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## Editorial



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Good day to our readers. On behalf of the editorial staff of the Philippine Journal of Allied Health Sciences, I would like to apologize for the delayed issue of the journal. We have experienced technical problems in managing the site but we are hopeful that everything is all set again for us to continue providing our readers the resources needed for their practice.

We are happy to feature articles from our collaborating units from the Philippine Council of Health Research (PCHRD) and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). They are one with us in promoting the use of Evidence based practice (EBP) in the country. Last June 2-3, PCHRD, in collaboration with our college, sponsored a seminar workshop on the “Development of Clinical Guidelines” in the health sciences. The seminar workshop was conducted by Dr. Karen Grimmer-Somers, Director of the Centre for Allied Health Evidence (CAHE) University of South Australia. It aimed at increasing the knowledge and skills to scope evidence synthesis through the process of systematic reviews (searching, appraising and synthesizing results), consider technical issues of evidence synthesis and guideline development in terms of scope, technical expertise and implementation. We are happy that there was a good variety of health practitioners who attended the said seminar; there were medical doctors, physical therapists, nurses, psychologists and researchers. An opportunity for those interested to apply for funded research was provided by PCHRD which was represented by Ms. Merly Opeña. Ms Opeña also gave a presentation on the key areas of concern of PCHRD and how it can help researchers and practitioners in ensuring better health care for patients.

A brief and but very informative piece of writing on knowledge translation into practice is provided to our readers in this issue by Dr. Ian D. Graham and Jacqueline M. Tetroe from CIHR. The knowledge to action process will help our readers, both clinicians and academicians, learn more about the continuous cycle of searching for knowledge and publicizing the information.

In line with our vision of promoting evidence based practice in the health sciences, we conducted a series of lecture-workshops to our partner, the UST Department of Anaesthesia. The first year resident doctors of the department underwent training and came up with systematic reviews of their own to answer their clinical questions in mind. Six papers were completed from the resident doctors, which are also lined up for publication.

We would also like to acknowledge that two systematic review protocols from our researchers at the center (Suarez, Reyes and Dizon) are currently in progress and are posted at the [http://www.joannabriggs.edu.au/pubs/systematic\\_reviews\\_prot.php](http://www.joannabriggs.edu.au/pubs/systematic_reviews_prot.php). These papers are for international publication under our Evidence Synthesis Group, Centre for Allied Health Evidence and Joanna Briggs Institute.

These activities, write ups and more are part of the initial steps in promoting better health practice in the allied health in the country. We hope that you will continue to share this vision with us.