



Editorial

The State of the Journal 2023

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Welcome to Issue 1 of Volume 7 of the Philippine Journal of Allied Health Sciences (PJAHS). I always feel nostalgic writing the inaugural editorial to greet a new volume of PJAHS. From the very first issue of PJAHS,¹ each edition is a testament to the hard work of our editorial board, academic editors, reviewers, publisher, and authors who put their trust in the journal.²⁻⁴ It is never easy preparing an issue. There have been times when we doubted ourselves on our ability to come up with an issue. We placed our fate at the hands of the academic and scholastic community. Guided by our mission and vision, we pursue and have been rewarded with providence. Specifically for this issue, we continue to break barriers, and even our own expectations. We go beyond institutional and national reach to publish articles of international affiliations. In the face of adversity and challenge, PJAHS is unwavering in its quality standards.

This issue is divided into two sections. Our regular section features five articles, while the special section is conference proceedings from the 2nd Rehabilitation Sciences Convention 2023.

Apart from celebrating this new issue, I find it important to share with our readers the wonderful news that PJAHS has been to the World Health Organization's Western Pacific Region Index Medicus (WPRIM). WPRIM indexes medical and health journals in the region.⁵

In an attempt to uphold the quality of PJAHS, we heed to the recommendations set forth by the

Philippines' National Journal Selection Committee. PJAHS has now acquired an e-ISSN, which we proudly display on the journal's cover. We have also expanded our ethical standards to explicitly include statements about conflicts and competing interests of the PJAHS editorial board, academic editors, and reviewers grounded on the Committee on Publication Ethics.⁶

In the next few months, PJAHS will undergo its biggest challenge yet. For any scientific journal, bibliographic database indexing is an onus. PJAHS aspires to benchmark itself with more established journals, and we find this endeavor both necessary and beneficial. This reflective practice should inform our processes to improve the quality of the articles we regularly publish. We hope to share news about this in our next issue. Meanwhile, we hope you find the articles published in this issue useful and inspiring in your fields.

PJAHS accepts submissions year-round with cut-off dates for issue publication. We are able to maintain free submission and no article publication charges with the gracious support of our publisher. Since each submission costs PJAHS resources, we appeal to prospective authors aiming to publish with us to read our submission guidelines carefully. Your serious assertion to subject your article to the peer-review processes and guidelines is tantamount to the outcomes of the evaluation.

Collaboration is always welcome in PJAHS. If you want to explore possible partnerships with us, we will warmly welcome any discussions and discourse. It is through the meeting of minds that innovations and solutions are fostered in the ever-changing field of allied health sciences.

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