



**PHICNA 28th Annual Convention 2026
May 20, 2026; 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Ballroom A & B, Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila**

Theme: Leading the Change: Transformational IPC Nursing for Safer, Smarter, Stronger Healthcare

General Objective:

To empower Infection Prevention and Control Nurses (IPCNs) as transformational leaders who drive systemic improvements in patient safety, healthcare quality, and health system resilience by strengthening leadership competencies, advancing evidence-based IPC practices, and promoting innovative and sustainable solutions across healthcare settings.

Time	Topics/Activities	Objectives	Resource Persons
7:00 - 8:00 AM	Registration		Committee on Registration and Membership
8:00 - 8:30 AM	Opening Ceremonies: 1. Invocation 2. National Anthem 3. PHICNA Hymn 4. Welcome Remarks 5. Introduction to the Convention		PHICNA Board Officers and Advisers Juan Paulo V. Chavez, RN, RM President, PHICNA Inc./ Chair, Overall Organizing Committee
8:30 - 9:15 AM	Keynote Address: From Compliance to Leadership: The Transformational Role of the IPC Nurse	1. Reframe the IPCN role from compliance monitor to strategic leader and change agent. 2. Describe key competencies of transformational IPC leadership. 3. Inspire IPC nurses to lead organizational and system-level change.	Dominga C. Gomez, RN Founding and Past President, PHICNA Inc. Moderator: Victoria D. Villanueva, RN Past President, PHICNA Inc.
9:15 - 9:30 AM	Tea Break / Opening of Exhibits (Industry Partners) - Detoxicare (AM Industry Symposium)		
9:30 - 10:15 AM	Symposium 1: Building Safer, Smarter, Stronger Health Systems: Why Leadership at the Frontlines Matters	1. Understand how patient safety, quality, and health system performance are interconnected. 2. Recognize the importance of frontline and middle leadership (including IPCNs) in health system transformation. 3. Appreciate how system thinking, governance, and culture influence daily clinical practice. 4. See their work not just as	Enrique A. Tayag, MD, FPCP, FPSMID Former Undersecretary, DOH Moderator: Victoria C. Ching, RN, MGM-ESP Past President, PHICNA Inc.



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		infection control tasks but as core contributions to national health goals and UHC.	
10:15 - 11:30 AM	Best Practices Forum: From Foundations to Excellence: Scaling Infection Prevention and Control Best Practices Across Hospital Levels	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Showcase innovative, practical, and high-impact IPC best practices from Level 1, 2, and 3 hospitals. 2. Demonstrate how IPC initiatives can be scaled and adapted across different hospital capacities and settings. 3. Highlight leadership, systems improvement, and teamwork as key drivers of successful IPC programs. 4. Promote peer learning and replication of proven IPC strategies nationwide. 	<p>Czarina T. Mendoza-Teneza, RN Infection Control Nurse Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center</p> <p>Mary Joy Mosaso Susal, RN Infection Control Nurse Calamba Medical Center</p> <p>Iris Grace Salutillo, RN Infection Control Nurse Mindanao Central Sanitarium</p> <p>Moderator: Maria Lourdes Bernadeth V. Manipon-Laxina, RN, MSN, CIC Past President, PHICNA Inc./ Chair, NOMELEC</p>
11:30 - 12:30 PM	Lunch Symposium		
12:30 - 2:00 PM	Business Meeting		PHICNA Board of Officers, Advisers, and Members
2:00 - 2:15 PM	Tea Break - BD (Industry Symposium)		
2:15 - 3:00 PM	Symposium 2: Engineering and Environment: Leading Systems-Based Infection Prevention	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain the IPCN role in engineering controls, facility design, and environmental safety. 2. Apply IPC principles to ventilation, isolation, water safety, and environmental cleaning. 3. Strengthen collaboration between IPC, engineering, and hospital leadership. 	<p>Regina P. Berba, MD, MSc, FPCP, FPSMID Vice-President, PSMID Inc.</p> <p>Moderator: Ruvy T. De Guzman, RN, MGM Past President, PHICNA Inc.</p>
3:00 - 4:30 PM	Panel Discussion: Building a Culture of Safety: The IPC Nurse as Change Leader	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain how leadership behavior influences safety culture and compliance. 2. Apply change management strategies to improve IPC practices. 3. Lead sustainable behavior change across healthcare teams. 	<p>Joy P. Padrigano, RN, JD Development Management Officer IV, DOH-HFDB</p> <p>Renee Rose O. Maglente, RN, GDip ClinEpi, CLSSYB Vice-President, PHICNA Inc./Chair, Committee on Scientific, Organizing Activities and Research</p>



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			Mary Grace Ann G. Garrido, RN Board Member, PHICNA Inc. Xindy Joy O. Mahumoc, RN IPCN, Davao Doctors Hospital Moderator: Juan Paulo V. Chavez, RN, RM President, PHICNA Inc.
4:30 - 4:55 PM	Oathtaking of New Chapters Oathtaking of New Board of Officers Oathtaking of New Members		Juan Paulo V. Chavez, RN, RM President, PHICNA Inc. Ms. Dominga C. Gomez, RN Founding & Past President, PHICNA Inc.
4:55 - 5:00 PM	Closing Remarks		Ms. Renee Rose O. Maglente, RN, GDip ClinEpi, CLSSYB Vice-President, PHICNA Inc.

Emcees: Maria Armel B. Bayot, RN / Nominees for New Board of Officers



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