



# PHILIPPINE NEUROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

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### MISSION

PROMOTE Neurological health for all  
NURTURE the growth and welfare of our members  
ADVANCE the expertise in the Neurological Sciences

### VISION

Quality Neurological care for all.  
Anytime. Anywhere

### CORE VALUES

#### Benevolence

We are morally driven to act for the benefit of others

#### Resolute

We are committed to display an uncommon discipline, be unwavering in our values, and display strength in adversity

#### Advocacy

We support and promote the rights of our patients and healthcare workers and help build the capacity to improve community health and achieve better health outcomes

#### Integrity

We set and maintain the highest ethical and professional standards for ourselves, our staff and our programs

#### Nurturing

We promote the well-being of our members, our patients and the communities we serve

## POSITION STATEMENT

### A CALL FOR ACTION

The Philippine Neurological Association and its affiliate societies stand with the medical community in its unwavering conviction to uphold what is just and good.

We condemn the irresponsible and selfish actions of individuals who put themselves above the law, callous of the common good and who belittle the supreme sacrifice that is required of so many.

We call on all politicians and people in government to truly embody the meaning of public service. It is NOT self-aggrandizement, immunity from social and legal responsibilities and entitlement to special privileges. It means – TO PUT YOURSELF LAST. Servant leadership is the burden of public service and humility its empowering force! At this time, thousands of healthcare workers, civil servants and men and women in uniform put their lives and their families at risk for the Filipino people. We ask you to ask yourself: "What have I sacrificed for my country?" If it is greater than what these brave Filipinos have done, then you are truly worthy to be called a public servant.

We also call on our patients to do your part in this common fight. The hospitals should be the last line of defense and not the first! This pandemic will only end if we take the responsibility upon ourselves, to follow the quarantine rules, to fully disclose your histories to your doctors and to isolate yourselves from your own families when even feeling the slightest symptoms. Too many lives have already been harmed and sacrificed because patients didn't fully disclose their histories and by irresponsible people who believe that quarantine is a joke. Protocols are put in place so that maximum



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benefit can be attained with the least amount of resources spent. We cannot afford to clean up after every breach of protocol! Resources are utilized for activities that might have served a greater good.

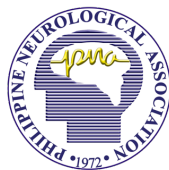
We call on local government officials and hospital owners and executives to unite in forming localized COVID units/area hospitals as this pandemic has already found its way outside of the national capital region and affect the most vulnerable of our people, the poor and the least equipped of our medical institutions, provincial district hospitals. We believe that concerted efforts that are based on each hospital's strengths will be the best way to go.

We call on the national leadership to mandate the LOCAL manufacture of protective equipment as a priority project and create measures to ensure the delivery of raw materials to manufacturing areas/companies. The private sector, professional associations and even families have answered the call to making their own protective equipment but access to materials is difficult. There are willing hands that seek to help, let us help empower them! China succeeded in their fight because they made sure the weapons to combat the disease were made within its shores.

The disease does not discriminate between the rich and the poor. It affects everyone but the resources available to help fight it discriminates against the poor and the powerless. We call on government to even the playing field, to set aside political affiliations and make sure services are given to those in greatest need.

We call on the Department of Health to remain steadfast in its pivotal role in stemming the tide of the disease and hope for your prompt, judicious action on the approval of treatment protocols, within ethical considerations, that will aid our health workers in combatting this plague. We implore you to join the multi-country trial **SOLIDARITY** sponsored by no less than the World Health Organization, focusing on drug therapies to combat COVID-19. It is a global problem and unless we join hands with the international medical community, we delay the help the world desperately needs.


We strongly advocate for the prioritization of testing for healthcare workers in the frontlines as we need to protect our warriors first and foremost. We shall continue to support the Department of Health in these difficult times. We pray that God will imbue you with His wisdom and forbearance to always stand up for what is right, for the benefit of the many and not for the pleasure of the few.





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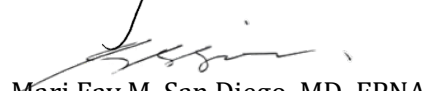
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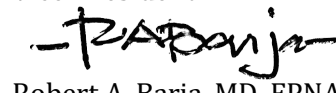
  
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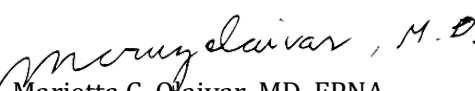
  
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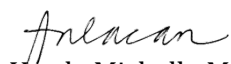
  
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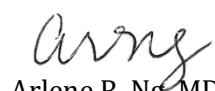


  
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