

# 63<sup>rd</sup>



## Annual PPS Convention

April 27-30, 2026 | SMX Manila Mall of Asia Complex, Pasay City



# PEDIATRIC SYNERGY

Collaborative Approaches to  
Modern Healthcare Challenges

# Program of Activities

April 27, 2026 (Monday)

## Pre-Convention

Venue:  
**CONRAD**

## CROSSROADS IN PEDIATRIC CARE: NAVIGATING WHERE TO GO

8:00 AM - 12:00 NN

Room:  
**Taft Ballroom 1**

Symposium 1:  
**Abdominal Pain in Children:  
Beyond Functional**

Room:  
**Taft Ballroom 2**

Symposium 2:  
**The Febrile Child with Cytopenias**

Room:  
**Forbes Ballroom 1**

Symposium 3:  
**The Adolescent with Puberty  
and Growth Concerns**

Room:  
**Forbes Ballroom 2**

Symposium 4:  
**Cyanosis and Hypoxemia  
in Infants and Children**

Room:  
**Forbes Ballroom 3**  
8:00 AM - 12:00 NN

**HAB Summit**

Venue:  
**CONRAD**  
**Ballroom Foyer**  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Poster Presentation**

*No CPD Units*

Venue:  
**SMX**  
**Meeting Rooms  
4, 5 & 6**  
12:00 NN

**Interhospital Quiz Contest  
Elimination Round**

*No CPD Units*

Venue:  
**CONRAD**  
**Forbes Ballroom**

4:00 PM

**Eucharistic Celebration**

5:00 PM

**Opening Ceremonies and  
Fellowship Night**

# Program of Activities

April 28, 2026 (Tuesday)

## Day 1

Venue:

**SMX** Function Rooms 1-5

**CONRAD** Forbes & Taft Ballrooms

### 40<sup>th</sup> Dr. Alberto V. Tupas Memorial Lecture

9:00 AM –  
10:00 AM

#### **Beyond the Hospital Without Walls: A Life Course Framework for Preventive Pediatrics and Adult Longevity**

Speaker: Professor Gemiliano D. Aligui, MD

Chair: Jocelyn J. Yambao-Franco, MD

### Plenary 1

10:00 AM -  
10:45 AM

#### **The Magna Carta for the Filipino Child: Creating a Safe Philippine Environment**

Speaker: Mariella Y. Sugue-Castillo, MD

Chair: Victor S. Doctor, MD

### Plenary 2

10:45 AM -  
11:30 AM

#### **The Impact of Transnational Care and Communications on the Left behind Children of Filipino Migrant Workers**

Speaker: Jeffrey R. Ballaret, PhD

Chair: Alexander O. Tuazon, MD

### Luncheon Symposia

12:00 NN - 2:00 PM

Venue:

**CONRAD**

**Taft Ballroom**

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

### 10<sup>th</sup> UPEC Forum

# Simultaneous Symposia

April 28, 2026 (Tuesday)

## Day 1

### SS 1

Venue:  
**CONRAD**  
Taft Ballroom

#### **An Intersectional Framework of Gender Affirmation and Transition Empowerment**

Chair:

Teresita Risalyn V. Villanueva, MD

2:00 PM -  
2:30 PM

#### **Simultaneous Session 1A** **The Youth in the Sexual Crossroads**

Speaker:

Erlinda Susana Cuisia-Cruz, MD

2:30 PM -  
3:00 PM

#### **Simultaneous Session 1B** **Navigating the Medical Journey in Gender Transition**

Speaker:

Cynthia G. Feliciano, MD

3:00 PM -  
3:30 PM

#### **Simultaneous Session 1C** **The Ethical and Legal Aspects of Gender Affirming Care**

Speaker:

Maria Katerina G. Bustamante, MD

3:30 PM -  
4:00 PM

#### **Open Forum**

# Simultaneous Symposia

April 28, 2026 (Tuesday)

## SS 2

Venue:

**SMX**

Function Rooms 2 & 3

### **Proactive Analgesia & Rehabilitation: Best Practices & Developing Approaches**

Chair:

Amelen V. Palanca, MD

2:00 PM -  
2:30 PM

#### **Simultaneous Session 2A** **Effective Pain Management: A Proactive Approach**

Speaker:

Kathrina Isabel M. Epino, MD

2:30 PM -  
3:00 PM

#### **Simultaneous Session 2B** **Pediatric Rehabilitation: Proactive Approaches for Optimal Recovery**

Speaker:

Monalisa L. Lim-Dungca, MD

3:00 PM -  
3:30 PM

#### **Simultaneous Session 2C** **Heart of a Nation: Pediatric Cardiac Rehabilitation Transitioning from Hospital to Home**

Speaker:

Maria Ina P. Dela Paz-Bunyi, MD

3:30 PM -  
4:00 PM

#### **Open Forum**

# Simultaneous Symposia

April 28, 2026 (Tuesday)

## SS 3

Venue:

**SMX**

**Function Room 4**

### **Ambulatory Management of the Malnourished Child**

Chair:

Emmalyn L. Reveldez, MD

2:00 PM -  
2:30 PM

### **Simultaneous Session 3A Undernutrition**

Speaker:

Jan Pofer A. Mantos, MD

2:30 PM -  
3:00 PM

### **Simultaneous Session 3B Overnutrition**

Speaker:

Anna Nicola R. Calleja, MD

3:00 PM -  
3:30 PM

### **Simultaneous Session 3C Micronutrients Deficiencies**

Speaker:

Eleonor G. Rodenas-Sabico, MD

3:30 PM -  
4:00 PM

### **Open Forum**



# Simultaneous Symposia

April 28, 2026 (Tuesday)

## SS 4

Venue:  
**SMX**  
Function Room 5

### Fluid Management in Children with Unique Needs

Chair:  
Donna M. Quevenco, MD

2:00 PM -  
2:30 PM

#### **Simultaneous Session 4A** **Fluid Management in the Sick Neonate**

Speaker:  
Ma. Theresa G. Cacas, MD

2:30 PM -  
3:00 PM

#### **Simultaneous Session 4B** **Fluid Management in Acute Kidney Injury**

Speaker:  
Janice R. Thiam-Tuazon, MD

3:00 PM -  
3:30 PM

#### **Simultaneous Session 4C** **Fluid Management in Dengue**

Speaker:  
Audrey Anne Najarro-Diaz, MD

3:30 PM -  
4:00 PM

#### **Open Forum**

# Simultaneous Symposia

April 28, 2026 (Tuesday)

## SS 5

Venue:  
**SMX**  
Function Room 1

### The Child in the Throes of Climatic and Environment Challenges: Fostering Strength and Endurance

Chair:  
Eden E. Bague, MD

2:00 PM -  
2:30 PM

#### **Simultaneous Session 5A** **Invisible Threats: Environmental Toxins and Its Impact**

Speaker:  
Tisha Ysabel Torres-Briola, MD

2:30 PM -  
3:00 PM

#### **Simultaneous Session 5B** **The Air We Breathe: Is It Fresh & Safe?**

Speaker:  
Maria Rowena R. Bautista-Valerio, MD

3:00 PM -  
3:30 PM

#### **Simultaneous Session 5C** **Behavioral and Cognitive Outcome of Neurotoxicity**

Speaker:  
Ma. Estrella G. Ibe-Ilustre, MD

3:30 PM -  
4:00 PM

#### **Open Forum**

# Simultaneous Symposia

April 28, 2026 (Tuesday)

## SS 6

Venue:  
**CONRAD**  
Forbes Ballroom

### Potpourri of Hematologic Issues: Focusing on Management

Chair:  
Jonah Suzette A. Geralde, MD

2:00 PM -  
2:30 PM

#### **Simultaneous Session 6A** **Rational Blood Use in Pediatrics: Balancing Need and Safety**

Speaker:  
Lorraine Marie S. Item, MD

2:30 PM -  
3:00 PM

#### **Simultaneous Session 6B** **Bone Marrow Transplantation: Its Applicability in Pediatric Hematologic Disorders**

Speaker:  
Anna Marie D. Espaldon, MD

3:00 PM -  
3:30 PM

#### **Simultaneous Session 6C** **Drug- Related Options for Hematological Conditions**

Speaker:  
Cynthia Rosario C. Castro, MD

3:30 PM -  
4:00 PM

### Open Forum

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Venue:  
**SMX**  
Meeting Rooms 4 & 5

