



Philippines Country Report

Birth of Organized Medicine in the Philippines

Manila Medical Society (1902)

limited to local region so this was revised to

Philippine Islands Medical Association - Sept 15, 1903

- **PIMA** was established to become National in scope
- composed of Doctors of Manila Medical Society plus the members of Colegio Medico-Farmacaceutico de Filipinas (est.1898)

Philippine Islands Medical Association (1903)



PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (1939)

Professional Regulation Commission

MOST OUTSTANDING ACCREDITED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION



>2022

>2023

>2024

>2025

PMA now has a total of 7 outstanding APO Award

PRC MOST OUTSTANDING ACCREDITED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION (APO)





Total number of members as of
October 30,2025

107,000 registered PMA members
68,000 active members

17 Regions headed by the PMA Regional Governor
>121 Component Societies nationwide

94 SPECIALTY and Sub Specialty Societies
47 Affiliate Societies

PMA ADVOCACIES

- **Stop Tuberculosis death by 2035**
- **Anti Tobacco, VAPE and excessive Alcohol**
- **Stop Dengue death by 2030**
- **Promote timely and updated immunization**
- **Promote Implementation of Universal Health Law**
 - **Encourage more Primary Care Facilities and increase accredited Primary care Physicians**
 - **Encourage training of Specialists and equitable distribution and dispersal to provinces and GIDA**
- **Reaching the unreached and underserved**
- **Decrease Teen Age pregnancy ; HIV**
- **Emergency response to Calamities**
- **Mental Health**

PMA advocates to Stop TB in the Philippines by 2035



@ 1st TB Summit

PMA advocates to Stop TB in the Philippines by 2035



- The PMA joins the DOH Bid to form the biggest human lung formation for the Guinness Book of World Records.

@ Stop TB Advocacy

PMA Milestones in the Prevention and Control of TB in the Philippines

The Philippine Medical Association (PMA) started its active participation in the government initiatives in the prevention and control of Tuberculosis in the country way back in 2003, when President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo sign an Executive Order No. 187, "INSTITUTING A COMPREHENSIVE AND UNIFIED POLICY FOR THE TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL IN THE PHILIPPINES". PMA was one of the five private sector organization together with seventeen government agencies identified and was instructed to work in partnership, to conduct the dissemination of, and the training on, the said "Comprehensive and Unified Policy for TB Control in the Philippines" from the date of the issuance of the EO.

In 2018 an assessment on the CUP National Agencies' / Organizations' Compliance to Executive Order 187 was done to determine the status of the CUP approach in the program implementation of the seventeen government agencies and 5 private sector organizations at the national, regional and provincial level. PMA play an active role during this meeting in sharing their experience in the implementation of the CUP from the national level, down to the 121 local component medical societies, specialty division, and specialty, subspecialty and affiliate societies of PMA. It was attended by three of the current regional Board of Governors Dr. Rogelio Dato Jr. (Central Tagalog Region), Dr. Realino G. Molina (Eastern Visayas Region) and Dr. Grace Marlou L. Vega (Northcentral Mindanao Region).



Some of the highlights of PMA participation in the initiative of the national government to end TB in the country:

MARCH 24, 2019: World TB Day held at Teresa Yuchengco Auditorium, De La Salle University Manila presented key TB issues affecting the PMA and how the PMA may be able to contribute to the attainment of the United Nations High Level (UNHL) commitment and the targets of the Philippine Strategic TB Elimination Plan (PhisSTEP) as well as the resources available to achieve the objective to END TB.



NOVEMBER 28, 2020: Issued a MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2020-11-28-030 to all component societies to encourage all physician-members managing persons with TB to comply with The Comprehensive Tuberculosis Elimination Plan Act (Republic Act No. 10767, section 12) requires all public and private health centers, hospitals and facilities to observe the national protocol on TB management and to notify the DOH of all TB cases.



@ Stop TB Advocacy

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- The PMA partner with funding NGOs: USAID, Rotary Club of Healing Hands in a Public-Private Mix

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National TB Control Program

PMA Action plan include

- Implementing the mandatory TB notification law
- Increase number of Physicians and their medical facility to be registered as TB case notifiers and treatment center
- Improve clinical diagnosis and bacteriological confirmation through promotion of Gene Xpert testing and proper referral to DOTS centers
- Close monitoring of treatment of patients with tuberculosis and timely report of progress
- Updated clinical practice guideline treating TB especially those with Gene Xpert diagnosis as Resistant to empirical TB meds



PhilCAT

PHILIPPINE COALITION AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS



DOH PhilStep -Philippine Strategic Plan to Eliminate TB
with Global Fund team for TB through Phil Business for Social Progress. (PBSP)





