



Philippine Society of  
Climacteric Medicine

# NEWSLETTER

2024

**Coming Full Circle  
in the Management of  
the Menopausal Woman**

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Maria Jesusa Banal-Silao, MD

It is my pleasure to welcome you all, dear colleagues and friends, to the 2024 Annual Convention and 31st Anniversary Celebration, with the theme "Coming Full Circle in the Management of the Menopausal Woman". The organizing committee has prepared a comprehensive two-day academic course that discusses the theme in relation to topics on premature ovarian insufficiency, sexual health, cardiovascular disease, metabolic syndrome, skin, skeletal and brain health,



and cancer in the menopause. Our convention will also have its first Dr. Julita Jalbuena memorial keynote lecture on menopausal hormone therapy, in honor of our Founding President Dr. Jalbuena. We are privileged to have world-renowned speakers from the International Menopause Society, as well as some of the top local experts to discuss updates on the topics at hand.

The first day of our convention will end with a fellowship night, a time to relax and enjoy the company of our co-members with good food and great entertainment. We will also have the induction of new members during the fellowship night. On the second day of the convention, we will have the election of board of directors for 2025-2026. The newly elected officers of the Society will be announced in the business meeting.

The Society is dedicated to improving the knowledge and practice of clinicians by providing a venue for multidisciplinary learning through our annual convention. I am grateful to the members of the organizing committee and the secretariat for your hard work, to our industry partners for their generous and untiring support of our society's advocacies, and to the regional directors, our members and all attendees for your participation. Together, we will continue to pursue higher education and promote healthy aging.

# *VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

## Agnes Soriano-Estrella, MD

Greetings!

Welcome to the annual convention of the Philippine Society of Climacteric Medicine entitled "Coming Full Circle in the Management of Menopause". For the next two days, we shall deepen our understanding of menopause, the various conditions associated with it and the proper approach to prevent and/or manage these conditions.



Menopause is marked by a profound transition that impacts the physical health, emotional well-being, and social dynamics of an individual. Its management has evolved significantly, guided by research, scientific advancements and a growing recognition of individualized care. Today we celebrate how far we have come in tailoring treatments that address not only the physical symptoms, but also the psychological and social aspects of menopause. This holistic approach ensures that individuals experiencing menopause receive comprehensive support, empowering them to navigate this transition with dignity and resilience. Your presence in our convention is a testament of your commitment to advancing knowledge, promoting wellness, and fostering compassionate care to our menopausal women.

Let me take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our speakers and moderators for giving their time and sharing their knowledge with all of us. I would like to acknowledge the all the members of my organizing committee who have worked hard to ensure a seamless convention. I would like to extend my deep gratitude to the officers and members of PSCM for their continued cooperation and support. I would also like to thank all of our generous sponsors for their continued patronage to make this convention a success.

Thank you for joining us on this transformative journey. May our discussions inspire new insights, forge meaningful connections, and pave the way for a future where every menopausal patient is provided the best quality of care.

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# PSCM Annual Convention

ANNUAL CONVENTION & 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

## Coming Full Circle in the Management of the Menopausal Woman

September 2 - 3, 2024

EDSA Shangri-La Hotel

11 PRC CPD UNITS

The Philippine Society of Climacteric Medicine Annual Convention and 31st Anniversary Celebration will be held on September 2-3, 2024 at the EDSA Shangri-La Hotel, with the theme "Coming Full Circle in the Management of Menopausal Women". We will feature two renowned international experts:

Prof. Nick Panay President of the International Menopause Society, from the United Kingdom; and Prof. Rossella E. Nappi President-Elect of the International Menopause Society, from Italy.

Their sessions will provide a global perspective on the latest advancements and best practices in climacteric medicine.

