



Republic of the Philippines  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
*Office of the Secretary*



April 1, 2026

**DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR**

No. 2026 - 0152

**FOR :** **ALL UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES, DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS, SERVICES AND CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, HEADS OF ATTACHED AGENCIES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS, CHIEFS OF HOSPITALS, MEDICAL CENTERS, SANITARIA, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS, INSTITUTES, AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT :** **31<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the Philippine Hospital Infection Control Society Inc., (PHICS) on May 21-22, 2026 at the Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila**

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The Philippine Hospital Infection Control Society Inc., (PHICS) is holding their 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention with the theme “Driving IPC Forward: Creating Local Actions Towards Global Connections” on May 21-22, 2026 at the Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila.

In accordance with the Department Order No. 2007-0053, attendance to this activity of concerned Department of Health (DOH) Physicians and Nurses shall be on:

**A. Official Business**

1. When the attendee serves as a presenter, discussant, facilitator, moderator, or panelist, the registration or enrolment fees, per diem, traveling and other incidental expenses shall be borne by the sending office; **OR**
2. When the attendance or participation in the activity is related to the performance of job functions or in the practice of profession, and/or identified as a Learning and Development Intervention (LDI) based on the employee’s Learning and Development Plan (LDP); **AND**
3. Subject to the office’s availability of funds.

**B. Official Time**

1. When the attendee serves as a presenter, discussant, facilitator, moderator, panelist or participant in the said activity, duly funded through sponsorships by development partners or local partners in health.
2. For participants, the activity should be relevant to the performance of job functions or in the practice of profession, and/or identified as an LDI based on the employee’s LDP.

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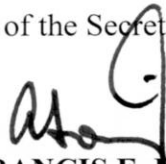
Attendees must secure authorization from their respective Directors or Heads of Office through an appropriate Personnel Order. Further, all other arrangements shall adhere to the following issuances:

- (1) Administrative Order (AO) No. 2021-0007, entitled “Guidelines on the Integrated Learning and Development Management System of the Department of Health (DOH)”; and
- (2) Department Order (DO) No. 2014-0094, entitled “Guidelines on the Allowable Rates of Payment for Human Resource Development Activities.”

Attached is the invitation letter for reference.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

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**ALBERT FRANCIS E. DOMINGO, MD, MSc**  
Undersecretary of Health and Chief of Staff



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March 13, 2026

**TEODORO JAVIER HERBOSA, MD**

Secretary

**Department of Health**

San Lazaro Compound, Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila

Dear **Dr. Herbosa**,

Good day!

The **Philippine Hospital Infection Control Society (PHICS), Inc.** will be holding its **31<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention** from **May 21-22, 2026 (Full face-to-face)** at the **Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila** with the theme: ***“Driving IPC Forward: Creating Local Actions Towards Global Connections”***.

The field of infection prevention and control has already garnered the rightful attention it deserves. This good news, however, is coupled with the responsibility to empower healthcare workers with the right knowledge and skills to meet the challenges this brings. The PHICS promises to take on this role and help the healthcare worker put infection prevention and control at the *heart of patient care*. Thus, we wish to invite you to join us in this event.

The organizing committee has prepared a program of relevant topics including:

- ✓ From Silos to Synergy: Reimagining IPC Through Global Collaboration and Local Innovation
- ✓ Global Health Diplomacy and IPC: The Role of International Health Organizations
- ✓ Meet the experts: Sustainable IPC Programs in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: Funding, Partnerships, and Innovation
- ✓ Environmental Hygiene and Air Quality: International Approaches to Safer Hospital Environments
- ✓ Global Trends in Antimicrobial Resistance: Regional Perspectives and Responses
- ✓ Clean, Green and Safe: Integrating IPC in Healthcare Waste Minimization
- ✓ Seasonal Risks: IPC Strategies for Managing Molds, Humidity, and Climate-Driven Risks
- ✓ Level up! Scaling Up Quality Improvement Initiatives in IPC
- ✓ Safe Scopes, Safe Patients: Global Standards and Innovations in Flexible Scope Reprocessing



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And because we listen to our dear members and participants, we have incorporated a few more innovations to increase interactivity for the upcoming convention:

- ✓ Coaching Sessions
- ✓ Vial to Vein: Global Safety Standards in Injection and Infusion Practices
- ✓ Aerosols, Airflow, and Asepsis: Strengthening IPC in Respiratory Interventions
- ✓ From Checklist to Culture: Sustaining High-Impact Care Bundles
- ✓ Making Each Data Count: Harmonizing IPC Surveillance Across Borders
- ✓ CABSİ versus CLABSİ: What is new?
- ✓ PHICS Knockouts Year 7
- ✓ Research Presentations

This year's convention will hopefully advance the knowledge of all stakeholders including hospital executives or managers, doctors, nurses, laboratory technologists, pharmacists, and other allied health professionals. We are excited to meet you and your representatives there!

