



CCNAPI ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT



LEADING CRITICAL CARE FORWARD

From global congresses in Dubai, Canada, and Malaysia to national policy dialogues and grassroots community outreach, CCNAPI continues to champion excellence, innovation, and collaboration in critical care nursing.

This issue highlights the association's milestones in leadership, research, advocacy, and international engagement—strengthening the voice and impact of Filipino critical care nurses both locally and on the world stage.

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CCNAPI ANNUAL CONFERENCE “V.O.I.C.E FOR CHANGE: VALUES, OUTCOMES, INNOVATIONS, COMPASSION AND EXCELLENCE IN CRITICAL CARE NURSING,”



SPEAKERS FROM THE SOUTHEAST ASEAN FEDERATION OF CRITICAL CARE NURSES



PHILIPPINE LEADERSHIP WITH INDONESIA AND THAILAND SPEAKERS

The 2025 Annual Conference of the Critical Care Nurses Association of the Philippines, Inc. (CCNAPI) was held from February 19–21, 2025, at Makati Diamond Residences with a simultaneous virtual platform. With the theme “V.O.I.C.E for Change: Values, Outcomes, Innovations, Compassion and Excellence in Critical Care Nursing,” the three-day event gathered local and international critical care professionals to integrate evidence-based practice, ethics, innovation, and humanistic care in intensive care nursing.

The convention opened with welcome remarks from Overall Chair Mr. Mark Gil Q. De La Rosa, MAN, RN, emphasizing patient safety and professional growth. Messages from Jacqueline Kho Ling Ling (Sarawak Nursing Professional Association, Malaysia) and Bimala Shrestha (Critical Care Nurses Association of Nepal) underscored strong regional collaboration.

A key highlight was the keynote lecture of Dr. Ryan Clifford O. Baldomero, DNP, APRN, ACNS-BC, Visiting Professor at Chamberlain University (USA), on “Emotions: the Non-Biomarker on Cardiovascular Health and Well-Being.” His talk bridged clinical science and emotional intelligence. Ethical and relational dimensions of care were further explored by Prof. Ma. Rita G. Villanueva-Tamse on respect in critical care and Dr. Rudolf Cymorr Kirby P. Martinez on relational presence in nursing.

Day 1 also addressed measurable outcomes and innovation. Vimala A/P Ramoo, PhD, RN, discussed organizational support for nurse-driven initiatives, while Baruna Paudel Subedi, RN, MSc, examined ICU communication cultures. Industry-supported sessions

introduced safety and efficiency innovations. The 6th Noli V. Pagdangan Lecture, delivered by Rodolfo C. Borromeo, EdD, focused on leadership, governance, and succession planning in nursing organizations.

Day 2 centered on compassion and specialization. Kriti Napit, RN, presented “Humanizing the Intensive Care Unit,” emphasizing dignity and family inclusion. Dr. Enny Mulyatsih discussed neurocritical expertise, and Seang Sothea, RN, MPA, reviewed rapid sequence intubation guidelines. A panel featuring Hon. Carmelita C. Divinagracia, Hon. Merle L. Salvani, and Elmer D. Bondoc tackled upskilling and career progression.

Regional collaboration was highlighted during the SEAFCCN Forum moderated by Ericson S. Batan, MAN, RN, SCRNP, with representatives from Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Nepal discussing harmonized standards across Asia.

The virtual third day focused on clinical competencies. Mr. De La Rosa presented on ICU care bundles, MAJ Phil Adrian S. Carrera discussed adult cardiac arrest aligned with AHA standards, and Prof. Maria Isabelita C. Rogado delivered sessions on post-thrombolytic care and stroke nutrition. Research presentations and workshops, including the NIH Stroke Scale session by Diana Jean F. Serondo, strengthened the academic rigor of the program.

The 2025 CCNAPI Conference successfully balanced ethics, leadership, innovation, and technical mastery. Its hybrid format expanded accessibility while reinforcing CCNAPI’s role as a catalyst for excellence and transformation in Philippine critical care nursing.



STRENGTHENING THE NURSING WORKFORCE IN THE PHILIPPINES



The Critical Care Nurses Association of the Philippines, Inc. (CCNAPI) recently participated in a seminar organized by the Professional Regulation Commission – Board of Nursing on August 20, 2025, at AGT Hall, PNA Building, Malate, Manila. Led by Hon. Leah Primitiva G. Samaco-Paquiz, the event gathered presidents of various nursing organizations nationwide in a historic collaborative meeting aimed at uniting efforts to strengthen and empower the nursing workforce across the country.