### INTERNATIONAL FACULTY



**PROF. NICK PANAY**  
President, International Menopause Society  
United Kingdom



**PROF. ROSELLA E. NAPPI**  
President Elect, International Menopause Society  
Italy

### SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

DAY 1 September 2, 2024 (Monday)		
07:00 AM	Registration	
7:30 AM	Opening Ceremonies Opening Remarks Course Overview Opening of Exhibits	Dr. Mariel S. Baral-Silao Dr. Maria Jessa B. Baral-Silao Prof. Eileen M. Marañal Dr. Jericho Thaddeus P. Lana
		Master of Ceremonies President, PSCM Chair, Scientific Program Committee Chair, Ways and Means Committee
	<b>Session 1: Choosing the right MHT for the right patient</b> Chair: Dr. Eka O. Tu	
08:00 AM	Coming full circle: Historical review of the MHT saga	Dr. Ma. Corazon Zaida M. Gamilla
08:20 AM	The 1st Dr. <b>Julita Jalbuena Memorial Lecture</b> - MHT: Who, when, what, and why?	Dr. Maria Jessa B. Baral-Silao
08:50 AM	DMT-sponsored symposium: Concerns and challenges in COC use	Dr. Jericho Thaddeus P. Lana
	<b>Session 2: Premature Ovarian Insufficiency (POI)</b> Chair: Dr. Liza Ruth C. Chua	
09:05 AM	Overview of POI: Current updates	Prof. Nick Panay
09:25 AM	Tailored approach to managing POI	Prof. Eileen M. Marañal
09:45 AM	Infertility in POI: What to do?	Dr. Anna Bolen C. Ispasua
10:05 AM	Open forum	
	<b>Session 3: Sexual health in the menopause</b> Chair: Dr. Ma. Virginia S. Abalos	
10:20 AM	Beyond the itch and pain: Managing urinary leaks and uterine prolapse	Prof. Rossella E. Nappi
10:40 AM	Female sexual dysfunction: The secret pandemic	Dr. Lisa T. Procdigalad-Jabon
11:00 AM	Androgens in the menopause: Are they necessary?	Prof. Nick Panay
11:20 AM	Panel discussion	Prof. Rossella E. Nappi Dr. Lisa T. Procdigalad-Jabon
11:50 AM	BioInvent-sponsored symposium: Key insights for maintaining health and vitality	Dr. Ma. Virginia S. Abalos
12:30 PM	277 Argen-sponsored symposium: Long-term benefits and considerations for optimal bone health in osteoporosis	Dr. Prudence V. Aquino-Aguino
12:50 PM	Break visit	
	<b>Session 4: MHT and Cardiovascular Disease</b> Chair: Dr. Lourdes B. Lopez	
01:00 PM	CVS: The gender difference	Dr. Joanna Teresa Margarita L. Manalo
01:20 PM	Controversies with statins in the menopause	Dr. Mia C. Rojas
01:40 PM	Can MHT prevent CVD?	Dr. Dehly P. Sengco
02:00 PM	Open forum	
	<b>Session 5: MHT and Metabolic Syndrome</b> Chair: Dr. Joan T. Tan-Castro	
02:15 PM	Obesity conundrum: Why is it hard to lose weight after the menopause?	Dr. Gréta G. Martínez
02:35 PM	Menopause and metabolic syndrome: The link	Dr. Mercedes A. Nisodemus, Jr.
02:55 PM	Role of GLP1 agonist and MHT in the menopause	Dr. Roberto C. Miralot