Enclosed is a copy of the scientific program for your reference. For more information, please feel free to call our Secretariat through **Ms. Jobelle T. Magpantay** at **Telefax (02) 913-2852, Mobile No. 09065533431** or you may email us at [phicsinc@yahoo.com](mailto:phicsinc@yahoo.com).

**Enclosed is a copy of the scientific program for your reference. To register you make access thru:**  
**<https://www.phics.org/annual-convention/2026/register>**

**Registration Fee: All net of tax and other bank charges**

- **Early Registration Promo: 5,000.00 (until January 31, 2026)**
- **Final Registration Fee: 5,500.00 (February 1, 2026 onwards)**

Excluded of Hotel Accommodation

In this regard, the society is requesting your kind office to issue a **DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR** for those institutions with infection prevention and control healthcare workers to attend the convention **on official business** based on the office learning and development plan and subject for availability of funds from sending institutions.



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Your favorable action to this request shall be most highly appreciated. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

**MARIA LOURDES BERNADETH V. MANIPON-LAXINA, RN**

Vice President and Overall Chair

PHICS 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention

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**PAMELA ROSE A. MATTI, MD**

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31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION

# DRIVING IPC FORWARD CREATING LOCAL ACTIONS TOWARDS GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

May 21-22, 2026 | The Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila

### HOT TOPICS!

- IPC quality improvement
- Device reprocessing standards
- IPC leadership & mentorship
- Novice IP foundations
- Injection & infusion safety
- Airborne infection control
- Care bundle sustainability
- IPC surveillance harmonization
- Coaching opportunities



<https://www.phics.org/annual-convention/2026/register>

CPD UNITS APPLIED



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### PAYMENT DETAILS

Participants and Delegates	Registration Fee on or Before January 31, 2026	Registration Fee after January 31, 2026
PHICS Members	P5,000.00 (inclusive of PhP 500.00 annual membership dues)	P5,500.00 (inclusive of PhP 500.00 annual membership dues)
Non-PHICS/ Government/ Fellows/ Residents	P5,000.00	P5,500.00

**Note: ALL NET OF TAX AND BANK CHARGES**

Avoid online banking payment since it causes delays in registration confirmation. We suggest over-the-counter payment (thru a bank teller) for fast verification.

You may directly deposit your payment to:

Name of Bank: BPI Cubao  
Account Name: Philippine Hospital Infection Control Society (PHICS), Inc.  
Account Number: 6013-3347-55 (Savings)

1. For payment confirmation, kindly send a copy of the deposit slip with your COMPLETE NAME, DESIGNATION, AND AFFILIATION to [phicsinc@yahoo.com](mailto:phicsinc@yahoo.com).

*Additional reminders:*

For group payment, send also the group names  
For an official receipt, advise PHICS on what name should be reflected on it.

2. Other PHICS banks: PNB, Metrobank, and Security Bank - details upon request.
3. Cancellation Policy: No refund will be issued without a written request. 50% refund until April 30, 2026. No refund thereafter.

For more information, please get in touch with our secretariat thru:

- Ms. Jobelle T. Magpantay
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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear colleagues, partners, and friends,

Welcome to our event focused on "Driving IPC Forward: Creating Local Actions Towards Global Connections".

We are thrilled to have you join us as we explore how our individual and community efforts in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) are critical steps toward a healthier, safer, and more connected world. Your participation highlights the power of local commitment to tackling global health challenges.

Let us work together to translate innovative ideas into impactful, measurable change and strengthen our collective efforts.

*Welcome aboard!*

### VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I welcome you all to the PHICS Annual Convention 2026 – a gathering of infection prevention and control (IPC) professionals, clinicians, policymakers, and advocates united by one purpose: *to safeguard every patient, every healthcare worker, and every community.*

This year's theme, embodies our collective vision of strengthening infection prevention from the ground up. In an era where emerging and re-emerging infections continue to test our systems, it reminds us that every local initiative, every surveillance effort, every hand hygiene campaign, and every strengthened policy contributes to a larger global movement toward safer, more resilient healthcare.