With PHILCAT, PBSP, DOH , WHO
Luxent Hotel QC March 12,2025



LABAN KONTRA TOBACCO, VAPE AT ALCOHOL

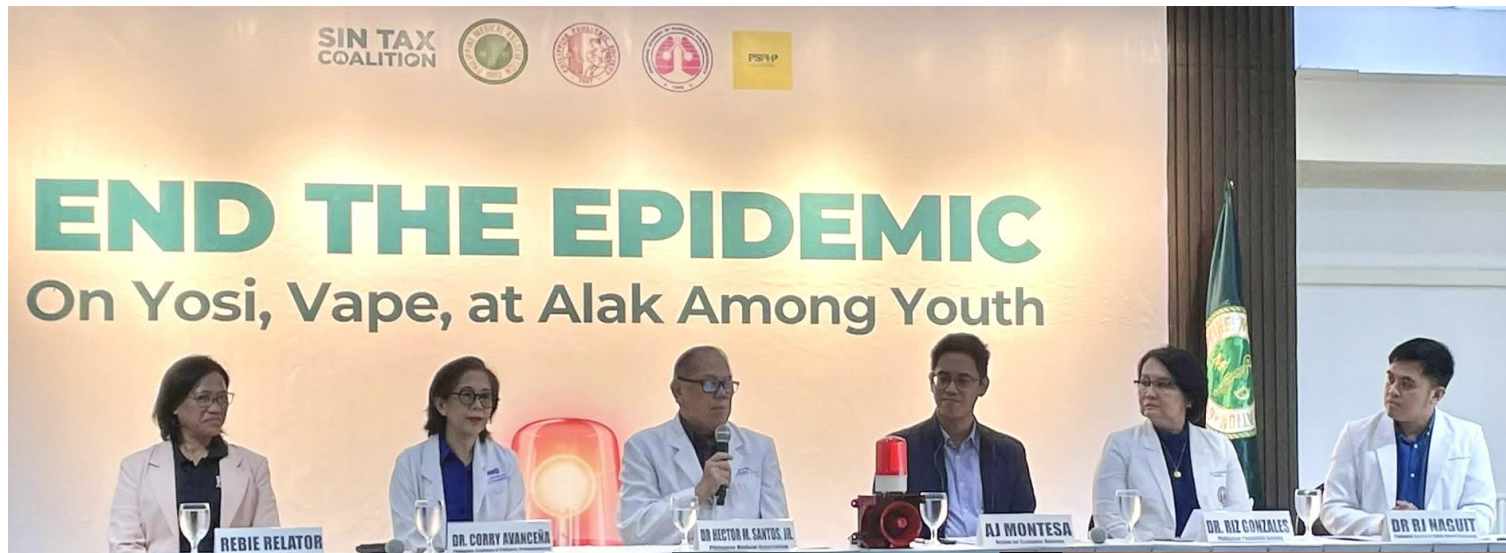
(Fight Against Tobacco, Vape and Alcohol)

CAMPAIGN AGAINST CIGARETTES AND VAPE

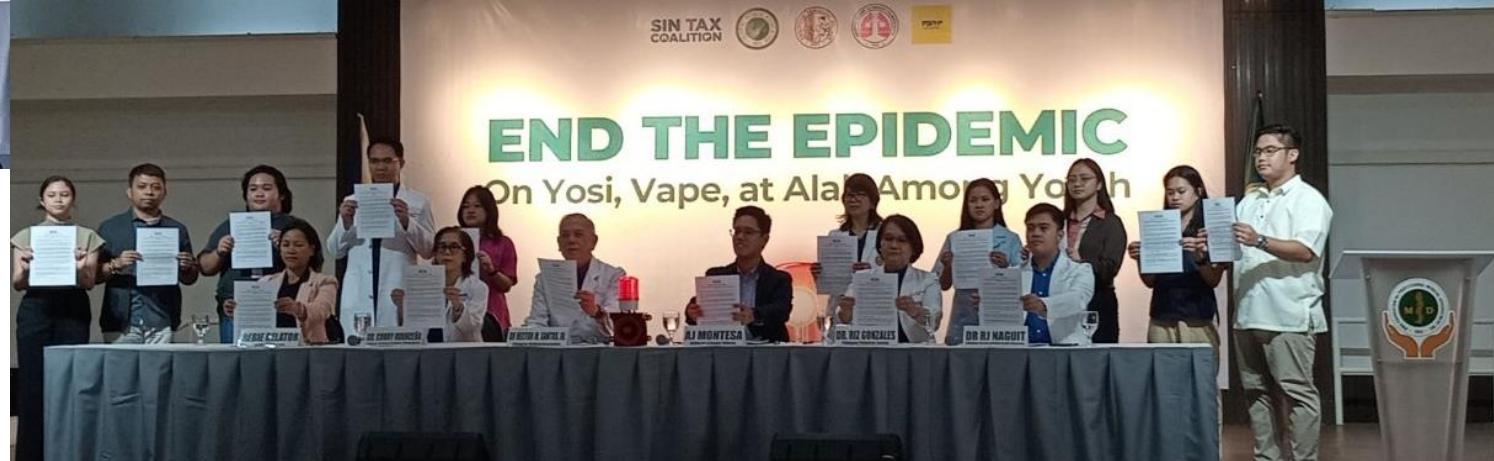
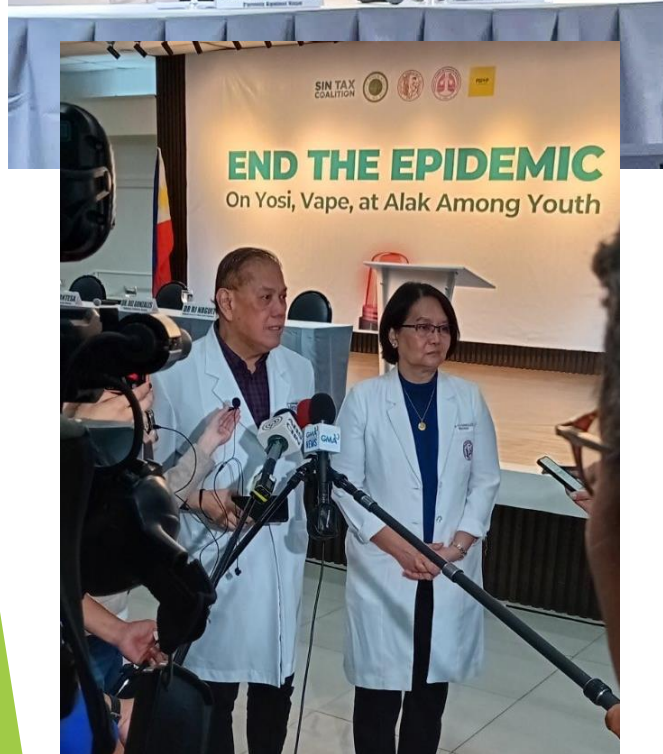
- Raise concern on the harms of tobacco and vape especially on the youth
- Debunk the industry-driven narratives (e.g. illicit trade, harm reduction)
- Emphasize the public health harms of the Sin Tax Sabotage Bill