03:15 PM	Open forum	
03:30 PM	Novel Menofal-sponsored symposium: The burden of obesity in women	Dr. Maria Jessa B. Baral-Silao
DAY 1 September 2, 2024 (Monday) continued		
	<b>Session 6: Self-care - From Aesthetics to Economics</b> Chair: Dr. Evelyn P. Palopayan	
03:45 PM	Caring for the aging skin and hair	Dr. Eileen Lied A. Caballan
04:05 PM	Plastic surgery: When, what, why and how?	Dr. Jose Joen V. Cruz
04:25 PM	Building the legacy and planning for the next generation	Mr. Melvin J. Eaban
05:05 PM	Open forum	
06:00 PM	Fellowship Night	
DAY 2 September 3, 2024 (Tuesday)		
08:00 AM	Registration	
	<b>Session 7: Bone and Joints</b> Chair: Dr. Gregorio Marcelo S. Reyes	
08:30 AM	Joint pains during menopause: Causes and management	Dr. Eric Jason B. Amante
08:50 AM	Osteoporosis: Updates on management	Dr. Julie Li-Fu
09:10 AM	Managing sexual dysfunction in the cancer patient	Prof. Rossella E. Nappi
09:30 AM	Open forum	
09:45 AM	Byers-sponsored symposium: Deconstructed: Peri-line and long-term management for endometriosis	Dr. Maria Jessa B. Baral-Silao
	<b>Session 8: Brain Health</b> Chair: Dr. Carmen B. Quereño	
10:00 AM	"The memory lapses: Is it brain fog or dementia?"	Dr. Darin D. Diego
10:20 AM	Dementia and the MHT controversy	Dr. Maria Antonia C. Habana
10:40 AM	Cardiogen-sponsored symposium: Folic acid use in the climacteric	Dr. Jericho Thaddeus P. Lana
10:55 AM	Androgens in the management of sleep apnea in the menopause	Dr. Cristina Zeller P. Tan
11:15 AM	"Husk and lentil: Where are we now?"	Dr. Lilia P. Lucas
11:35 AM	Open forum	
11:50 AM	Naturewell-sponsored symposium: Collagen and calcium for the aging woman	Dr. Jean E. Taki-Garcia
12:30 PM	Actalis-sponsored symposium: Novel pathophysiology and treatments of VMS associated with menopause	Dr. Agnes L. Soriano-Estrella
12:50 PM	Break visit	
01:00 PM	Business Meeting	
	<b>Session 9: MHT and Cancer</b> Chair: Dr. Mercedes S. Reyes	
02:00 PM	Updates on cancer risk management	Dr. Shelley Ann I. Zola Vega
02:20 PM	Gynecologic cancers and MHT	Dr. Rose Joy C. Dandel Vallega
02:40 PM	DMSC-sponsored symposium: Menopausal health: Rethinking early and intermediate symptoms	Dr. Jericho Thaddeus P. Lana
02:55 PM	Breast cancer and MHT: Quo vadis?	Dr. Prudence V. Aquino-Aguino
03:15 PM	CAMS for the menopausal cancer management	Dr. Prudence V. Aquino-Aguino
03:35 PM	277 Pharma-sponsored symposium: Bone strong: Bisphosphonates for the postmenopausal woman	Dr. Prudence V. Aquino-Aguino
03:50 PM	Panel discussion	Dr. Jericho Thaddeus P. Lana Dr. Rose Joy C. Dandel Vallega
04:25 PM	Closing remarks	Dr. Agnes L. Soriano-Estrella Vice President, PSCM

