



On behalf of the College of Allied Medical Professions (CAMP), it is with immense pride and joy that I present this special issue of *Acta Medica Philippina*. Seeing this project come to fruition attests to CAMP's commitment to academic excellence and our dedication to expanding the body of knowledge in occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech-language pathology, and clinical audiology.

This issue reflects our strategic research trajectory:

- Evidence-driven and transformative allied health education
- Responsible and capable health professionals
- Filipino-centric quality care
- Healthy and resilient Filipinos

The research presented here highlights the collaborative culture of our College—honoring disciplinary strengths while leveraging a structured mentorship model.

Building a thriving research community has been a long and dedicated journey. Two feature articles in this issue are meant to capture the evolution of our teaching and learning processes, including how our informal mentorship practices were formalized into a sustainable, replicable framework for future generations.

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Most importantly, I congratulate our authors whose work advances our understanding of allied health professions and inspires future inquiry to better serve the Filipinos.

I invite you to explore this issue and join us in celebrating the scholars driving our field forward.

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