To all our participants, speakers, and partners, we thank you for your unwavering commitment to the IPC mission. May this convention inspire us to continue driving change, fostering excellence, and building stronger connections across borders, all in the name of *safer healthcare for all.*



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**PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES**

**Driving IPC Forward: Creating Local Actions Towards Global Connections**

<b>DAY 1: May 21, 2026</b>				
<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>TOPIC/LEARNING OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>LECTURE HOURS</b>
7:00 – 8:30 AM	Registration			
8:30 -9:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies		PHICS Prayer National Anthem PHICS Hymn	
	Opening Remarks		<b>Pamela Rose A. Matti, MD</b> President	
	Introduction to the Convention, Election and House Rules		<b>Maria Lourdes Bernadeth Manipon-Laxina, RN, MSN, CIC</b> Vice President and Overall Scientific Chair	
9:00 – 10:00 AM	<b>Keynote Address:</b> From Silos to Synergy: Reimagining IPC Through Global Collaboration and Local Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Explore how infection prevention and control (IPC) have evolved from isolated efforts within institutions to a globally interconnected field driven by shared knowledge, innovation, and solidarity.</li> <li>b. To reflect on lessons from past and present global health challenges—such as COVID-19, AMR, and emerging infectious threats—and present a call to action for a more unified and inclusive IPC movement.</li> </ul>	<b>Dr. Melissa T. Sena</b> , Director IV of the DOH-HFDB	1 hr
10:00-10:30 AM	<b>Plenary Session:</b> Global Health Diplomacy and IPC: The Role of International Health Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To explore how global health diplomacy influences infection prevention and control (IPC) policies and practices</li> <li>c. To examine the pivotal role of international health organizations—such as WHO, CDC, and others—in shaping cross-border collaboration, standard-setting, and resource mobilization for strengthened IPC</li> </ul>	<b>Patricia Ching, Tai Yin, RN, CPHQ</b> Principal Nurse in Infection Control of the WHO Collaborating Center School of Public Health, University of Hong Kong	1 hr

**DAY 1: May 21, 2026**

TIME	ACTIVITY	TOPIC/LEARNING OBJECTIVES	SPEAKER	LECTURE HOURS
		implementation worldwide.		
11:00-12:00AM	<b>Meet The Expert:</b> Sustainable IPC Programs in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: Funding, Partnerships, and Innovation	b. To examine effective strategies for building and sustaining infection prevention and control (IPC) programs in low- and middle-income countries by exploring innovative approaches, leveraging strategic partnerships, and identifying funding opportunities that ensure long-term impact and local ownership.	<b>Dr. Melissa T. Sena</b> , Director IV of the DOH-HFDB <b>Dr. Charissa Fay Tabora</b> , RITM <b>Dr. Janice C. Caoili</b> , Makati Medical Center <b>Dr. Arthur Dessi Roman</b> , Research Institute for Tropical Medicine	1 hr
12:00-1:00PM	<b>Luncheon Symposium:</b> Filtered Far-UVC: Safety and Efficacy in Clinical and Healthcare Environment	a. To discuss the mechanism of action of filtered Far-UVC and its role in inactivating pathogens while minimizing risk to patients and healthcare workers.  b. To review current evidence, standards, and regulatory considerations related to the use of filtered Far-UVC in healthcare settings.  c. To explore practical applications, limitations, and implementation considerations of filtered Far-UVC technology as a supplemental infection prevention strategy.	<b>Dr. Regina P. Berba</b> Deputy Director for Health Operations, Philippine General Hospital	1 hr
1:00-2:00PM	<b>BREAKOUT 1:</b> Environmental Hygiene and Air Quality: International Approaches to	a. To present global best practices and standards in maintaining hospital environmental hygiene and air	<b>Dr. Jezreel Lazaro, FPCP, FPSMID</b> , Chair, SLH-IPCC	1 hr

