



This Orthopedic issue of Acta Medica Philippina is the second in two years for the Department of Orthopedics, College of Medicine and Philippine General Hospital, University of the Philippines Manila. In less than a year after the first issue, the staff has easily compiled enough worthy scientific articles to fill up an issue of an internationally recognized peer reviewed scientific journal. Despite the many difficulties and frustrations besetting the conduct of research in our university, the quality and diversity of submitted articles are astounding. These are good signs that the culture of 'Research' has taken hold in the Department. The constant pounding of the 'evidence-based medicine' mantra in our training of residents and serving our patients must have a profound effect on our mindsets. Our openness to new ideas backed by sound research must thrive in a university-based Orthopedic Department like ours.

We are thankful to the authors for sharing with us the outcomes of their research work. May they continue in their passion for research. We are also extremely thankful for the time, patience, and effort of the staff, editors, and members of the research committee. Their contributions ensured that we successfully put together this issue.

We take note of the increasing support and focus on research by our university officials. We are very thankful for this and hopefully this trend continues. However, we are still some ways to go to make doing research easier and more gratifying in our university.

Research output must be shared and only through the crucible of critical review can it be useful. The Department has consciously searched for ways to facilitate research dissemination. This Acta Orthopedic issue is a solid proof that we are serious about this commitment.

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