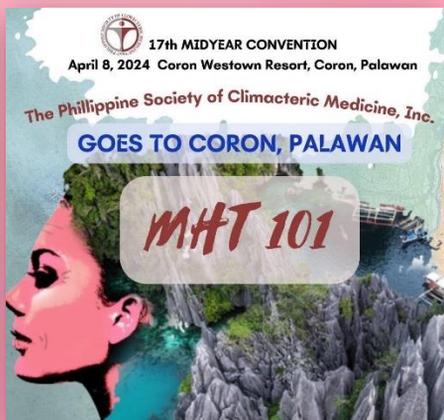
# PSCM Annual Convention Organizing Committee

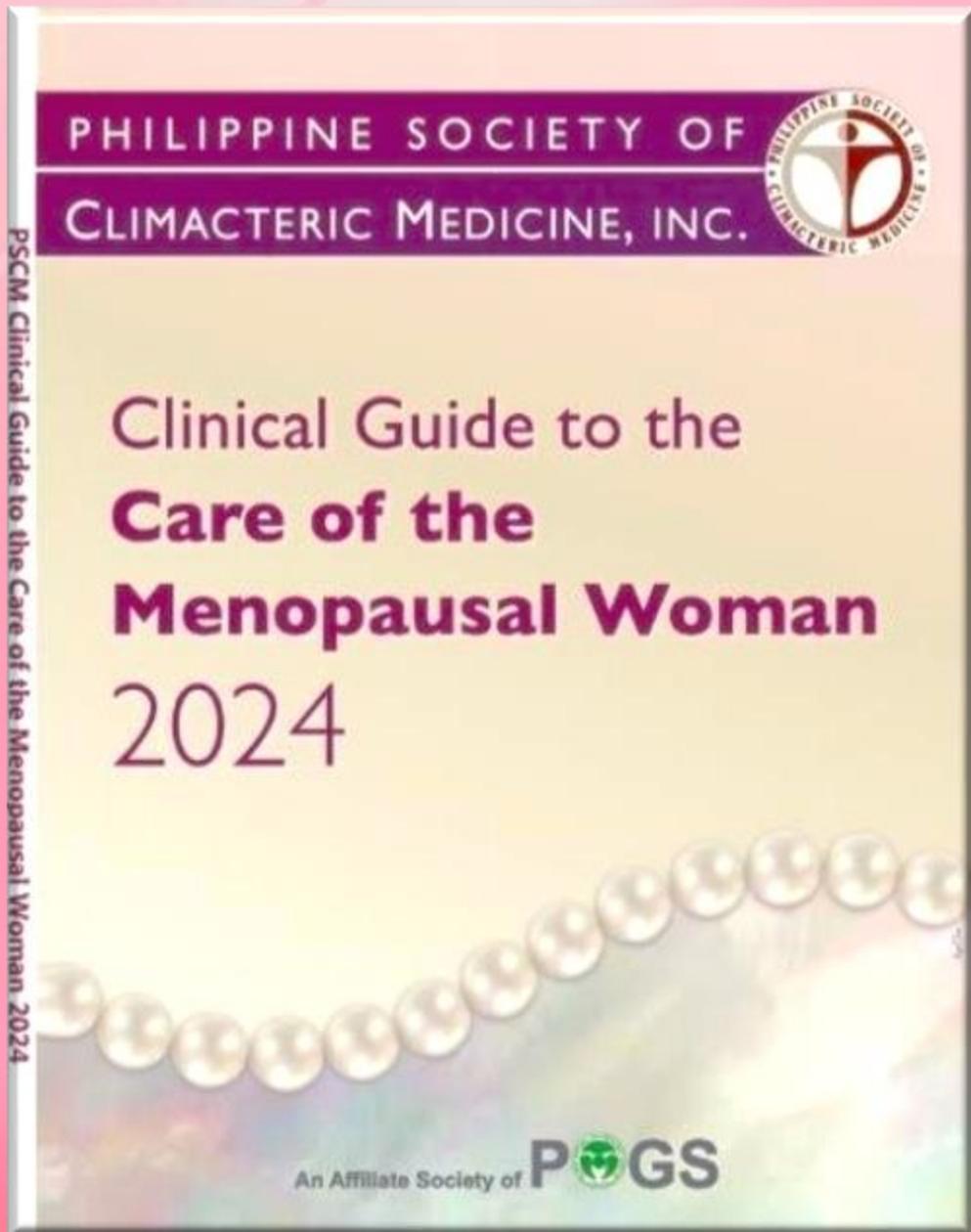


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# PSCM Midyear Convention

The Philippine Society of Climacteric Medicine had a successful midyear convention entitled “MHT 101” in Palawan last April 8, 2024 at the Coron Westown Resort. There were multidisciplinary lectures and in-depth discussion on the use of hormone therapy in the menopause (MHT).





- The **2024 Clinical Guide to the Care of the Menopausal Woman**, with lead editor Dr. Delfin Tan, is being distributed for free (one complimentary copy) to all active PSCM members who have settled all dues.

# World Menopause Day 2024

The World Menopause Day is celebrated globally every year, on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October. The Philippine Society of Climacteric Medicine World Menopause month main celebration will be held on October 13, 2024 in Davao City with this year's theme - "MARI-TES" TA SA MENOPAUSE ("MAG-MARI-TES" TAYO SA MENOPAUSE/'LET'S TALK ABOUT MENOPAUSE'). The event is spearheaded by Region XI with Regional Director Dr. Joyce Custodio. There will be lectures on genitourinary syndrome of menopause, menopausal hormone therapy and nutrition.



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Region XI

## World Menopause Day Celebration "Mari-TES Ta Sa Menopos"

**OCTOBER 13, 2024**

6:00 am to 12:00 noon

Davao Medical School Foundation, Inc.  
3rd floor, Amphitheater



REGISTRATION IS FREE!  
Pls. Scan the code  
to register

FOR PERIMENOPAUSAL AND MENOPAUSAL PARTICIPANTS  
(40 years old and above)



For inquiries, please contact: 0970-673-9541 (Ms. Nova)

# Lay Fora on Healthy Aging

Philippine Society of Climacteric Medicine in Collaboration with the Rotary Club of Greater Marikina Valley

Rotary Club of Greater Marikina Valley

**A LAY FORUM ON  
HEALTHY AGING  
2024**

The **Decade of Healthy Aging** as declared by the United Nations in 2020 is the main strategy to build a society for all ages.

