



CHAMPIONING QUALITY EDUCATION AT UP MANILA



PUBLIC EVENTS FOR LIFELONG LEARNING EVENTS

The University of the Philippines Manila is committed to lifelong learning of stakeholders in the health and allied sciences, consistent with its mission as the national Health Sciences Center. Leveraging the availability of communications technology has allowed UP Manila to offer publicly accessible continuing education activities at no cost to attendees.



To respond to the flourishing of research, including those involving animals, the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee organized a seminar for university stakeholders on the respectful treatment of animals not only in the laboratory setting, but in the university's environment as well.

Meanwhile, as the country also advances the integration of technology in managing health information, learning how other countries approached and achieved interoperability of these different information systems becomes imperative. This became the central point of discussion in a webinar organized by the UP Surgical Innovation and Biotechnology Laboratory, with sharing from students of the National Taipei University.



ANIMALS IN THE UNIVERSITY: PARTNERS IN RESEARCH, PARTNERS IN HEALTH

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) conducted a half-day webinar on September 10, 2022 to showcase the different ways in which our animal friends are engaged in a university setting. These include: 1. Biomedical research, its ethical and welfare bases, IACUC review procedures; 2. Operasyon CATpon project to improve their conditions and relationships within UP Manila; and 3. Animal-assisted therapy for the well-being of students, personnel, and faculty.



Session One, titled “Animals in the University: Partners in Research,” featured an IACUC orientation led by Dr. Rohani Cena-Navarro, the current Chair of IACUC and Operasyon CATpon ng UP Manila -A Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Release (TNV) Program. In Session Two, “Animals in the University: Partners in Health,” Dr. Camille Asuncion, Co-Founder of Communitails, discussed “The Role of Pets in Mental Health,” while Dr. Ma. Catalina De Luna, an Assistant Professor of UP Los Baños-College of Veterinary Medicine (UPLB-CMV), lectured on the UPLB BARKada at CATropa -an animal-assisted intervention (AAI) program for mental health. The webinar, held via Zoom, was free and open to the public.





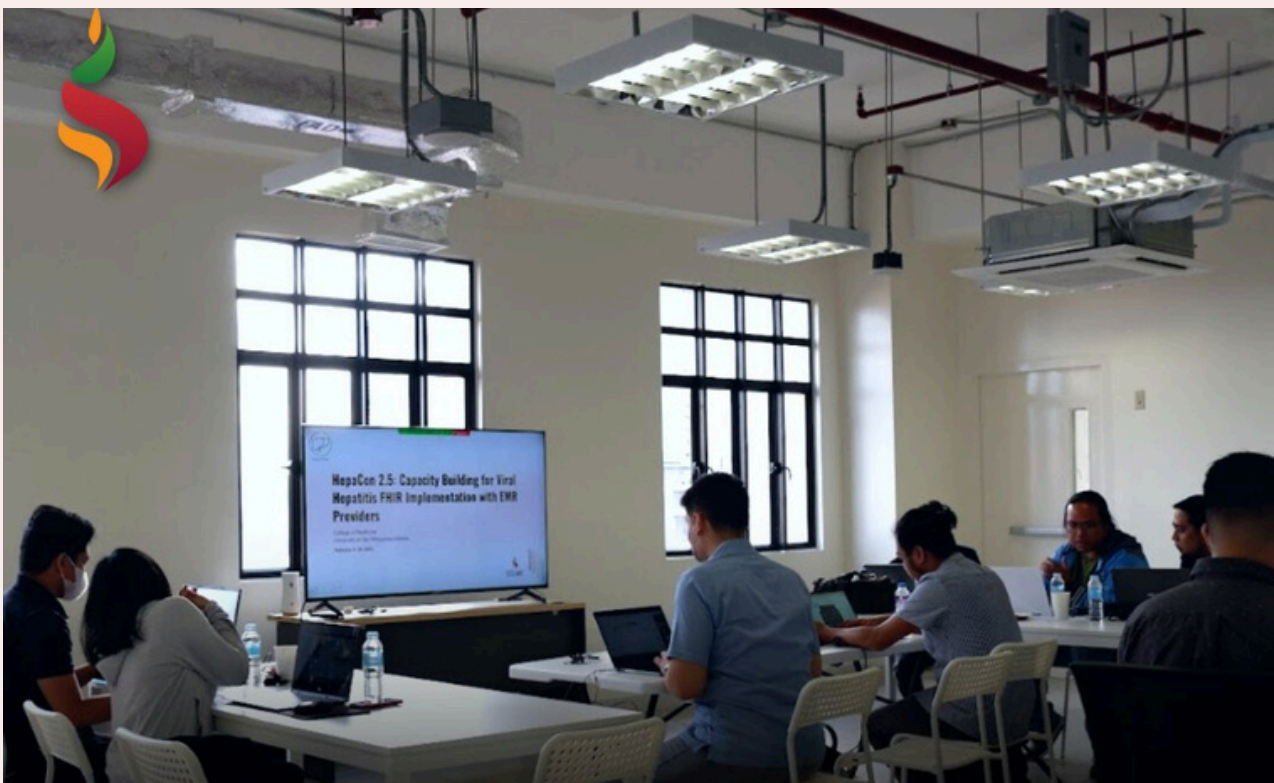
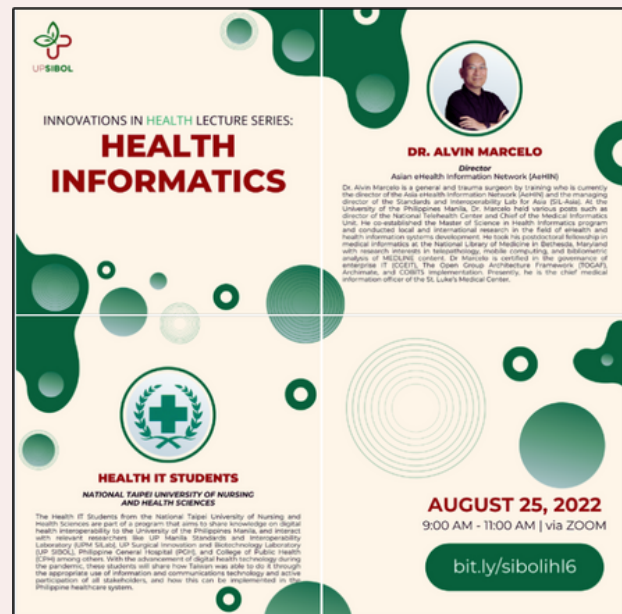
INNOVATIONS IN HEALTH LECTURE SERIES: HEALTH INFORMATICS