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

### SPECIAL EVENT #1

**Interhospital Case Report Contest**

*No CPD Units*

# Program of Activities

April 29, 2026 (Wednesday)

## Day 2

Venue:

**SMX** Function Rooms 1-5

**CONRAD** Forbes & Taft Ballrooms

### 14<sup>th</sup> Dr. Fe del Mundo Memorial Lecture

9:00 AM –  
10:00 AM

#### **Health Equity and Solidarity through Vaccination in the Community**

Speaker: Isolde B. Mayo, MD

Chair: Florentina T. Uy-Ty, MD

### Plenary 3

10:00 AM -  
10:45 AM

#### **Kabayaranang Sapat, DRG's Dapat: Demystifying DRG's for Clinical Practice**

Speaker: Frances Dominique V. Ho, MD

Chair: Zenaida L. Antonio, MD

### Plenary 4

10:45 AM -  
11:30 AM

#### **Starting Strong: Strengthening Early Childhood Education**

Speaker: Bernadette Carpio-Benitez, MD

Chair: Joselyn A. Eusebio, MD

**ONLINE via Portal**

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

### Election Day

12:00 NN - 2:00 PM

### Luncheon Symposia

# Simultaneous Symposia

April 29, 2026 (Wednesday)

## Day 2

### SS 7

Venue:  
**CONRAD**  
**Taft Ballroom**

#### **Uncovering Urticaria: Crossroads of Care**

Chair:  
Ma. Agnes C. Andanar, MD

2:00 PM -  
2:30 PM

#### **Simultaneous Session 7A Update on Guidelines in Pediatric Urticaria**

Speaker:  
Frances M. Tan, MD

2:30 PM -  
3:00 PM

#### **Simultaneous Session 7B Skin Deep: Dermatologic Manifestations**

Speaker:  
Abigail Angeline N. Rubiano, MD

3:00 PM -  
3:30 PM

#### **Simultaneous Session 7C More than Skin Deep: Rheumatologic Manifestations**

Speaker:  
Carien G. Carvajal, MD

3:30 PM -  
4:00 PM

#### **Open Forum**

# Simultaneous Symposia

April 29, 2026 (Wednesday)

## SS 8

Venue:

**SMX**

**Function Room 4**

### **Issues on Immunizations: New Options, Old Threats and Growing Hesitancy**

Chair:

Bernadette C. Macrohon, MD

2:00 PM -  
2:30 PM

### **Simultaneous Session 8A Current Trends on New Vaccines and Its Development**

Speaker:

Maria Liza Antoinette M. Gonzales, MD

2:30 PM -  
3:00 PM

### **Simultaneous Session 8B Re-Emergence of Vaccine Preventable Diseases**

Speaker:

Carmina A. Delos Reyes, MD

3:00 PM -  
3:30 PM

### **Simultaneous Session 8C Handling Vaccine Hesitancy: Technique & Talking Points**

Speaker:

Mayan Uy- Lumandas, MD

3:30 PM -  
4:00 PM

### **Open Forum**

# Simultaneous Symposia

April 29, 2026 (Wednesday)

## SS 9

Venue:

**SMX**

**Function Rooms 2 & 3**

### **Making Pediatric Healthcare Go Viral.. For the Right Reason**

Chair:

Marimae R. Balauag-Lopez, MD

2:00 PM -  
2:30 PM

#### **Simultaneous Session 9A** **Options for Pediatric Education: Maximizing the Digital Media**

Speaker:

Marthony P. Basco, MD

2:30 PM -  
3:00 PM

#### **Simultaneous Session 9B** **Impact of Digital Media on the Developing Brain**

Speaker:

Francis Xavier M. Dimalanta, MD

3:00 PM -  
3:30 PM

#### **Simultaneous Session 9C** **Beyond the Digital Media: Its Ethical Boundaries for Physicians**

Speaker:

Antonio Alejandro D. Rebosa, MD, LLB

3:30 PM -  
4:00 PM

### **Open Forum**

# Simultaneous Symposia

April 29, 2026 (Wednesday)