**TOPICS**

**STAYING HEALTHY:  
THE ROLE OF DIET &  
EXERCISE**

**FAST TALK ON MENOPAUSE**

**BEING HEALTHY  
MONITORING ONES HEALTH**

**17 AUGUST  
2024** | **8:00-11:00 AM**

Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center Auditorium

**dkt**

The Committee on Lay Fora on Healthy Aging led by Dr. Debbie P. Songco held a successful lay forum in cooperation with the Rotary Club of Greater Marikina Valley last August 17, 2024 at the Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center Auditorium. Lay lectures were on facts about menopause, the role of diet and exercise and monitoring one's health by Dr. Debbie Songco, Dr. Anna Belen Alensuela and Dr. Stephanie Supan, respectively.



# PSCM Webinars

The Committee on Continuing Medical Education (CME) headed by Dr. Maria Virginia S. Abalos is continuing its webinar series – Menotalk Wednesdays. We have had lectures on different concerns in the menopause like environmental toxins, benign gynecologic conditions, power dressing and make-up, obesity, MHT and preventive care. These webinars have been well-attended by up to 500 participants.

**THE PHILIPPINE SOCIETY OF CLIMACTERIC MEDICINE**

**MEN talk Wednesdays**

February 7, 2024  
4:00-6:00 PM via  

**ENVIRONMENTAL TOXINS AND THE MENOPAUSE**

**DITAS DECENA, MD, MPH, FPOGS**  
Speaker

**MA. LOURDES P. CHAN, MD**  
Moderator

**MARIA CARMEN QUEVEDO, MD**  
Speaker

Oral Contraceptive Use in the Perimenopause

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**THE PHILIPPINE SOCIETY OF CLIMACTERIC MEDICINE**

**MEN talk Wednesdays**

March 6, 2024  
5:00-7:00 PM via  

**MANAGEMENT OF BENIGN GYNECOLOGIC CONDITIONS IN THE MENOPAUSE**

**MARIA ANTONIA E. HABANA, MD**  
Speaker  
\*Approach to asymptomatic endometrial polyps, asymptomatic women with thick endometrium, and bleeding women with a thin endometrium\*

**ZORAIDA U. GUEVARA, MD**  
Speaker  
\*Approach to the benign adnexal mass in the menopause\*

**JERICO THADDEUS P. LUNA, MD**  
Speaker  
\*Combined Transcatheter Arterial and Medical: Acid in the Management of Abnormal Uterine Bleeding\*

**MELISSA F. DIANWATAN, MD**  
Moderator  
PSCM Regional Director, Region 11

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**THE PHILIPPINE SOCIETY OF CLIMACTERIC MEDICINE**

**MEN talk Wednesdays**

MAY 8, 2024  
5:00-7:00PM VIA  

**Color me Fabulous!**  
(Power Dressing and Make-up)

**Ms. KRISTINE CABALLERO-APAL**  
2022 MISS UNIVERSE PHILIPPINES  
GUEST SPEAKER

**MARIBELLA AGNES G. ABAT, MD**  
Webinar Host

**ANNA BEFER RANUDO ALESCUELA, MD**  
Moderator

"CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR OSTEOPOROSIS 2023"  
JETHER BOQUE, MD  
Medical Affairs Manager - PFI Amgen

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**THE PHILIPPINE SOCIETY OF CLIMACTERIC MEDICINE**

**MEN talk Wednesdays**

JUNE 19, 2024  
5:00-7:00PM VIA  

**"Management of Obesity in the Menopause: Lifestyle Modification, Medication and Bariatric Surgery"**

**MIA C. FOJAS, MD**  
Endocrinologist  
Guest Speaker

**ROSE JOY DAVID-VALLEGA, MD**  
Moderator

**ANNE L. SORIANO-ESTRELLA, MD**  
Speaker  
\*Innovation in the Standard of Folate Supplementation\*

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**MEN talk Wednesdays**

JULY 3, 2024  
5:00-7:00PM VIA ZOOM 

**MENOPAUSE HORMONE THERAPY (MHT) IN SPECIAL POPULATIONS**

**MELISSA DIANWATAN, MD**  
Speaker  
PSCM Regional Director - Region II

**MIA ESPEROSA MARGARETA YAP-GARCIA, MD**  
Moderator

**JOANNE KAREN S. AGUIRRE, MD**  
Specialist Speaker

**ANITA FLOR DE CASTRO YBARRA, MD**  
Moderator

"Menopause Hormone Therapy (MHT) After 60"  
"Passing Too Soon: The Clinical Challenge of Surgical Menopause"

