



Since opening its doors as a COVID-19 referral center in 2020, the UP-Philippine General Hospital remains true to the phrase, “People Giving Hope”. We faced an increased demand for medical care, a shortage of medical supplies, and a strain on the hospital’s staff and resources. But despite these challenges, UP-PGH maintained a sense of resilience, by striving to provide high-quality care to Filipinos while being at the forefront of medical research in the country.

In this regard, I would like to express my congratulations to the UP-PGH Department of Pediatrics on the release of its special issue on COVID-19. The research articles featured in this special issue of *Acta Medica Philippina* provide a glimpse into the efforts of the Department in providing care and support for children during the pandemic. These articles highlight resilience, competence, and compassion – as we adapt to the changing circumstances and continue to provide hope especially to our country’s most vulnerable populations.

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