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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, 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

April 27-30, 2026

Research Poster Exhibits

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

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 A. 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

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

Venue:
SMX
Meeting Rooms
4, 5 & 6

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

SPECIAL EVENT #1

Interhospital Case Report Contest

No CPD Units

Venue:
CONRAD
Taft Ballroom

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

10th UPEC Forum

Program of Activities

April 29, 2026 (Wednesday)

Day 2

Venue:

SMX Function Rooms 1-5

CONRAD Forbes & Taft Ballrooms

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

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

Behavioral Challenges in Children

Chair:

Maria Julieta I. Salvosa, MD

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:

CONRAD

Ballroom Foyer

12:00 NN - 2:00 PM

SPECIAL EVENT #2

Research Poster Contest

No CPD Units

Venue:

CONRAD

Roosevelt

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

SPECIAL EVENT #3

Interhospital Research Paper Contest

No CPD Units

Venue:

SMX

**Meeting Rooms
4, 5 & 6**

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

SPECIAL EVENT #4

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

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: 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