



As President of the **Philippine Orthopaedic Association (POA)**, it is with great pride and enthusiasm that I welcome you to the first issue of the **Philippine Journal of Orthopaedics** for 2026.

This marks another milestone in our shared commitment to advancing the art and science of orthopaedic surgery in the Philippines. As the official publication of the POA, the Journal serves as a vital platform for Filipino orthopaedic surgeons, researchers, residents, and allied specialists to share original research, clinical experiences, case studies, and innovations that address the unique musculoskeletal challenges faced by our patients—from trauma and degenerative conditions to pediatric and oncologic orthopedics.

In this era of rapid advancements in surgical techniques, biomaterials, rehabilitation, and evidence-based practice, the Philippine Journal of Orthopaedics stands as an open-access, peer-reviewed resource dedicated to elevating the quality of care nationwide. I encourage our members and the wider orthopaedic community to continue submitting high-quality manuscripts and engaging actively with the content published here.

To our readers, contributors, reviewers, and editorial team—thank you for your dedication and support. Together, let us strive to make this Journal a beacon of excellence that strengthens orthopaedic practice, fosters collaboration, and ultimately improves patient outcomes across the archipelago.

Mabuhay ang Philippine Orthopaedic Association! *Mabuhay ang* Philippine Journal of Orthopaedics!

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