RESET ALCOHOL CAMPAIGN

- Make the harms of alcohol consumption an election issue
- Emphasize the physiological and social harms of alcohol consumption
- Compel policymakers to file stronger alcohol control measures such as tax increase



**PRESSCON to ADVOCATE
Against Tobacco, Vape and
Alcohol Epidemic!
March 5, 2025
PMA Auditorium**



MALAKING PAHAMAK YOSI, E-VAPE at ALAK

**PMA with PPS, PCP, PCCP
Civic Organization Action for Economic Reform**



PMA ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN CONGRESS AND SENATE HEARING ON BILLS SEEKING TO LEGALIZE CANNABIS

PMA Upholds the Protection of Every Filipino from the Harms of Cannabis/Marijuana

PRESS STATEMENT
13 February 2024

- The PMA Coalition upholds the protection of every Filipino from the Harms of Cannabis/Marijuana and strongly opposes the current proposed House Bill on Medical Cannabis/Marijuana
- The current House Bill proposes DE FACTO the LEGALIZATION of RECREATIONAL Cannabis/Marijuana
- The HARMS to health and the psychosocial impact outweigh the PURPORTED BENEFITS of Cannabis/Marijuana Legalization.
- Given our current regulatory capability and socioeconomic context, we cannot risk conducting a policy experiment that will be detrimental to the Filipino people.

This Press Statement is a consensus of a coalition of 21 medical organizations led by the Philippine Medical Association which strongly opposes the legalization of Cannabis/Marijuana in the Philippines.

The Philippine Medical Association (PMA) is the 98,202-strong umbrella organization of physicians in the country consisting of 21 Component Societies, 8 Specialty Divisions, 96 Specialty and Subspecialty Societies, and 50 Affiliate Societies.

PMA led Coalition:

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|---|--|
| 1. Philippine Medical Association | 10. Philippine Society of Clinical and Occupational Toxicology |
| 2. Association of Medical Staff Officers of the Philippines | 11. Philippine Society of Geriatric Medicine |
| 3. Child Neurology Society of the Philippines | 12. Philippine Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics |
| 4. Community Pediatric Society of the Philippines | 13. Philippine Society for Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology |
| 5. Group Addiction Psychiatry of the Philippines | 14. Philippine Society for Environmental and Occupational Health |
| 6. Pain Society of the Philippines | 15. Philippine Society for Geriatric Psychiatry |
| 7. Philippine College of Physicians | 16. Philippine Society for Geriatric Psychiatry |
| 8. Philippine College of Psychologists | 17. Philippine Society for Geriatric Psychiatry |
| 9. Philippine League Against Epilepsy, Inc. | 18. Philippine Society for Geriatric Psychiatry |
| 10. Philippine Neurological Association | 19. Philippine Society for Geriatric Psychiatry |
| 11. Philippine Pediatric Society | 20. Philippine Society for Geriatric Psychiatry |
| 12. Philippine Psychiatric Association | 21. Philippine Society for Geriatric Psychiatry |



@ No to Cannabis
Legalization



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PMA HOLDS SEVERAL WEBINARS TO EXPOUND THE HARMFUL EFFECT OF LEGALIZING CANNABIS

PMA Upholds the Protection of Every Filipino from the Harms of Cannabis/Marijuana

PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
Cannabis Webinar Series: Philippine Context

Symposium 1
The Science of Cannabis

Symposium 2
The Medical and Recreational Use of Cannabis

Symposium 3
Sociocultural Issues in Cannabis Legalization

Symposium 4
Cannabis Policy Issues

June 5 | June 19 | June 23 | July 3, 2023
@ 8:30 PM

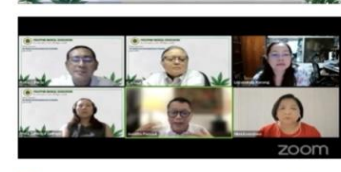
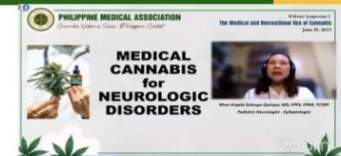
SAVE THE DATE FREE REGISTRATION AND OPEN TO ALL

Cannabis Webinar Series: Philippine Context

Symposium 1 The Science of Cannabis June 5, 2023, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Symposium 3 Sociocultural Issues in Cannabis Legalization June 23, 2023, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Symposium 2 The Medical and Recreational Use of Cannabis June 19, 2023, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Symposium 4 Cannabis Policy Issues July 3, 2023, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

This is a 4-part educational Webinar Series organized in separate Symposia addressing specific topics and issues relevant to Cannabis Use in the Philippine Context.

Kindly forward to your social media network.
Registration link for each Webinar Series will be included in subsequent announcements.



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PMA Cannabis Webinar Series: Philippine Context

PMA ADVOCACY: STOP DENGUE DEATH BY 2030

> prioritize environmental health as a crucial component of the dengue prevention strategy.

- Good sanitation, improved waste management,
- elimination of mosquito breeding sites that significantly reduce the risk of dengue transmission
- Public awareness campaigns and community clean-up empower individuals to take preventive measures in their homes and neighborhoods.



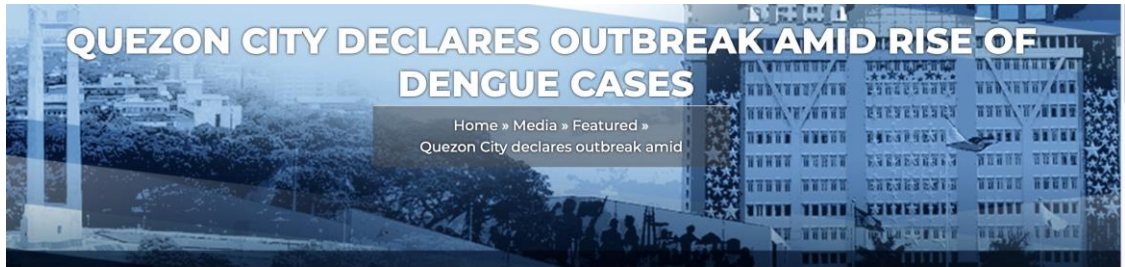
The poster features four logos at the top: the Philippine College of Physicians (1953), the Philippine Medical Association (1903), the Philippine Professional Medical Association (2022), and the Philippine Pediatric Society (1947). The background shows a group of children looking up. The main text reads '1ST DENGUE SUMMIT'. Below this, a white box contains the text 'UN SDG #3: GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING. ACHIEVING ZERO DENGUE DEATH BY 2030'. At the bottom, two boxes provide the date and time '25 JUNE 2024, 8:00 AM' and the location 'MANILA DIAMOND HOTEL'.

