Editor's Note





Several months after the official launch of the *Philippine Journal of Physical Therapy*, we proudly present our first two publications. Our intention is to produce high-quality scholarly products that advance the education and practice of physical therapy in the Philippines.

The study by Jasper and colleagues discusses the ability of selected balance function tests in predicting disability from dizziness in older adults with peripheral vestibular hypofunction. This study represents our important and increasing role in the management of patients with vestibular dysfunction.

The study by Callejo-Tiuseco and colleagues explores the perceptions of Filipino physicians on the practice of physical therapy. This study provides important insights on the importance of collaborative opportunities that increase awareness of healthcare professionals on the roles and scope of practice of physical therapy.

In addition to these publications, PhJPT also intends to produce podcasts and journal club meetings featuring the study authors to allow our readership to fully engage in applying the study results in their own professional practice. Please stay tuned for these events.

The official launch of the PhJPT was held as part of the PPTA General Assembly in 2021. During that event, our Philippine Physical Therapy Association (PPTA) president, Michael Gabilo, stated that the theme for that assembly was "Sulong"- or to "move forward." That seemed to be a very fitting theme for our journal as well. Despite all the challenges, PhJPT is moving forward, expecting a very bright future ahead.

Please join me in recognizing the hard work and dedication of the other members of the Editorial Board: Esmerita Rotor, Arvie Vitente, Catherine Joy Escuadra, and Baldhomero Ranjo II.

On behalf of the Editorial Board, I would also like to thank Eric Robinson, Senior Communications Librarian, University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences, for helping us navigate through the entire publication process. We also would like to express our gratitude to the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences for hosting our journal.

Lastly, we continue to encourage our colleagues to support the journal and the profession by disseminating their scholarly products via PhJPT. Please go to https://soar.usa.edu/phjpt/ for more information.

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