



It is with great pride that I present the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences' second special issue with *Acta Medica Philippina*. Our first issue, published in 2023, marked an important milestone for the Department. This second issue shows that it was not a one-time achievement, but the start of a tradition.

This issue brings together twelve articles spanning a wide range of subspecialties within ophthalmology and visual sciences. What makes this collection particularly meaningful is its authorship: these papers are the work of our residents, fellows, and consultants, working together across the natural hierarchy of training to ask good questions and answer them rigorously.

I want to thank our trainees for their curiosity and persistence. I want to recognize the consultants who mentored them — who gave their time, their expertise, and their patience to guide these projects to completion. My sincere thanks as well to the peer reviewers and our two special issue editors, whose dedication and careful stewardship brought this issue together. I also thank the editorial team of *Acta Medica Philippina* for their continued partnership with our Department.

This issue reflects a sustained culture of research and academic excellence within the Department, one we intend to keep building on. I hope these articles inform your practice and inspire the next generation of clinician-researchers.

Congratulations to all the authors, and thank you for continuing to make our Department proud.

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