**1ST
DENGUE
SUMMIT**

**UN SDG #3: GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING.
ACHIEVING ZERO DENGUE DEATH BY 2030**

25 JUNE 2024, 8:00 AM

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Quezon City declares dengue outbreak

By GMA Integrated News

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QC declares dengue outbreak as cases surge 200% this year

By: [Dianne Sampang](#) - @inquirerdotnet INQUIRER.net / 03:09 PM February 15, 2025

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**Empowering
Networks to
Defeat Dengue**

E.N.D. Dengue Coalition

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Newsletter

Issue #1, March 15, 2025



A United Front to Defeat Dengue. Signing the Manifesto of Commitment. (From left to right: Dr. Janice C. Caoili, President, Philippine Society for Microbiology and Infectious Diseases; Dr. Maaliddin B. Biruar, Secretary, Philippine College of Physicians; Dr. Hector M. Santos Jr., President, Philippine Medical Association; Dr. Benito P. Atienza, President, Council of Professional Health Associations; Dr. Edwin V. Rodriguez, Secretary, Philippine Pediatric Society; Dr. Jo-Anne A. de Castro, President, Pediatric Infectious Disease Society of the Philippines)

E.N.D. Dengue Coalition Officially Launched

8TH ASIA DENGUE SUMMIT 2025

Towards Zero Dengue Deaths: Science, Strategy, and Solidarity

15-18 June 2025

Crowne Plaza Manila Galleria, Philippines

The 8th Asia Dengue Summit 2025 brings together global experts to tackle dengue through cutting-edge research, vaccine innovations, clinical management strategies, and policy advancements. Join us in shaping the future Towards Zero Dengue Deaths!

Summit Highlights:

The Evolving Epidemiology of Dengue:

- Country experiences – gains, challenges, and ways forward
- Dengue in the midst of climate change
- Modeling the future of dengue epidemiology

Dengue Pathogenesis and Management:

- Understanding dengue pathogenesis
- Diversity of dengue viruses
- Updates on dengue diagnostics
- Prospects for dengue therapeutics
- Best practices in clinical management
- **Pre-summit Workshop: Pearls in Clinical Management (Limited Slots)**

Dengue Vaccine Updates and Innovations:

- Insights from field studies and clinical trials
- Strategies for dengue vaccine deployment
- Dengue Human Infection Model – filling immunology knowledge gaps
- Real-world experiences with dengue vaccines

Policy, Research and Advocacy

- Advancements in vector control and implementation
- Insights from mosquito studies
- Predictive modeling for outbreak prediction and prevention
- Enhancing advocacy, communication, and collaboration

Register now and secure your spot at the 8th Asia Dengue Summit 2025! Scan QR code to register!



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2nd DENGUE SUMMIT



**A Stronger Resolve for a
Dengue-Free Future 2030**

• Equip • Empower • Engage

**June 25, 2025 (Wednesday)
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Seda Vertis North
Quezon City**



**EMPOWERING
NETWORKS TO
DEFEAT DENGUE**

Regional Immunization Summit



National Immunization Summit
Accelerating Protection:
Immunization for Every Filipino Family

January 30, 2025 Manila Hotel

IMMUNIZATION ADVOCACY

PHILIPPINE FOUNDATION for VACCINATION (PFV)
25th Founding Anniversary Awarding of Vaccination Heroes
April 24, 2025



Recognition awards
given to

- PMA
- PPS
- PSMID
- PIDSP
- IMAP



GLOBAL SUMMIT ON PATIENT SAFETY

- With WMA President Dr Ashok Phillips
 - past PMA President Dr Joe Santiago
 - past PHA Pres Dr Edmundo Lopez
- ADB complex April 3-4, 2025

CONTROVERSIAL PHILHEALTH FUND TRANSFER

FEBRUARY 2024 : DOF orders Philhealth to transfer to the National treasury the amount of **P89,9 Billion** of its. **“EXCESS FUNDS”** for use in National government’s **“UNPROGRAMMED APPROPRIATIONS “**



SC asked to stop transfer of P90-B PhilHealth funds

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PMA Petitions Supreme Court to issue Temporary Restraining Order to stop Transfer

MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024
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Watchdogs question PhilHealth fund transfer

By Dexter Cabalza
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Public health reform advocates and budget watchdogs are asking lawmakers to investigate the move of the executive department to divert billions of pesos in excess funds of government-owned and -controlled corporations (GOCCs), particularly the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (PhilHealth), to finance "unprogrammed appropriations" this year.

Dr. Tony Leachon, a former special adviser of the Department of Health, questioned Circular No. 003-2024 issued by the Department of Finance (DOF) which directs PhilHealth to remit to the national treasury its unused government subsidy amounting to P89.9 billion.

Former Finance Undersecretary Cleo Magno and Filomeno Sta. Ana III, executive director and cofounder of local think tank Action for Economic Reforms, also warned that the new DOF circular might be a new way for the government to misappropriate funds, similar to how the controversial Maharlika Wealth Fund took its P250-billion startup investment from state-run insurance firms Government Service Insurance System and Social Security System, among other financial institutions.

The circular, which was issued in February, was reportedly in compliance with the 2024 budget law directing the DOF to issue guidelines to implement the collection of unprogrammed appropriations sourced from the fund balances of GOCCs.

