



This year, we celebrate the 67th year of the Philippine Society of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. It is a memorable year not only for us ENT practitioners but for the entire world as well, because after 3 years of restrictions, our lives and activities are finally back to normal. The vaccines and medicines against COVID-19 that were developed through meticulous research have afforded us protection against the virus and the confidence to return to our daily lives. Now, more than ever, we see the vital role of research in our lives.

Research. It is a word that we are all familiar with and have encountered countless times throughout our lives. It is a search for new knowledge to expand our expertise and answer the questions we have. Every carefully chosen article and piece of research published in this issue seeks to promote and enhance the practice of Otolaryngology. As you read through them, I hope that they expand your understanding of our specialty and gain new knowledge that you can use to improve your practice.

I would like to thank our contributors and the members of the editorial staff of the Philippine Journal of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, headed by Dr. José Florencio Lapeña, for their unwavering commitment to regularly provide us new articles and studies to ignite our thirst for knowledge and research. Congratulations for another successful publication and we eagerly anticipate the next one.

Enjoy reading!

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