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TIME	ACTIVITY	TOPIC/LEARNING OBJECTIVES	SPEAKER	LECTURE HOURS
	Safer Hospital Environments	quality, including innovations in cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation systems		
	<b>BREAKOUT 2:</b> Global Trends in Antimicrobial Resistance: Regional Perspectives and Responses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To highlight country- and region-specific responses to AMR, including national action plans, antimicrobial stewardship programs, and surveillance efforts.</li> <li>b. To explore the role of global collaboration and data sharing in strengthening early detection, containment, and coordinated action against AMR threats.</li> </ul>	<b>Dr. Ma. Charmian M. Hufano, FPCP, FPSMID</b> Council Member, Philippine Society for Microbiology and Infectious Diseases	1 hr
2:00-3:00PM <b>Focus Session</b>	<b>BREAKOUT 3:</b> Clean, Green and Safe: Integrating IPC in Healthcare Waste Minimization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To explore how infection prevention and control (IPC) principles can be effectively integrated into healthcare waste management practices to minimize waste generation, ensure safe segregation and disposal, and promote environmental sustainability without compromising patient and staff safety.</li> </ul>	<b>Engr. June Philip O. Ruiz,</b> DMO IV from DOH-HFDB	1 hr
	<b>BREAKOUT 4:</b> Seasonal Risks: IPC Strategies for Managing Molds, Humidity, and Climate-Driven Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To describe the relationship between environmental factors—such as humidity, water leaks, and weather changes—and the risk of mold-related infections in healthcare facilities.</li> <li>b. To promote climate-resilient IPC planning by integrating</li> </ul>	<b>Dr. Mitzi Marie Chua</b> Chair, Department of Microbiology and Parasitology Cebu Institute of Medicine	1 hr

**DAY 1: May 21, 2026**

TIME	ACTIVITY	TOPIC/LEARNING OBJECTIVES	SPEAKER	LECTURE HOURS
		environmental monitoring and facility preparedness into IPC programs, especially in settings vulnerable to climate variability and extreme weather events.		
3:00-4:00PM <b>Focus Session</b>	<b>BREAKOUT 5:</b> Level up! Scaling Up Quality Improvement Initiatives in IPC	a. To explore effective strategies for expanding small-scale IPC quality improvement (QI) initiatives into sustainable, organization-wide or system-level programs. b. To encourage a culture of continuous improvement by integrating IPC QI into institutional policies, accreditation standards, and global patient safety goals.	<b>Dr. Bernadette Hogar-Manlapat, PSQUA</b>	1 hr
	<b>BREAKOUT 6:</b> Safe Scopes, Safe Patients: Global Standards and Innovations in Flexible Scope Reprocessing	a. To highlight the critical role of infection prevention and control (IPC) in endoscopy services, focusing on the proper reprocessing of endoscopes, adherence to international guidelines (e.g., WHO, CDC, ESGE, APIC, AAMI), and emerging innovations that enhance safety and efficiency.	<b>Mr. Silverio S. Polestico III, CRCST, CER, De La Salle University Medical Center, Dasmariñas City</b>	1 hr
4:00-5:00PM	<b>RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM</b>	a. To disseminate research findings and promote evidence-based practice through scholarly exchange and interdisciplinary collaboration.	<b>Dr. Inofel Chin</b> Chapter President for the Southern Mindanao Chapter	1 hr

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TIME	ACTIVITY	TOPIC/LEARNING OBJECTIVES	SPEAKER	LECTURE HOURS
	<b>SKILLS WORKSHOP</b> Antibigram 101: Interpreting and Creating Antibigrams for Better Stewardship	a. To explain the purpose, components, and clinical significance of an antibiogram as a tool for guiding empirical therapy and supporting antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) programs.  b. To equip participants with the skills to accurately interpret antibiogram results for various clinical scenarios, integrating local susceptibility patterns into treatment decisions.	<b>Dr. Jemelyn U. Garcia, FPCP, FPSMID</b> Medical Specialist III, Research Institute for Tropical Medicine	1 hr

DAY 2: May 22, 2026				
TIME	ACTIVITY	TOPIC/LEARNING OBJECTIVES	SPEAKER	LECTURE HOURS
7:00 – 8:30 AM	<b>COACHING SESSION 1:</b> Leading Beyond Borders: Coaching and Strategic Influence in Global IPC	a. To empower experienced IPC leaders to serve as effective coaches and strategic influencers. By honing coaching techniques, strengthening cross-cultural collaboration, and integrating sustainability planning, participants will be equipped to guide and empower peers and teams in advancing IPC programs across diverse health systems.	<b>Ms. Maria Lourdes Bernadeth V. Manipon-Laxina, RN,</b> Vice President, PHICS	1 hr 30 mins
	<b>COACHING SESSION 2:</b> Foundations First: Navigating the IPC Journey of a Novice IP	a. To equip early-career IPC practitioners with foundational knowledge, global insights, and mentorship strategies to help them navigate	<b>Mr. Juan Paulo V. Chavez, RN, RM</b> President, PHICNA	1 hr 30 mins