Violation of health-care law
This is a new method of generating funds for unprogrammed appropriations that was absent in the previous budget laws.

In justifying its action to target PhilHealth's excess funds, the DOF argued that the state health insurer has accumulated substantial fund balances over the past few years.

"The national government is in a better position to effectively utilize the unused subsidies for programs that directly and immediately benefit the Filipino people, while advancing the goals of Universal Health Care," it noted.

But Leachon, Magno and Sta. Ana stressed that the circular was in violation of Republic Act No. 11223, or the Universal Health Care Act of 2019.

Citing Section 11 of the law, they said that "whenever actual reserves exceed the required ceiling at the end of the fiscal year, the excess of the PhilHealth reserve fund shall be used to increase the program's benefits and to decrease the amount of members' contributions. No portion of the reserve fund or income thereof shall accrue to the general fund of the national government or to any of its agencies or instrumentalities, including government-owned or -controlled corporations."

"Excess funds should not be directed to unprogrammed appropriations within the national budget when PhilHealth has been ineffective at carrying out its mandate of ensuring affordable, acceptable, available and accessible health-care services for all citizens of the Philippines," Leachon argued.

As of May, PhilHealth has already transferred P20 billion out of the P89.9 billion of its unused funds back to the national government, saying this was approved by its board of directors chaired by Health Secretary Teodoro Herbosa, Jr.





'EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY' SC issues TRO on further transfer of PhilHealth excess funds

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By JOAHNA LEI CASILAO, GMA Integrated News



SC Issues TRO against PhilHealth Fund Transfer

The Supreme Court *En Banc* issued a temporary restraining order (TRO) against the further transfer of PhilHealth funds to the national treasury.

The Court also consolidated the petition filed by 1SAMBAYAN Coalition *et al.* with the cases of *Pimentel et al. v. House of Representatives et al.* and *Bayan Muna Chairman Neri Colmenares et al. v. President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos.*

G.R. No. 274778, Pimentel et al. v. House of Representatives.; G.R. No. 275405, Colmenares, et al. v. President Marcos.; G.R. No. 276233, 1SAMBAYAN Coalition et al. v. House of Representatives et al.

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Health reform advocate hails TRO vs. PhilHealth



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Petitioners laud Supreme Court issuance of TRO to stop further PhilHealth fund transfers

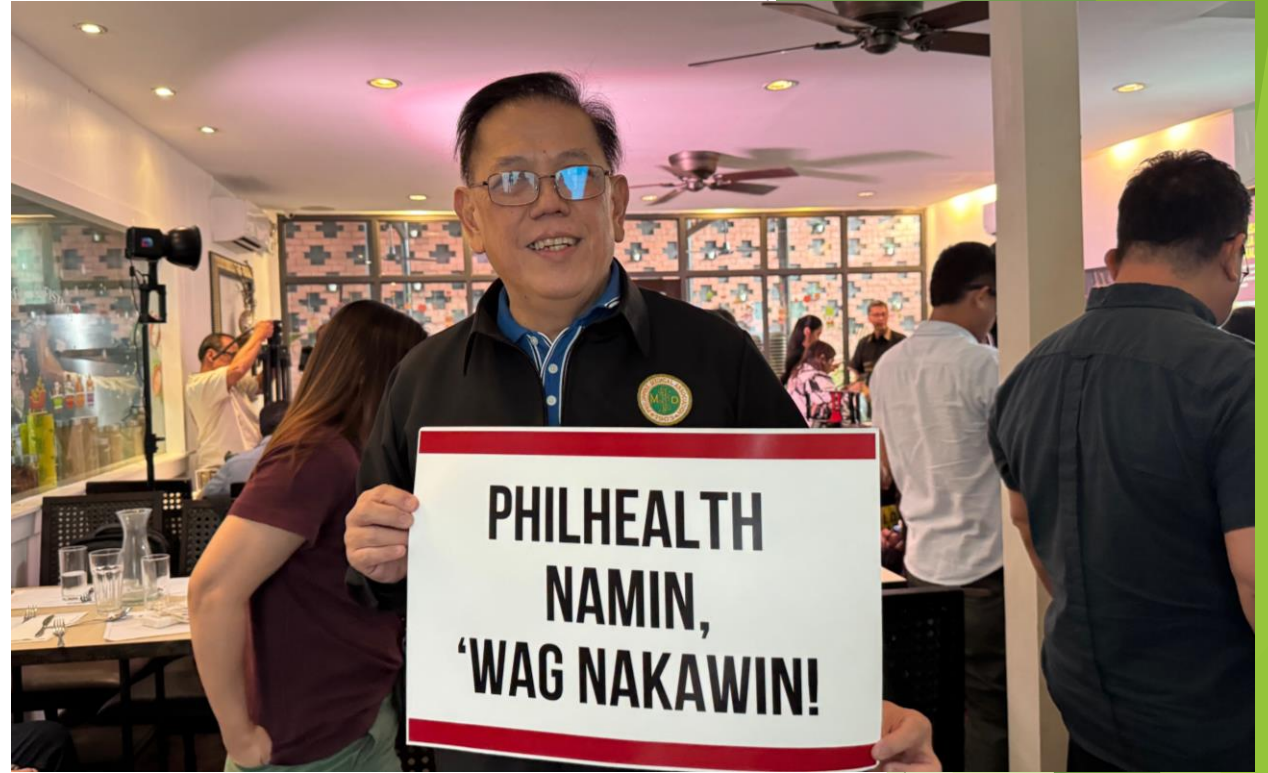
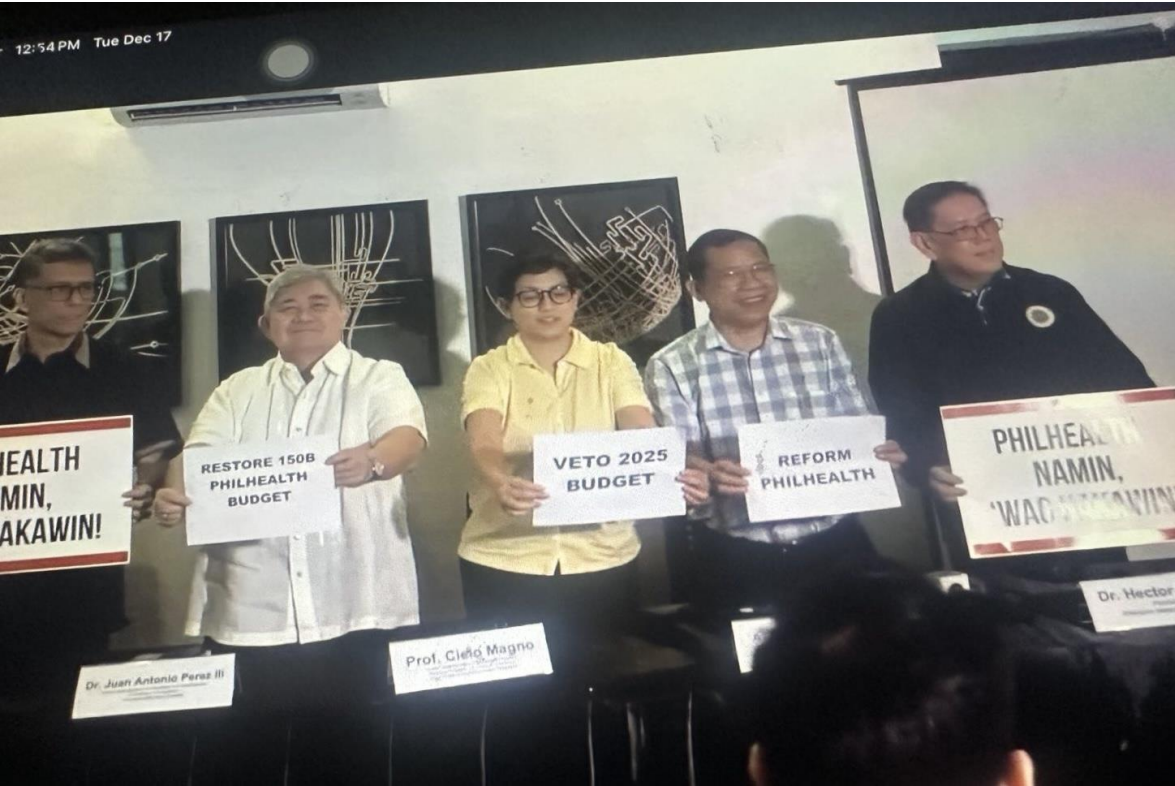
We, the petitioners of GR 274778, Pimentel et al. vs. House of Representatives, questioning the constitutionality of the transfer of P89.9 billion worth of unused PhilHealth funds to the National Treasury, welcome the Supreme Court's issuance today of a temporary restraining order (TRO) to prevent further transfers.

