

PHILIPPINE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER

"Ah, finally!" Short but truly full of gratitude. What we thought of as a moonshot trio center application soon became a reality. The opportunity to be selected as part of the IPNA SRC program translates to opportunities for better service for the Filipino children we serve.

Transforming the future means **P**atiently **C**apacitating our doctors and nurses through **M**eaningful **C**onvergence with UP-PGH and our Supporting Center NUH, which the IPNA SRC program has opened for us.

We are thrilled and grateful and looking forward to learning more from you.



(Standing from Left): Allan Karl Taguinod (DN); April Magno (DN); Dr. Darlene Clarice Labaclado (FT); Dr. Catherine Tan (C); Dr. Nathan Bumanglag (C); Dr. Socorro Marie Buensalido (FT); Dr. Mancellaine Marie Mangahas (FT); Simon Gabriel Cabo (DN).

(Seated from Left): Dr. Alona Arias-Briones (IPNA Fellow 2019); Dr. Canileure Dayrit (C); Dr. Sonia Gonzalez, PCMC Executive Director (C); Dr. Ma. Norma Zamora (C); Dr. Rachele Dela Cruz (IPNA Fellow 2011).

Legend: DN- Dialysis Nurse; FT- Fellow-In-Training; C- Consultant Nephrologist

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Seated from left: Dr. Lourdes Paula R. Resontoc (IPNA Fellow 2009), Prof. Dolores D. Bonzon, Prof. Emeritus Carmelo A. Alfiler, Prof. Francisco E. Anacleto Jr, Dr Melissa A. Dator, Dr Eric Emmanuel T. Aragon (IPNA Fellow 2006)
Standing from left: Dr Jami Aliyah D. Salliman, Dr. Danika Marie Coronel-Estella, Dr. Ena Lauren F. Farillas, Dr. Erika A. Crisostomo

Pediatric Nephrology in the Philippines was born here!

The University of the Philippines-Philippine General Hospital (UP-PGH) in UP Manila is the **FIRST** and **ONLY** national university hospital in the country per Republic Act 9500 signed in 2008 on the occasion of UP's centennial year.

The science, art, and practice of Modern Pediatric Nephrology in the Philippines were introduced in January 1979 at UP-PGH by Dr. Carmelo A. Alfiler upon his return from training abroad. The Section of Nephrology in the Department of Pediatrics was subsequently created, charged with the teaching of the subspecialty among undergraduates of the UP College of Medicine (CM) and pediatric residents of UP-PGH. Dr. Alfiler singlehandedly joined the faculty of regional seminars organized by the Philippine Medical Association (PMA), Philippine Pediatric Society (PPS), and Philippine Society of Nephrology (PSN), in engaging general practitioners and general pediatricians nationwide. When Dr. Joel S. Elises joined the Section from his own training abroad, a 2-year structured post-residency fellowship training program in the Department of Pediatrics, accredited by PPS and PSN, was started in 1989. Since then, the Section (now Division) of Pediatric Nephrology has produced 27 successful pediatric nephrologists spread all over the archipelago. All have assumed positions of leadership - as chairs of the Department of Pediatrics and Heads of Renal Sections in their respective hospitals, or as presidents/board members of local PPS and PSN regional chapters. Some have joined the faculty of medical schools.

Dr. Alfiler became the first pediatric nephrologist to be elected president of PSN in 1990-1992, the founding president of the Pediatric Nephrology Society of the Philippines (PNSP) in 1994-1997, the first and only Filipino pediatric nephrologist to sit as Assistant Secretary for Asia in the International Pediatric Nephrology Association (IPNA) in 1996-2001, and the first and only Filipino pediatric nephrologist to be elected secretary-general of the Asian Pediatric Nephrology Association (AsPNA) in 2001-2007. After stints as president of PPS in 2000-2002, chair of UPCM-PGH Department of Pediatrics in 1998-2003, and director of UP-PGH in 2004-2009, he is currently Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics in UP Manila and Honorary President of PNSP. He has

earned the title of Father of Modern Pediatric Nephrology in the Philippines. He has seen through the growth and development of Philippine pediatric nephrology in general and of the UP-PGH Division of Pediatric Nephrology in particular. He is delighted to see a new generation of expert pediatric nephrologists contributing to the cause of the subspecialty here, in ASPNA, and in IPNA.

This year, to celebrate another milestone, we are delighted to be one of the members of the Trio Sister Renal Center of IPNA.



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Super grateful to IPNA for allowing us to partner with the Pediatric nephrology teams at PCMC and PGH. We hope that this will be a great learning experience for all. Looking forward to the upcoming collaboration.



(Standing from Left): Haffezah (CKC Nurse); Dr. Mya Than, Dr. Ana Alas; Dr. David Lu
(Seated from Left): Dr. Sharon Teo; Ms. Siew Leng