**CHALLENGING THE MYTHS OF OVERACTIVE BLADDER (OAB) SYNDROME IN WOMEN**

Sponsored by: **Astellas**

**THE PHILIPPINE SOCIETY OF CLIMACTERIC MEDICINE**

**MEN talk Wednesdays**

AUG 14, 2024  
5:00-7:00PM VIA ZOOM 

**WELL-WOMAN CARE: PROMOTIVE, PREVENTIVE AND TRANSFORMATIVE**

**SUSAN P. NAGTALON, MD**  
GUEST SPEAKER

**MARIA VIRGINIA S. ABALOS, MD**  
GUEST SPEAKER

**LISA TERESA PRODIGALIDAD-JARSON, MD**  
SPONSORED SPEAKER  
Real-world Experience in Managing Female LUTS: A Clinical Case Perspective

**ANGELA S. AGUILAR, MD**  
Moderator

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# Setting Up a Menopause Clinic



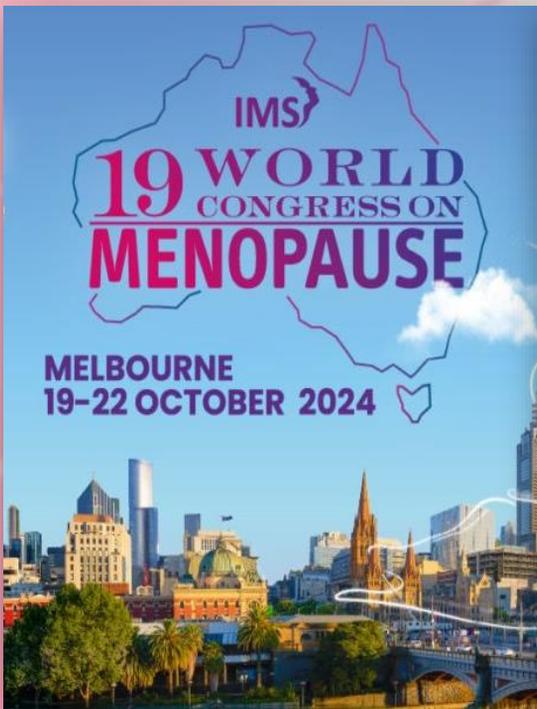
Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital

The PSCM continues to focus on the care of the menopausal woman by assisting hospitals in setting up their menopause clinics.

We visited the Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital in the NCR last May 6, 2024 and the Perpetual Help Medical Center in Laguna Region IV last Aug 19, 2024.



Perpetual Help Medical Center Biñan



The Philippine Society of Climacteric Medicine is an affiliate member of the International Menopause Society (IMS) and the Council of Affiliated Menopause Societies (CAMS). IMS will be holding the world congress on October 19-22, 2024 in Melbourne Australia. The PSCM will have a session on “Enhancing Menopause Awareness, Management and Training Among Clinicians” in the congress.

### INTERNATIONAL MENOPAUSE SOCIETY CONGRESS 2024

PROPOSED SYMPOSIUM OF THE PHILIPPINE SOCIETY OF CLIMACTERIC MEDICINE  
 Theme: *“Enhancing Menopause Awareness, Management and Training among clinicians”*

*Lecture Topics and Speakers:*

Lecture Title	Speaker
Clinical profile of Menopausal Women and attitudes towards hormone therapy in the Philippines	Maria Jesusa B. Banal-Sillao, MD, MSc President, PSCM Past President, Philippine Society for Reproductive Medicine (PSRM)
Improving Care: Supporting Menopause clinics across the country	Maria Antonia Esteban-Habana, MD, MSc Board Member, PSCM Past President, PSRM
Coming Full Circle with Menopause Hormone Therapy	Eileen M. Manalo, MD, MSc Past President, PSCM Past President, PSRM

## PSCM Members' Database



UPDATE NOW!

The PSCM Credentials and Membership Committee is currently updating the PSCM members’ database. In line with this, the committee is soliciting everyone’s assistance and strongly encourages each member to kindly fill out the Google form: <https://forms.gle/r7qJKkHduMzng6FN6> We shall ensure that all information collected are secured and protected in our database, under the Data Privacy Act. The Membership Committee and the PSCM Secretariat are looking forward to the cooperation of all members.