The TRO will prevent the last tranche of P29.9 billion from being transferred from PhilHealth to the National

Petitioners:

- Aquilino Pimentel III
- Ernesto Ofracio
- Junice Melgar
- Cielo Magno
- Minguita Padilla
- Dante Gatmaytan
- Ibarra Gutierrez
- Sentro ng mga Nagkakaisa at Progresibong Manggagawa Public Services Labor Independent Confederation Foundation, Inc. (PSLINK)
- Philippine Medical Association





**Action for Economic Reform Plus MEDICAL ACTION GROUP
PRESSCON condemning the ZERO PHILHEALTH BUDGET
DEC 17, 2024 in QC**



NAGKAISANG MAMAMAYAN PARA SA KALUSUGANG PANGKALAHATAN

Rally ng mga mamamayan laban sa pambababoy at pambabastos sa 2025 budget at zero funding para sa PhilHealth

DECEMBER 18, WEDNESDAY
ASSEMBLY TIME: 9AM
FEU ALONG MORAYTA

VETO THE BUDGET!
RESTORE BUDGET FOR
ALL SOCIAL SERVICES!
REFORM PHILHEALTH!





Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
 Manila

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SUPREME COURT OF THE PHILIPPINES
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G.R. No. 274778

AQUILINO PIMENTEL III;
 ERNESTO OFRACIO; JANICE
 LIRZA MELGAR; MARIA CIELO
 MAGNO; MA. DOMINGA CECILIA
 B. PADILLA; DANTE B.
 GATMAYTAN; IBARRA M.
 GUTIERREZ; SENTRO NG MGA
 NAGKAKAISA AT PROGRESIBONG
 MANGGAGAWA; PUBLIC
 SERVICES LABOR INDEPENDENT
 CONFEDERATION FOUNDATION
 INC.; and PHILIPPINE MEDICAL
 ASSOCIATION,

Petitioners,

ATTY. JOSE SONNY MATULA,
 President of the Federation of Free
 Workers (FFW-NAGKAISA LABOR
 COALITION); DANIEL EDRALIN,
 Secretary General, National Union of
 Workers in Hotel Restaurant and
 Allied Industries (NUWHRAIN-
 NAGKAISA); RENATO MAGTUBO,
 Chairperson, Partido Manggagawa
 (PM-NAGKAISA); JULIUS
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 CONFERENCE, GRACE A.
 ESTRADA, President, Pinay
 Careworkers Transnational (PIN@Y);
 ALFREDO MARANAN, FFW
 National Treasurer; JUN RAMIREZ
 MENDOZA, Union President, Vishay
 Employees Philippines Union-FFW
 and National Vice President, FFW;
 JUDY ANN CHAN MIRANDA,
 Chairperson, Nagkaisa Women



JUST IN

**SUPREME COURT ORDERS
 RETURN OF ₱60 BILLION
 PHILHEALTH FUNDS**

DECEMBER 5, 2025

Reaching the Unreached

The PMA Flagship Program

Kultura, Komunikasyon at Katutubong Wikà para sa Kalusugan at Kaunlaran ng mga Katutubô



• PMA Southern Tagalog Region and the Mindoro Occidental Medical Society with the Iraya tribe at Abra de Ilog, Occidental Mindoro last July 7, 2023. PMA Southern Tagalog Governor Danilo Vergara; President: STAMP President: Frederick Quicho; MOMS President: Mary Sharon Asilo.



