

The First Philippine Neurotrauma Bootcamp “From Injury to Recovery”
Acute, Critical, Rehabilitative & Preventive Care
Zamboanga City, Philippines, June 7-9, 2023

Neurotrauma has been identified by the WHO as a public health burden with 50-60 million traumatic brain injuries per year (MC Dewan 2018) but it has only been in recent years that attention has been given towards this not so “silent epidemic”. It has been the leading cause of disability to the young generation due to motor vehicle accidents especially in low to middle income countries (LMICs).

The Asian Australasian Society of Neurological Surgeons (AASNS) Neurotrauma Committee is chaired by Dr. Lynne Lourdes N. Lucena, who is also the Academy of Filipino Neurosurgeons (AFNI) immediate past Vice President. She endeavored to start educational courses and advocacy awareness about Neurotrauma. The First Philippine Neurotrauma Bootcamp in Zamboanga City was conceptualized and modules were created by the organizing committee headed by Dr. Gaudencio Tan Ligutom, a member of the Neurotrauma Subcommittee. Together with the officers of the AASNS headed by President Kate Drummond, the three-day activity was realized with the support of the AFNI fellows and the UERM Neurosurgery Alumni Association and partners from pharmaceutical and medical equipment companies.

It was a hybrid platform powered by Docquity and was broadcast nationally and in several countries. The 220 attendees, from the medical, nursing, education, allied medical professions and the military, registered for free to the lectures, didactics, demonstrations plus meals and snacks. The virtual attendees totaled 1052 unique viewers from day 1-3 with most of them coming from Vietnam and the Philippines. The top six specialties who attended virtually were GPs, nursing, pediatrics, neurosurgery, general surgery and neurology.

The speakers included the Secretary General of the AASNS, Dr. Virendra Sinha, and chief consultant neurosurgeon Dr. Nemichand Poonia who both travelled from Jaipur, India, to share their knowledge and experience in Neurotrauma. Dr. Yigal Soshan, chair of the AASNS Education Committee, gave his lecture virtually and Prof Kate Drummond personally welcomed the attendees through the virtual platform. Lecturers from the Philippine Society included Dr. Ligutom, Dr Lucena, Dr. Asis Encarnacion, Dr Mitchel Gonzales, Dr. Ronnie Baticulon, Dr. Khalil Ibaoc, Dr Annabelle Alcarde, Dr Charles Neil Tan, Dr Christopher Concepcion, Dr Nicanor Del Rosario, Dr Elmer Jose Meceda, Dr. Jude Gonzalves, Dr Russell Sasing, and Dr James Soriano, current President of the AFNI. Experts from the medical community and local society in Zamboanga were also speakers.

The participants expressed their utmost appreciation of the whole course and it was reflected in the whole afternoon workshop where the attendees were able to ask questions and express opinions and receive answers from the panel of experts. They are looking forward to the next Neurotrauma bootcamp next year.

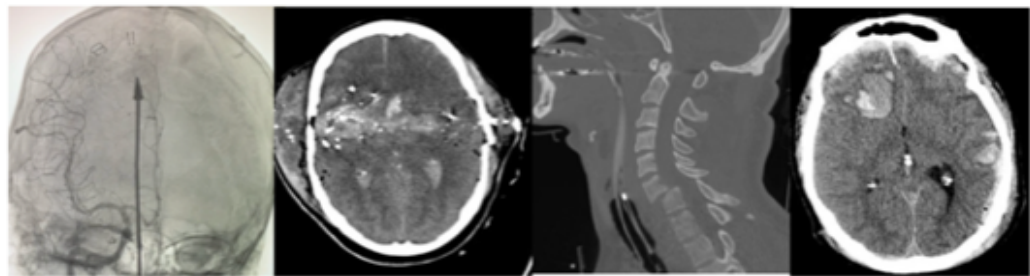


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