**DAY 2: May 22, 2026**

TIME	ACTIVITY	TOPIC/ LEARNING OBJECTIVES	SPEAKER	LECTURE HOURS
		challenges, build competence, and develop confidence as future IPC leaders.		
8:30 -9:30 AM <b>Focus Session</b>	<b>BREAKOUT 7:</b> Vial to Vein: Global Safety Standards in Injection and Infusion Practices	a. To reinforce infection prevention principles in injection and IV therapy by highlighting safe practices, common pitfalls, and evidence-based guidelines that reduce the risk of bloodstream infections and promote patient and healthcare worker safety.	<b>Minette Claire O. Rosario, MD,</b> Head, Infection Prevention and Control, St. Luke's Medical Center – Quezon City	1 hr
	<b>BREAKOUT 9:</b> Aerosols, Airflow, and Asepsis: Strengthening IPC in Respiratory Interventions	a. To enhance understanding of infection prevention and control (IPC) measures in respiratory care by discussing evidence-based practices, risks associated with AGPs, and internationally aligned strategies to reduce healthcare-associated respiratory infections in both routine and high-risk clinical settings.	<b>Benilda B. Galvez, MD, FPCP, FPCCP, FPSMID</b> PHICS Adviser and Past President	1 hr
9:30 -10:30 AM	<b>BREAKOUT 8:</b> From Checklist to Culture: Sustaining High-Impact Care Bundles	a. To explore the development, implementation, and sustainability of care bundles as a best practice.  b. To discuss compliance monitoring, adaptation of care bundles in various resource settings, and integration into hospital quality frameworks.	<b>Dr. Joseph Adrian L. Buensalido, FPCP, FPSMID</b> IM– Infectious Diseases University of the Philippines – Philippine General Hospital Asian Hospital and Medical Center Makati Medical Center Manila Doctors Hospital	1 hr

**DAY 2: May 22, 2026**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>TOPIC/ LEARNING OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>LECTURE HOURS</b>
	<b>BREAKOUT 10:</b> Making Each Data Count: Harmonizing IPC Surveillance Across Borders	a. Presentation of different HAI definitions available. b. To emphasize the need for shared definitions, metrics, and reporting tools in HAI surveillance.	<b>Dr. Anna Flor Gaboy- Malundo, FPCP, FPSMID,</b> Head, PGH-HICU	1 hr
10:30 -12:00 PM	Business Meeting	Annual Business Meeting for PHICS Members	<b>PHICS National Board of Officers PHICS Chapter Presidents</b>	1 hr 30 mins
	OATH TAKING	Oath taking of New National Board of Officers	<b>NOMELEC</b>	
12:00-1:00PM	<b>Luncheon Symposium:</b> The First Line of Defense: Advanced Antisepsis and Environmental Control	a. Explain the role of advanced antisepsis and environmental control as critical components of the first line of defense in preventing healthcare- associated infections (HAIs) b. Analyze common gaps in antisepsis and environmental hygiene practices within healthcare facilities and propose practical, system- based solutions to address them	<b>Dr. Patrick Gerard L. Moral</b> Associate Professor and Chair: Department of Bioethics at the University of Santo Tomas (UST) Faculty of Medicine and Surgery	1 hr
1:00-1:45 PM	PHICS KNOCKOUTS	a. To strengthen the knowledge, critical thinking, and application of infection prevention and control principles among participants through an interactive, competitive platform that reinforces evidence-based practices, teamwork, and rapid decision- making in real-world IPC scenarios	<b>Dr. Arthur Dessi Roman</b> PHICS Adviser	45 mins
1:45-2:45 PM	<b>Closing Plenary:</b> From Crisis to Continuity:	a. To inspire and equip healthcare leaders and IPC professionals to transform lessons	<b>Dr. Khingberly Li, Secretary,</b> PHICS	1 hr

**DAY 2: May 22, 2026**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>TOPIC/ LEARNING OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>LECTURE HOURS</b>
	Reimagining IPC in an Age of Emerging Threats	learned from global health crises into sustainable, system-wide infection prevention strategies. The session aims to highlight how innovation, resilience, and cross-sector collaboration can bridge the gap between emergency response and long-term continuity of safe healthcare in the face of emerging and re-emerging infectious threats.		
2:45-3:30 PM	CLOSING REMARKS	Recognition of Industry Partners Closing Remarks	<b>Maria Lourdes Bernadeth Manipon-Laxina, RN, MSN, CIC</b> , Vice President and Overall Scientific Chair	