The sixth installment of UP Sibol's Innovations in Health Lecture Series, IHL6: Health Informatics, was held virtually via Zoom on August 25, 2022. This free, public event aims to introduce Health Informatics and its increasing importance in the Philippine healthcare system. The featured speaker, Dr. Alvin Marcelo, is a general and trauma surgeon with extensive experience in medical informatics. He is currently the Director of the Asian eHealth Information Network (AeHIN) and the Managing Director of the Standards and Interoperability Lab for Asia (SIL-Asia).



Part of the program are the Health IT Students from the National Taipei University of Nursing and Health Sciences who shared knowledge on digital health interoperability with the University of the Philippines Manila and interacted with relevant researchers in the UP Manila Standards and Interoperability Laboratory (UPM SILab), UP Surgical Innovation and Biotechnology Laboratory (UP SIBOL), Philippine General Hospital (PGH), and College of Public Health (CPH) among others.

These students, with the advancement of digital health technology during the pandemic, shared how Taiwan was able to do it through the appropriate use of information and communications technology and active participation of all stakeholders, and how this can be implemented in the Philippine healthcare system.





EDUCATION OUTREACH ACTIVITIES BEYOND CAMPUS

Participation of the College of Dentistry Students in the University of the Philippines Community Health and Development Program at the Municipalities of Magallanes, Naic, Maragondon, and Ternate (MagNaMarTe), Province of Cavite

The sixth-year students of the College of Dentistry, University of the Philippines Manila have community rotations as part of the requirements in Dentistry 166 Community Field Practice II. The class is divided into groups which are assigned community partners involved in the University of the Philippines Community Health and Development Program.





From 2021 to 2026, the community partners are from MagNaMarTe, Province of Cavite. The dental interns undergo practical experience in oral health promotion through planning, organizing and implementing, and evaluating oral health care with specific groups in the community setting.



For the Academic Year 2022-2023, the class was divided into four (4) groups that were assigned to each municipality. As a result of the situational and needs analysis, the Daycare, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 pupils were identified as the population in need of oral health interventions.

The initiated activities included Oral Health Education (OHE) for the pupils through storytelling and short lectures or forums on proper oral health care and nutrition for their caregivers. The other activities were handwashing and toothbrushing demonstrations and drills on oral screening. Preventive and curative dental services, such as Topical Fluoride Application (TFA) and Atraumatic Restorative Treatment (ART), were likewise performed.

