

## New Beginnings in a Lean Season



We open the first issue of the *Philippine Journal of Pathology* for 2025 with quiet resolve. It is, by all accounts, a lean harvest—just five articles in this issue—but each one reflects the rigor, relevance, and responsibility we seek to uphold in Philippine pathology. In an era marked by increasing demands on laboratory professionals and evolving health challenges, we recognize the many constraints faced by our contributors, reviewers, and editorial team alike. And yet, we publish—faithfully, persistently—because the work of knowledge-building must go on.

This year marks another step forward for the journal: we are introducing a new article type—**interviews with prominent pathologists and laboratorians**.

These conversations offer first-hand perspectives on the most pressing issues in laboratory medicine in the country today, from workforce gaps and quality systems to research priorities and public health integration. It is our hope that these narratives will both inform and inspire, reminding us that behind every laboratory are individuals who carry the weight of expertise, decision-making, and institutional memory.

We also share that in 2025, PJP will begin the process of **applying for inclusion in international indexing platforms**. This is both a challenge and a commitment. We are under no illusions—our content, editorial processes, and publishing infrastructure will need to meet rigorous global standards. But we believe it is time. Filipino pathology deserves a seat at the global table, and the PJP will continue to grow as the platform through which our contributions are seen, cited, and shared.

We invite our readers, authors, and peer reviewers to join us in this endeavor. Submit your work. Cite local studies. Volunteer your expertise. Support your journal. In every published issue, no matter how modest in size, we are building a legacy of Philippine laboratory science—one article at a time.

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