



Republic of the Philippines  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
*Office of the Secretary*



October 22, 2026

**DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR**

No. 2026 - 0629

**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 : 82nd Annual Clinical Congress of the Philippine College of Surgeons on December 5-9, 2026 at the EDSA Shangri-La Hotel Manila**

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The Philippine College of Surgeons (PCS) is holding their 82nd Annual Clinical Congress with the theme “Universal Access to Quality Surgery: Integrating Expertise, Innovation and Compassion” on December 5-9, 2026 at the EDSA Shangri-La Hotel Manila.

In accordance with the Department Order No. 2007-0053, attendance to this activity of concerned **Department of Health (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 the profession, and/or identified as an LDI based on the employee’s LDP.

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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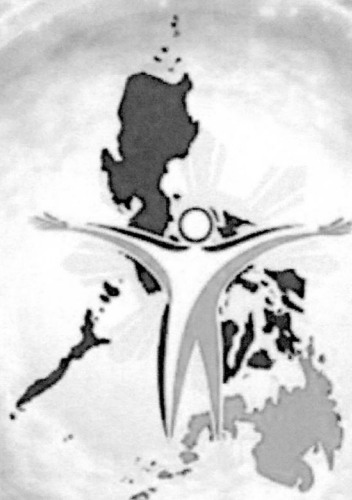


**82ND ANNUAL CLINICAL CONGRESS**

**90TH ANNIVERSARY**

**UNIVERSAL ACCESS  
TO QUALITY SURGERY**

**INTEGRATING EXPERTISE INNOVATION AND COMPASSION**



Earlybird Registration  
Open on August 1, 2026

**DECEMBER 5-9 2026**

**EDSA SHANGRI-LA MANILA, MANDALUYONG CITY**