## SS 10

Venue:  
**CONRAD**  
**Forbes Ballroom**

### Neonate in Crisis

Chair:  
Patrizia M. Nafarrete, MD

2:00 PM -  
2:30 PM

### Simultaneous Session 10A Revisiting the Sick Neonate

Speaker:  
Marian G. Colasito, MD

2:30 PM -  
3:00 PM

### Simultaneous Session 10B Nourishing the Sick Neonate

Speaker:  
Gregorio M. Leonardo, MD

3:00 PM -  
3:30 PM

### Simultaneous Session 10C Post Discharge Care of the NICU Graduate

Speaker:  
Ma. Cristina C. Woo, MD

3:30 PM -  
4:00 PM

### Simultaneous Session 10D Innovating to Save Mothers, Babies and Young Children 2030 and Beyond

Speaker:  
Thomas Burke, MD

# Simultaneous Symposia

April 29, 2026 (Wednesday)

## SS 11

Venue:

**SMX**

**Function Room 5**

### **The Child with the Lingering Fever**

Chair:

Celina M. De Ocampo, MD

2:00 PM -  
2:30 PM

### **Simultaneous Session 11A Infectious Diseases**

Speaker:

Ma. Delta S. Aguilar, MD

2:30 PM -  
3:00 PM

### **Simultaneous Session 11B Rheumatological Concerns**

Speaker:

Lea G. Galia, MD

3:00 PM -  
3:30 PM

### **Simultaneous Session 11C Hematological-Oncological Conditions**

Speaker:

Kris Isaac A. Brugada, MD

3:30 PM -  
4:00 PM

### **Open Forum**

# Simultaneous Symposia

April 29, 2026 (Wednesday)

## SS 12

Venue:

**SMX**

**Function Room 1**

2:00 PM -  
2:30 PM

### **Behavioral Challenges in Children**

Chair:

Maria Julieta I. Salvosa, MD

#### **Simultaneous Session 12A** **Dealing with Anti-Social Behavior & Truancy**

Speaker:

Edna Sarah C. Morada, MD

2:30 PM -  
3:00 PM

#### **Simultaneous Session 12B** **Neuropsychiatric Manifestations of Systemic Illness**

Speaker:

Edgardo B. Epe, MD

3:00 PM -  
3:30 PM

#### **Simultaneous Session 12C** **Eating Disorders in Adolescents**

Speaker:

Moses C. De Guzman, MD

3:30 PM -  
4:00 PM

#### **Open Forum**

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Venue:

**CONRAD**

**Roosevelt**

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

#### **SPECIAL EVENT #2**

**Interhospital Research Paper Contest**

*No CPD Units*

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Venue:

**SMX**

**Meeting Rooms  
4, 5 & 6**

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

#### **SPECIAL EVENT #3**

**Interhospital Quiz Contest  
Finals**

*No CPD Units*

# Program of Activities

April 30, 2026 (Thursday)

## Day 3

Venue:  
**SMX** Function Rooms 1-5  
**CONRAD** Forbes & Taft Ballrooms

### 13<sup>th</sup> Dr. Perla D. Santos Ocampo Memorial Lecture

9:00 AM –  
10:00 AM

**The Journey of Pediatric Palliative Care in the Philippines: From Beginning and Beyond**  
Speaker: Maria Liza T. Naranjo, MD  
Chair: Carmelo A. Alfiler, MD

### Plenary 5

10:00 AM -  
10:45 AM

**The 2026 Philippine Clinical Practice Guidelines in Pediatric Obesity**  
Speaker: Ninfa J. Villanueva, MD  
Chair: Melinda M. Atienza, MD

### Plenary 6

10:45 AM -  
11:30 AM

**Real Talk: The Compassionate Pediatricians-Where Are They Now?**  
Speaker: Eden D. Latosa, MD  
Chair: Amelia R. Fernandez, MD

Venue:  
**SMX**  
**Function Rooms 1-5**  
11:30 AM

### Closing Ceremonies

Venue:  
**SMX**  
**Function Rooms 1-5**  
12:00 PM –  
02:00 PM

### Business Meeting

Venue:  
**CONRAD**  
**Forbes Ballroom**  
5:00 PM

### Induction of Emeritus Fellows, Fellows and Diplomates