

Open Access for a Double Pediatrics Issue!



A double issue for the Department of Pediatrics of the UP College of Medicine – Philippine General Hospital, and they truly deserve it! This issue was one year in the making, and Dr. Carmencita David Padilla, Chair of the Department at the time, had assured the Acta that this was going to be a reality despite the difficulties of putting together a truly representative Pediatrics issue, with all the subspecialties contributing equally. And what an issue! The latest and best research efforts of the faculty are all here; even a few did not make it due to the pressures of deadlines but this is all-original research (no case reports), perhaps a first in Philippine pediatrics publishing history. Congratulations!

This double issue shall also be the first Acta issue that shall be featured in the all new enhanced website of the Acta Medica Philippina, which shall now be open access! All the articles that appear in the pages of the Acta Medica starting with this issue shall also be available on the Acta Medica Website, and much more! Acta now shall be opening its membership (free for a limited time) to interested individuals, with the advantage of being able to print a pdf version of any article easily for all members. Membership also allows members to post letters to the editor, to vote in polls conducted by the acta, and to advertise online on the Acta website for minimal fees.

The enhanced website shall also feature additional articles commissioned by the Acta more appropriate for a website, as well as linked video features and articles, chosen by the Acta editors, that may be of interest to our readers. A podcast shall also be featured on a regular basis, as well as clinicopathologic conference proceedings from the Department of Medicine, edited by no less than the Dean of the UP College of Medicine (Dr. Agnes Mejia). We shall also feature important articles that have been published in the pages of the Acta in the recent past (or maybe in the distant past) that may be of continuing importance or concern in our country's health situation, that readers may have missed.

And probably for the first time ever, a medical journal website shall give face (literally) to the first authors of all original and feature articles in the website by featuring a small picture of the author beside his/her article on our front page, as a way of giving recognition to a research work well done.

All these and much more, in March of 2013. If you are reading this editorial on our website, then you can now enjoy the Acta Medica whenever you want and wherever you are. And if you are reading the hardcopy of our journal, check us out at www.actamedicaphilippina.com.ph for a full open access experience.



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