to detail have made all this possible.

And to every surgeon, educator, innovator, and learner in this convention—welcome to your Congress. May this gathering deepen not only your knowledge, but also your sense of purpose, pride, and unity.

Let us move forward together—guided by mastery, empowered by technology, and inspired always by our duty to heal.

Mabuhay ang Philippine College of Surgeons! Maraming salamat, and once again—welcome.

JOSELITO M. MENDOZA MD, FPCS
Vice President and Overall Chairman
Committee on Conventions

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM TOPIC HIGHLIGHTS

- Classic & Timeless Surgical Techniques
- Emerging Trends & Frontiers in Surgical Specialties
- Research Agenda Setting
- Precision Surgery & Technology Optimized Outcomes in Surgical Care
- Advanced MIS & Robotic Surgery
- Challenges and Game-Changing Advances in Cancer Care
- Transformative Surgical Leadership and AI-Powered Hospital Management

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