



The global COVID-19 pandemic triggered a series of events that brought about challenges to both the delivery of health care and medical education. These same challenges paved the way for the development of innovations to address the limitations associated with the pandemic and triggered an increase in the research output of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences (DOVS).

In this issue of the *Acta Medica Philippina*, we put into the spotlight some of the research outputs of the members of the staff of DOVS in the hope that lessons learned can be shared with our colleagues. It is also a testimony to the direction that the department has taken to cultivate research while continuing to promote quality health care and education in the field of ophthalmology.

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