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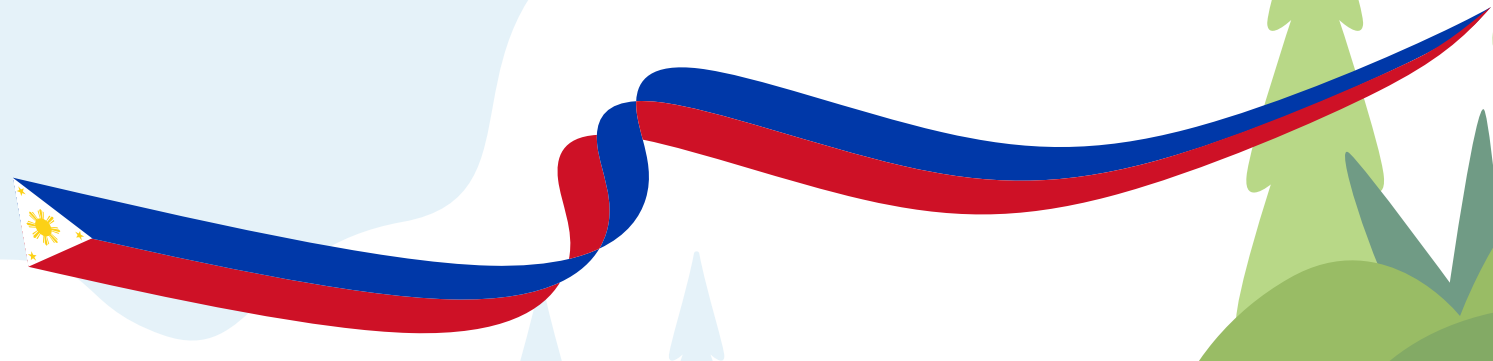
DRIVING IPC FORWARD: CREATING LOCAL ACTIONS TOWARDS GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

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

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

DAY 1: May 21	7:00AM	REGISTRATION		
	8:30AM	OPENING CEREMONIES		
	9:00AM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Melisa T. Sena, MD, MPH, DDM Director IV, DOH - HFDB		
	9:45AM	OPENING PLENARY Global Health Diplomacy and IPC: The Role of International Health Organizations Patricia Ching, Tai Yin, RN, CPHQ Principal Nurse in Infection Control of the WHO Collaborating Center School of Public Health, University of Hong Kong		
	10:30AM	OPENING OF BOOTH EXHIBITS		
	11:00AM	MEET THE EXPERTS Sustainable IPC Programs in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: Funding, Partnerships, and Innovation Dr. Melissa T. Sena, Director IV, DOH-HFDB Patricia Ching, Tai Yin, RN, CPHQ, Principal Nurse in Infection Control of the WHO Collaborating Center School of Public Health, University of Hong Kong Dr. Charissa Fay Tabora, RITM Dr. Janice C. Caoli, MD, Makati Medical Center		
	11:45AM	LUNCHEON SYMPOSIUM Filtered Far-UVC: Safety and Efficacy in Clinical and Healthcare Environment Dr. Regina P. Berba Deputy Director for Health Operations, Philippine General Hospital <i>Sponsored CME by MEDISAFE PHILS, Inc.</i>		
	12:45PM	BREAKOUT 1 Environmental Hygiene and Air Quality: International Approaches to Safer Hospital Environments Dr. Jezreel Lazaro, FPCP, FPSMID, Chair, SLH-IPCC	BREAKOUT 2 Global Trends in Antimicrobial Resistance: Regional Perspectives and Responses Dr. Ma. Charmian M. Hufano, FPCP, FPSMID	WITH SIMULTANEOUS SPONSOR CME SESSIONS AT SAPPHIRE B
	1:30PM	BREAKOUT 3 Aerosols, Airflow, and Asepsis: Strengthening IPC in Respiratory Interventions Benilda B. Galvez, MD, FPCP, FCCCP, FPSMID	BREAKOUT 4 Seasonal Risks: IPC Strategies for Managing Molds, Humidity, and Climate-Driven Risks Dr. Mitzi Marie Chua Chair, Department of Microbiology and Parasitology Cebu Institute of Medicine	
	2:15PM	BREAKOUT 5 Level up! Scaling Up Quality Improvement Initiatives in IPC Dr. Bernadette Hogar- Manlapat of PSQUA	BREAKOUT 6 Safe Scopes, Safe Patients: Global Standards and Innovations in Flexible Scope Reprocessing Mr. Silverio S. Polestico III, CRCST, CER De La Salle University Medical Center, Dasmariñas City	
3:15PM	RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM	SKILLS WORKSHOP Antibigram 101: Interpreting and Creating Antibigrams for Better Stewardship Dr. Jemelyn U. Garcia, FPCP, FPSMID		
6:00PM	CHAPTER FELLOWSHIP AND SPONSORS NIGHT			
9:00PM	END OF DAY 1			

DAY 2: May 22	7:00AM	Coaching Session 1 Leading Beyond Borders: Coaching and Strategic Influence in Global IPC Maria Lourdes Bernadeth V. Manipon-Laxina, RN <i>Limited to only pre-registered PHICS Members</i>	COACHING SESSION 2 Foundations First: Navigating the IPC Journey of a Novice IP Juan Paulo V. Chavez, RN, RM <i>Limited to only pre-registered PHICS Members</i>
	8:30AM	BREAKOUT 7 Vial to Vein: Global Safety Standards in Injection and Infusion Practices Dr. Minette Claire O. Rosario Chair Infection Control Unit St. Luke's Medical Center - Quezon City	BREAKOUT 8 Clean, Green and Safe: Integrating IPC in Healthcare Waste Minimization Engr. June Philip O. Ruiz DMO IV from DOH-HFDB
	9:15AM	BREAKOUT 9 From Checklist to Culture: Sustaining High-Impact Care Bundles Dr. Joseph Adrian L. Buensalido, FPCP, FPSMID	BREAKOUT 10 Making Each Data Count: Harmonizing IPC Surveillance Across Borders Dr. Anna Flor Gaboy-Malundo, FPCP, FPSMID Head, PGH-HICU
	10:00AM	ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING <i>Open to all PHICS Members</i>	
	11:30AM	MEMBERSHIP AND AWARDS	
	12:00PM	LUNCHEON SYMPOSIUM The First Line of Defense: Advanced Antisepsis and Environmental Control Dr. Patrick Gerard L. Moral Associate Professor and Chair: Department of Bioethics at the University of Santo Tomas (UST) Faculty of Medicine and Surgery <i>Sponsored CME by DETOXICARE PHILS, Inc.</i>	
	1:00PM	PHICS KNOCKOUTS <i>Open to all PHICS Participants (Members and Non-Members)</i>	
	1:30PM	AFTERNOON SYMPOSIUM Standardizing Practice: Innovations in Surface and Device Disinfection Ms. Victoria D. Villanueva, RN PHICS Board of Adviser <i>Sponsored CME by CHEMVALLEY RESOURCES, Inc.</i>	
	2:00PM	CLOSING PLENARY From Crisis to Continuity: Reimagining IPC in an Age of Emerging Threats Dr. Yu Lee Park Coordinator, Health Systems Strengthening Team, WHO	
	3:00PM	CLOSING CEREMONIES	
3:30PM	END OF DAY 2		



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Nursing: 14.50 units, Medicine: 12 units, Medical Technologists: 15 units, Pharmacists: 10.50 units, and Dental Medicine: 8 units