Hon. Samaco-Paquiz discussed the organizational structure of the PRC and the functions of the Board of Nursing, highlighting key nursing tracks: Nursing Education, Nursing Service, Research, and Leadership and Governance. The PRC Board of Nursing (PRBON) expressed its commitment to convene a monitoring assembly within 2025 to review accomplishments and evaluate progress. Standards promulgated in 2017 are set to be revisited for necessary updates and modifications to ensure alignment with current healthcare demands.

Hon. Zenaida Gagno provided an in-depth discussion on Republic Act No. 9485, the Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007 (ARTA), emphasizing transparency and efficiency in public service to prevent graft and corruption. The session also noted the presence of 27 specialty nursing groups and 16 interest nursing groups nationwide, underscoring the diversity within the profession. A recurring message during the discussions was clear: nurturing the profession remains central to workforce development.

Hon. Mila Llanes presented updates on the Philippine Nursing Law of 2025, including the recognition of Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) roles. Clarification was also made that Nursing Service is not synonymous with Nursing Practice, reinforcing distinctions within professional scope and regulatory frameworks. Participants gained deeper insight into the legislative process and ongoing initiatives aimed at recognizing the significant contributions of nurses within the healthcare system.





20TH WORLD FEDERATION OF CRITICAL CARE NURSES WORLD CONGRESS



COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE WFCCN

The 20th World Congress of the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN) was held in Dubai from May 9–11, 2025, alongside the 21st Emirates Critical Care Conference (ECCC) at the InterContinental Hotel, Festival City. The congress formed part of a broader global critical care forum conducted with the World Federation of Intensive and Critical Care (WFICC), the Asia Africa Conference, the Global Network for Emergency Medicine, and other regional scientific meetings. More than 2,000 healthcare professionals from over 45 countries and 35 scientific associations participated, fostering international collaboration among critical care nurses, clinicians, researchers, and healthcare leaders.

A day before the congress, the WFCCN had the Council Annual General Assembly. Professor Rogado and Ms. Mischelle A. Suguitan, represented CCNAPI. Strategic plans of WFCCN were discussed and formulation of committees relevant to the federation's projects were established. Prof. Rogado, CCNAPI President and WFCCN Vice-President chairs the committee on Declaration and Position Statements.

Collaborative agreements and Memoranda of Understanding were forged to support joint training, research, and professional development initiatives between the World Federation of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine and World Federation of Critical Care Nurse.



COLLABORATIVE MEETING BETWEEN WFICCM AND WFCCN



DECLARATION AND POSITION STATEMENT COMMITTEE



CCNAPI ATTENDED THE MICE STAKEHOLDERS NETWORKING EVENT



The Critical Care Nurses Association of the Philippines, Inc. (CCNAPI) attended the Philippine MICE Stakeholders Networking Event organized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) on March 10, 2025, at Lanson Place, Mall of Asia Complex, Pasay City, Philippines. The networking event aimed to unite key industry stakeholders from hotels, tourism boards, and event management organizations to foster collaboration and strengthen the country's Meetings, Incentive Travel, Conventions, and Exhibitions (MICE) capabilities, ultimately promoting tourism growth.

As an active specialty nursing organization in the Philippines and a founding member of the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses network, CCNAPI continues to support knowledge exchange, research collaboration, and professional engagement both locally and internationally. CCNAPI was represented at the event by Mr. Ferdinand P. Aganon, one of its active members.

CCNAPI OUTREACH PROGRAM 2025 IN ZAMBALES



The Critical Care Nurses Association of the Philippines, Inc. (CCNAPI) successfully conducted its first Outreach Program on June 6–7, 2025, at MI-DAL Lodge, Purok VI, Santa Cruz, Zambales. The two-day initiative brought together critical care nurse volunteers and Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) of Barangay Malibago to strengthen community preparedness, promote health awareness, and enhance basic emergency response skills.

The program opened with orientation and participant introductions, followed by structured learning sessions on essential first aid and community health competencies. Discussions emphasized responding to common emergencies and reinforcing proper hygiene and sanitation practices to prevent disease transmission, particularly in rural settings.

Barangay Health Workers actively engaged in discussions and hands-on demonstrations, with their enthusiasm becoming one of the outreach's defining highlights. Practical exercises enriched the learning experience and strengthened participants' confidence in delivering basic life-saving interventions.

Throughout the program, interactions between CCNAPI volunteers and BHWs remained collaborative and respectful, fostering stronger community-health partnerships.

