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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, 2025 (Monday)

Pre-Convention

Venue:
CONRAD HOTEL

CROSSROADS IN PEDIATRIC CARE: NAVIGATING WHERE TO GO

8:00 AM - 12:00 NN

Room:
Taft 1

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

Room:
Taft 2

Symposium 2:
The Febrile Child with Cytopenias

Room:
Forbes 1

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

Room:
Forbes 2

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

Room:
Forbes 3

8:00 AM - 12:00 NN

HAB Summit

Room:
TBA

1:30 PM

**Interhospital Quiz Contest
Elimination Round**

No CPD Units

Room:
Forbes Ballroom

4:00 PM

Eucharistic Celebration

5:00 PM

**Opening Ceremonies and
Fellowship Night**

Program of Activities

April 28, 2025 (Tuesday)

Day 1

40th 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, MD
Chair: Alexander O. Tuazon, MD

Luncheon Symposia

12:00 NN - 2:00 PM

Venue:
Taft

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

10th UPEC Forum

Simultaneous Symposia

April 28, 2026 (Tuesday)

Day 1

SS 1

Room:
TBA

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

Room:
TBA

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

Room:
TBA

Ambulatory Management of the Malnourished Child

Chair:
Edna B. Ayaso, MD

2:00 PM -
2:30 PM

Simultaneous Session 3A Undernutrition

Speaker:
Jan Pofer A. Santos, 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

Room:
TBA

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

Room:
TBA

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

Room:
TBA

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

Venue:
TBA

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

14th 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

12:00 NN - 2:00 PM

Luncheon Symposia

Simultaneous Symposia

April 29, 2026 (Wednesday)

Day 2

SS 7

Room:
TBA

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

Room:
TBA

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

Room:
TBA

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

Room:
TBA

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

Room:
TBA

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 I. Brugada, MD

3:30 PM -
4:00 PM

Open Forum



Simultaneous Symposia

April 29, 2026 (Wednesday)

SS 12

Behavioral Challenges in Children

Chair:

Maria Julieta I. Salvosa, MD

Room:

TBA

2:00 PM -
2:30 PM

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

Venue:

TBA

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

SPECIAL EVENT #2

**Interhospital Research Paper
Contest**

No CPD Units

Venue:

TBA

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

SPECIAL EVENT #3

**Interhospital Quiz Contest
Finals**

No CPD Units

Program of Activities

April 30, 2026 (Wednesday)

Day 3

13th 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: Ma. Liza T. Najarro, 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: Cesar M. Ong, MD

Closing Remarks

12:00 NN

Venue:
TBA

12:00 PM –
02:00 PM

Business Meeting

Venue:
TBA

5:00 PM

Induction of Emeritus Fellows, Fellows and Diplomates