

A Legacy of Progress and the Vision for Survival

Reflecting on Five Years of Transformation

As I step down as Editor-in-Chief, I'm filled with gratitude for the privilege of leading Scientific Proceedings. Five years of growth have shaped not just a journal, but a community. We began with the Book of Abstracts revival in 2021 and have completed a meaningful digital transformation, culminating in our Open Journal System rollout in 2025.

We broadened our scope to include Medical and Surgical Research alongside Nursing Research, recognizing that holistic lung care demands a multidisciplinary effort. We also invested in people—strengthening our editorial team and expanding our pool of peer reviewers to uphold rigorous science.



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A Milestone Issue: The Lung Cancer Monograph

This issue is a landmark in our history. It represents years of careful data collection and analysis, culminating in the Lung Cancer Monograph (2009–2017). The Lung Center of the Philippines (LCP) stands as the nation's largest repository and major contributor of lung cancer cases, and this monograph testifies to that experience. My deepest thanks go to the Lung Cancer Registry Team for their dedication, and to Dr. Vincent M. Balanag Jr. (former Executive Director), Dr. Sullian Naval, and Dr. Norberto Francisco (former Deputy Executive Directors) for their foresight in establishing the registry.

From Data to Survival: The Path Forward

I hope this registry, along with the forthcoming third Monograph (2018–2024), will serve as a definitive reference for future research and policy-making. Our reach extends beyond the LCP—we aim to influence lung cancer management across the Philippines and the ASEAN region.

Our vision is simple and urgent: to boost patient survival. Data moves us forward, but it is the interventions that drive change. By combining the following:

- Smoking cessation efforts (LCP Quitline)
- Early detection through LDCT screening (LCP SELCaDT Program)
- Timely, state-of-the-art diagnostics (LCP Alliance Program and Reflex IHC)
- A multidisciplinary approach to comprehensive management we can transform thoracic oncology.

Signing Off

As I conclude my term, I'm confident that Scientific Proceedings will continue to be a meaningful pillar of scientific contribution—locally and globally.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve, for the hard work of my colleagues, and for the shared vision of a future where lung cancer is not a death sentence, but a challenge we are prepared to meet.