



Preface to PJAHS Volume 8 Issue 2

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We are pleased to present Volume 8, Issue 2 of the Philippine Journal of Allied Health Sciences (PJAHS). This issue continues our commitment to disseminating high-quality research and scholarly discussions in the field of allied health sciences. The contributions in this issue span a range of topics that address pressing concerns in healthcare research, professional practice, and emerging methodologies.

This issue's editorial discusses the challenges and opportunities at the intersection of journal indexing and health science research, highlighting the evolving landscape of scholarly publishing and its implications for allied health disciplines.

The regular section features a diverse collection of scholarly works, starting with two thought-provoking letters to the editor. One explores the concept of sustainability in occupational therapy, while another examines critical issues related to the well-being of Filipino children.

The original research articles in this issue cover important topics in health and rehabilitation sciences. One study investigates musculoskeletal discomfort among faculty members during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, providing insights into ergonomic and health challenges faced by educators. Another qualitative study explores the experiences of family caregivers of patients with stroke, focusing on stress and occupational engagement.

Further expanding our scholarly contributions, this issue includes two research protocols. One protocol reports on assessing the effectiveness of health education strategies in improving knowledge and behavior related to foot ulcer prevention among individuals with type 2

diabetes. Another outlines a phenomenological study that will investigate the experiences and perspectives of rehabilitation professionals and patients regarding telerehabilitation and on-site rehabilitation for managing low back pain.

This issue also includes a special section collection, which introduces innovative approaches in allied health sciences. These articles are under our existing collaboration with the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program of the University of Santo Tomas. One article presents a structured model for optimizing occupational therapy interventions within a specific timeframe, while another introduces a framework for remote home environment assessment to enhance patient-centered care. The peer-review was facilitated by the respective course. PJAHS was not involved in the peer-review process of this article. Nevertheless, these articles underwent editorial review of PJAHS prior to online publication.

PJAHS remains committed to publishing diverse, rigorous, and impactful research that advances allied health practice and education. We extend our gratitude to our authors, peer reviewers, and editorial team for their unwavering dedication to ensuring the quality and relevance of the work published in this issue.

We hope that the research and insights presented in this issue contribute meaningfully to the field and inspire future innovations in allied health sciences.