The outreach concluded with the distribution of certificates and tokens of appreciation. The initiative successfully equipped Barangay Malibago's health workers with enhanced skills, increased confidence, and greater awareness in emergency response and community health promotion, reaffirming CCNAPI's commitment to empowering grassroots health frontliners and building more resilient communities.



CCNAPI AT THE WORLD CONGRESS

The Critical Care Nurses Association of the Philippines, Inc. participated in the 17th World Congress of Intensive and Critical Care (WCICC) held from September 16 to 19, 2025, in Vancouver, Canada. The global congress convened leaders in intensive and critical care medicine, nursing, and allied health disciplines to advance collaborative practice and innovation in high-acuity care.

The event featured scientific sessions, expert panels, and research presentations addressing evolving trends in critical care management, technology integration, workforce sustainability, and patient-centered outcomes. International delegates engaged in discussions focused on strengthening multidisciplinary collaboration and translating research into improved clinical practice.

CCNAPI's presence at WCICC 2025 reflects its sustained commitment to global engagement and professional development. Participation in this international forum reinforces the association's role in representing Filipino critical care nurses on the world stage and in contributing to ongoing dialogue shaping the future of intensive care practice.

Through continued involvement in global congresses, CCNAPI strengthens international networks, promotes knowledge exchange, and supports the advancement of evidence-based critical care nursing both locally and worldwide.





STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL ORGAN TRANSPLANT SYSTEM



Despite the presence of Super Typhoon Ompong, the Department of Health proceeded with its Strategic Planning: Stakeholders Consultation on September 26, 2025, at the Tribute Hotel, Quezon City. The meeting gathered key organizations, including the Critical Care Nurses Association of the Philippines, Inc. (CCNAPI), the Philippine Neurocritical Care Society, major hospital representatives nationwide, WHO consultants, and transplant recipients.

Opening remarks were delivered by Dr. Anna Martie Garfin of the Disease Prevention and Control Bureau and Dr. Florante Trinidad of the World Health Organization Philippines. Discussions highlighted the current state of organ transplantation in the country, emphasizing the urgent gap between rising kidney failure cases and the limited number of available donors.

With a new case of chronic renal failure developing every hour, demand for kidney transplantation far exceeds supply. Challenges include low peritoneal dialysis utilization, severe donor shortages, and barriers within the opt-in system under Republic Act No. 7170. Although 22 accredited transplant facilities operate nationwide, most are concentrated in urban areas, limiting equitable access.

Proposed strategies include strengthening legislation, enhancing advocacy campaigns, engaging cultural and religious leaders, and reinforcing governance and monitoring systems. Workshop sessions focused on key areas such as Policy and Governance, Capacity Building, Advocacy, Monitoring and Evaluation, and Strategic Partnerships.

The consultation reinforced the need for multisectoral collaboration and affirmed the critical role of healthcare professionals, including critical care nurses, in advancing organ donation and transplantation systems in the Philippines.





CCNAPI SHOWCASES EXCELLENCE AT MALAYSIA INTERNATIONAL NURSING CONFERENCE

October 4–5, 2025 | University of Malaya Medical
Centre (UMMC)

The Critical Care Nurses Association of the Philippines (CCNAPI) proudly represented the Philippines at the International Nursing & Healthcare Conference themed “Critical Care Beyond Boundaries: Sustainability, Innovation & Collaboration,” held at the University of Malaya Medical Centre in Malaysia.

The delegation featured presentations by Professor Belle Rogado and Mr. Ericson Batan, highlighting Filipino leadership and scholarship in critical care nursing.

Professor Rogado presented “Simulation Drills as a Tool for Competency Reinforcement in Critical Care,” emphasizing simulation-based training to enhance clinical competence, decision-making, and preparedness in high-acuity settings. Her presentation reinforced the value of innovative educational strategies in ensuring safe and high-quality patient care.



Mr. Batan presented his research, “Patient and Family Engagement Practices in Philippine ICUs: A Cross-Sectional Study,” examining patient- and family-centered care practices in Philippine intensive care units. The study identified current practices, challenges, and opportunities to strengthen engagement in critical care environments.

In a significant achievement, Mr. Batan’s research paper was awarded First Place, bringing distinction to CCNAPI and Philippine critical care nursing. The recognition affirms the global relevance and impact of Filipino nursing research on improving patient and family outcomes.

CCNAPI’s participation reflects its continued mission to promote excellence in practice, advance research engagement, and strengthen international collaboration. The achievement serves as inspiration for members to actively pursue innovation and leadership in global professional platforms.

CCNAPI extends its congratulations to Professor Belle Rogado and Mr. Ericson Batan for bringing honor to Philippine nursing on the international stage.