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Kultura, Komunikasyon at Katutubong Wikà para sa Kalusugan at Kaunlaran ng mga Katutubô



• PMA Angeles City Medical Society taught Basic Life Support Skill among members of the Aeta Tribes last September 19, 2023, and Central Luzon Governor Alejandro Bong Fernandez; ACMS President: Michael Dizon.

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Kultura, Komunikasyon at Katutubong Wikà para sa Kalusugan at Kaunlaran ng mga Katutubô



• PMA Northcentral Mindanao Region Misamis Occidental Medical Society Ozamis with the Subano Tribes last September 19, 2023. Northcentral Mindanao Governor Elbert Ybanez; MOMS President: John Mark Feliciano.



Kultura, Komunikasyon at Katutubong Wikà para sa Kalusugan at Kaunlaran ng mga Katutubô



• An Indigenous People-focused Curriculum Framework for Health centered on protection of rights, development and empowerment that emphasizes, cultural diversity, cultural sensitivity, cultural integrity and cultural competence is proposed.

• The PMA through the Aklan Medical Society promotes minority health among the indigenous tribes of Kalibo, Aklan (Atis) at Barangay Manika, and partners with Rotary Club of Kalibo Rotary District 3850 and the Local Government.

• Past PMA Governor: Arturo Salido; AMS Past President: Glenford Retre

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Kultura, Komunikasyon at Katutubong Wikà para sa Kalusugan at Kaunlaran ng mga Katutubô



• Health advocacy, medical outreach and feeding to Subanen constituents at far-flung 6th class municipality of Brgy Sibukang, Josefina Zamboanga del Sur, Region IX last October 2022. PMA Governor for Western Mindanao Liz Corazon Parangan; ZDSMS President: Gino Oliver Bancorro

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Kultura, Komunikasyon at Katutubong Wikà para sa Kalusugan at Kaunlaran ng mga Katutubô



• Teaching them about basic hygiene measures like cutting their fingernails short, handwashing, wearing of slippers engage them in self-help strategies for health at Sitio Camachile in Barangay Nabucloc, Floridablanca, Pampanga (Aetas) last October 7, 2022, through the Pampanga Medical Society partnered with the DOH Usec. Dr. Maria Rosario Vergerie; Past PMA Governor Agnes Lourdes Fernando; PMS President Allen Mallari





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SERVING THE UNDERSERVED
Indigenous community**





FEEDING PROGRAM

FREE SURGICAL MISSIONS






Municipality of Guiguinto
MAYOR ISAGANI C. PASCUAL HOSPITAL
 (formerly known as OSPITAL NG GUIGUINTO)

“FREE” Surgery for CLEFT LIP (BINGOT)
 Surgery for CLEFT PALATE
 (BUTAS SA NGALA-NGALA)
SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

PLEASE CONTACT: (044) 760-7775 / (044) 760-7776 ; 0962 657 3528
 FACEBOOK ACCOUNT – Mayor Isagani C. Pascual Hospital
 GUIGUINTO MUNICIPAL SOCIAL WORKER OFFICE – 0976-002-6519

IN COOPERATION WITH

PHILIPPINE BAND OF MERCY

Medicine Week Sept 27, 2024
Cleft Mission Ospital ng Guiguinto
With Bulacan Medical Society
Thru Past CL Gov. Paul Camiña

10 patients done
 7 Cleft lips
 3 palatoplasty

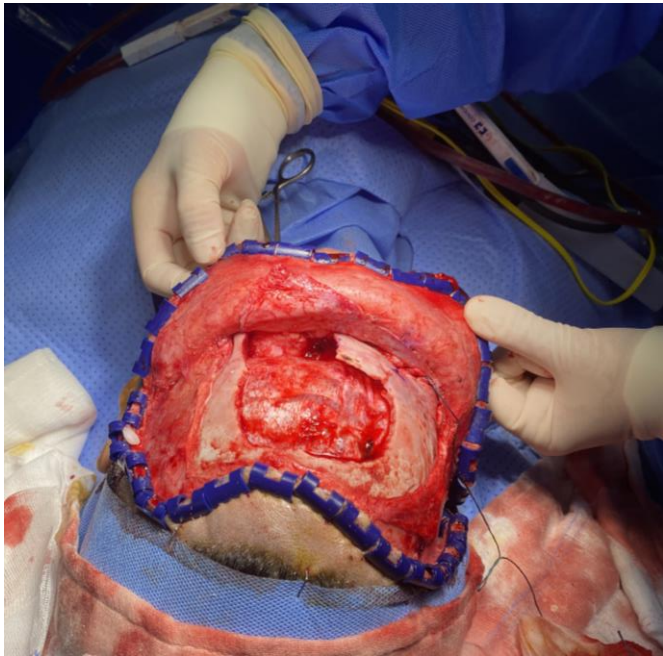
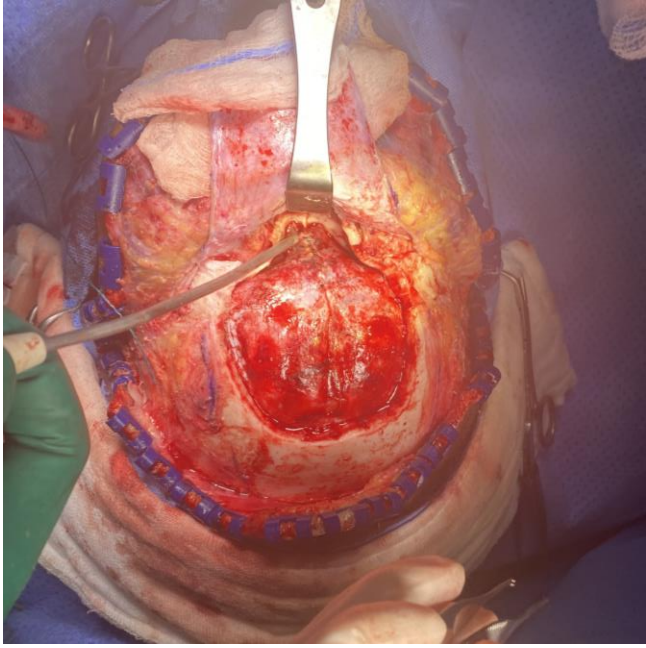




10 patients done
All with frontonasal meningocoele







Nonato, A. 3/F
Nasofrontal encephalocele





Sa pakikiisa sa **NATIONAL DAY of CHARITY** ang
PHILIPPINE BAND OF MERCY at **PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

ay magkakaroon ng

**LIBRENG OPERASYON PARA SA MAY MGA
BINGOT AT BUTAS ANG NGALANGALA SA
OCTOBER 30, 2024**

Screening Day - OCTOBER 28, 2024

**Venue
PHILIPPINE BAND OF MERCY
22 East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City**

**LIBRENG OPERASYON PARA SA MAY MGA
BINGOT AT BUTAS ANG NGALANGALA SA
OCTOBER 30, 2024**

Screening Day - OCTOBER 28, 2024

**Venue
PHILIPPINE BAND OF MERCY
22 East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City**



BEFORE

AFTER

National Day of Charity Oct 30,2024
Phil. Band of Mercy Craniofacial Center
East Avenue QC

12 patients - 7 Cleft lips and 5 Cleft palate patients done



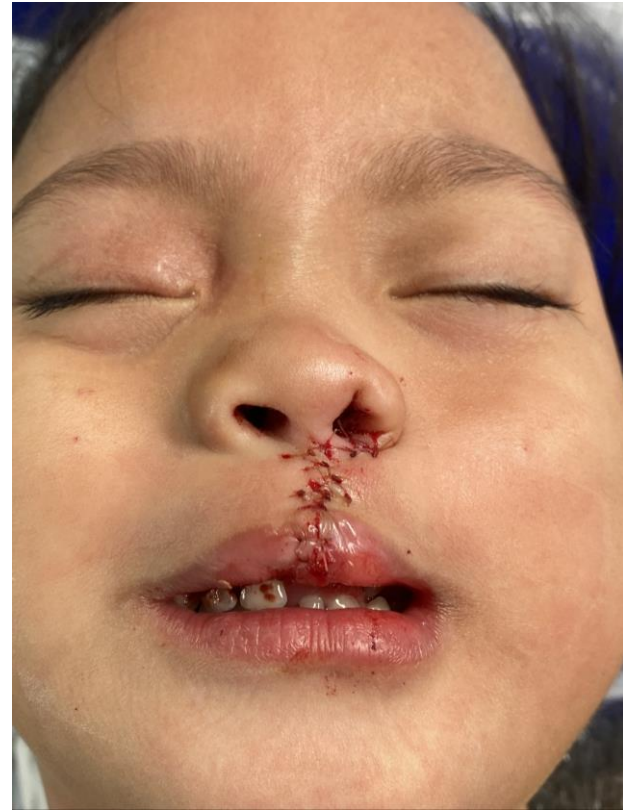
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106 patients operated on



BACOLOD
OPERATION SMILE MISSION





Operation Smile Cleft Mission Bacolod Adventist Hospital

Nov 11-14, 2024

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Forging Partnership

PMA strengthens partnership with the Philippine Red Cross



The Philippine Medical Association partners with Red Cross on programs and projects

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WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES



Dept of Health



DOH designated the PMA President
Dr Hector Santos
As Chairperson of the National
Council on Blood Service
Specialist BT Services Committee
Meeting in DOH OSEC
April 14, 2025



PRC BOARD OF MEDICINE



Human Health Resource problem

- ▶ Doctor-to-population ratio of 7.92 physicians per 10,000 people. This is below the recommended ratio of 10 physicians per 10,000 population, indicating a shortage of doctors.
- ▶ There is a lack of Physicians : inequitable dispersion to the rural areas
 - ▶ COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION has increased number of Medical Schools
65 Medical schools (2018) to 79 Medical Schools (2025)
State University Medical Schools opened in the Provinces with free tuition for Medical students
 - Return service agreement for 4 years
 - Curriculum promotes Community Medicine and Public health

Solutions to Physician dispersal

- ▶ Specialist to the Barrio program (Medical Specialist positions in Province)
- ▶ Doctors to the barrio (Newly licensed physicians given work positions to the barrio for Community service)
- ▶ Opening Apex (Multispecialty Hospitals) in the far flung island provinces
- ▶ Offering Telemedicine facilities for online consultation



PRC Board of Medicine meets with PMA and Specialty Society reps on Career Progression and Specialty Society Residency accreditation

PMA Auditorium April 21, 2025

- open more training slots for Specialization in provinces

MUTUAL AID BENEFITS to PMA Members 2023- 2024		
	NO. OF CLAIMS	TOTAL CLAIMS
DEATH BENEFIT	115	6,900,000
DISABILITY BENEFIT	95	2,850,000
LEGAL AID BENEFIT	4	160,000
TOTAL		9,910,000

Total Death and Disability Benefits 2020-2021 -----P 21 M
(Pandemic)

PROBLEMS OF YOUNG DOCTORS INVOLVEMENT IN SPECIALTY TRAINING

- More Doctors take “year off” before applying for Specialization training : prefer moonlighting jobs
 - Mental Health or Life balance issue
 - Fear of Bullying in training
 - Low salary in Private hospital training program
- Seeking training positions in US and Europe
- Junior Doctors Network established 2025 to encourage young doctors to get involved in the Association



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