



DOH Sec. Duque inaugurates four new centers

Jerbee G. Tamayo

To realize the thrust of elevating the status of the hospital from being a regional tertiary hospital into a mega hospital in Luzon by 2022, Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC) opens to the public its four newly-constructed centers led by Department of Health Secretary Francisco Duque III on February 7, 2019.

The four facilities that were inaugurated include the Cancer Center, Department of Behavioral Medicine, Department of Behavioral Medicine Building, Haven of Hope and the Malasakit Center.

Duque was joined by Dr. Glenn Mathew Baggao, CVMC Medical Center Chief II; CVCHD Director Dr. Rio L. Magpantay including the Regional Directors of Region I and Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR); Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Region II Director Sarah Buena Mirasol;

Medical Center Chiefs (MCCs) from Veterans Regional Hospital (VRH), Baguio General Hospital (BGH), Ilocos Training and Regional Medical Center (ITRMC), Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital (LHMRH), and Region 1 Medical Center (R1MC). The four division heads — Dr. Cherry Lou M. Antonio, Ms. Melita T. Taguibao, Ms. Olivia SB Gonzales and Mr. Noel B. Arnedo — together with the different department and unit heads were also present to show support during the said inauguration.

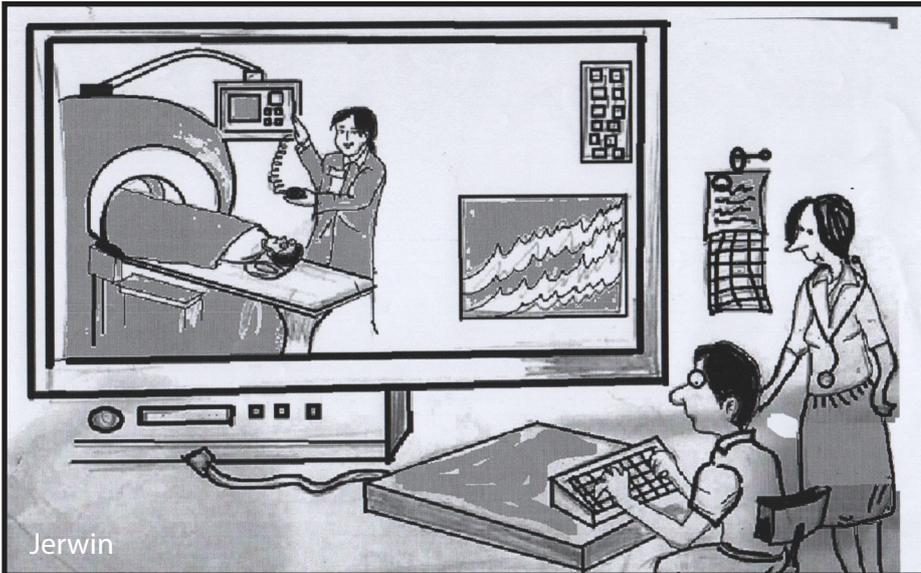
In his speech, Duque expressed his appreciation to the constant upgrading and innovations of the government-run regional tertiary hospital; however, he emphasized that creating state-of-the-art facilities and acquiring sophisticated equipment should be correspondent with the delivery of quality health care services to the patients coupled with

consideration on their rights to ensure high patient satisfaction.

“It is good to have a very nice infrastructure but at the end of the day, we have to assess how nice the services of our hospital employees to our clients because we promote not only good facilities but good character,” Duque added.

Meanwhile, in his opening remarks, Dr. Baggao stressed that each employee of the hospital should adhere to the highest standards of healthcare delivery and services. He also highlighted some of CVMC’s latest achievements and innovations which include recently-opened facilities and newly-purchased equipment as a response to the evolving health care needs of patients within the region and neighboring provinces.

CVMC Technological Competency: Boon or Bane?



In this era of technological advancement, health management is made more convenient. The mortality and morbidity of patients had improved to some extent. However, is technological competency, a boon or a bane?

Technological competency is a trademark of a tertiary hospital. It labels the hospital's authentic value or worth in the provision of care. However, is care without human touch enough and optimal?

Technology already existed even before the time of Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine. Human intervention was central over the use of technology. However, will care without more complex technology be enough and optimal?

In the evolution of every hospital's provision of care, human touch and technology are both evident to achieve improved quality care. Theorists like Boykin & Schoenhofer, including Rozzano Locsin (a Filipino contemporary theorist), emerge to advocate technological competency as caring moment by moment.

Our beloved institution caters to both human and technological touch. However, do our health care providers offer themselves moment by moment?

CVMC on its 74th year of operation, displayed its peacock's glory as a tertiary (teaching, training and research) institution through its most recent and up-to-date equipment delivered to ORL-HNS area on January 11, 2019. Some state of the art equipment and instruments include pediatric bronchoscopy, ICU Brain monitor, latest model laboratory machines, double door sterilizer (autoclave unit), basic craniotomy set all the way to orthopedic dermatome unit.

As one among the three tertiary DOH

hospitals in the region, its internal and external accrediting bodies continue to ensure the road to quality service utilizing both human touches and modern technology.

Now, what are the pros and cons of technology?

Boon: Technological competencies have made a great stride in the more scientific management of diseases, trauma and diagnostics. With its sophistication, time factor in establishing diagnosis or diagnoses had always been a breakthrough!

Bane: The major culprit is the health providers' dependency on technological advancement. The moment by moment care factors in terms of assessment, diagnosis and treatment are slowly decreasing due to adjunctive therapies or modifications. The human to human interaction become less. Nowadays, we have a robot taking vital signs in one of the hospitals in Japan. Will there be a moment that only those hospital administrators plus a few machine operators are the primary healthcare providers?

Man developed advancement in technology for convenience purposes. However, scholars and scientist should not aim to completely replace the human race in patient care. In like manner, CVMC healthcare providers should give their selfless services moment by moment and not momentarily. Let us try to value more 'our being with' the patient while using all the available technological competencies.



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CVMC buckles up for PRIME-HRM

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In its endeavor to achieve not only excellence but to bolster transformations for continual improvement in the quality of its services, Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC) immersed itself to Civil Service Commission (CSC)'s Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management or PRIME-HRM.

Launched in 2012 by the CSC, PRIME-HRM integrates and enhances the Personnel Management and Assistance Program (PMAAP) and the CSC Agency Accreditation Program (CSCAAP). Its primary goal is to elevate public sector human resource management to a level of excellence through the assessment, assistance, and awarding processes of Human Resource Management (HRM) systems, practices, and competencies using HRM maturity level indicators that are at par with global HRM standards. Moreover, it serves as a mechanism to recognize and promote best practices, and acts as a venue for exchange and development of expertise among government agencies.

Under PRIME-HRM, the assessment, assistance, and awarding processes are envisioned to be more strategic as it shifts from merely monitoring agencies' compliance with regulations and guidelines to developing globally accepted HRM maturity level indicators. These indicators act as a yardstick for determining HRM excellence in order to create a positive impact on public service delivery and consequently, on citizen satisfaction.

The four core HRM systems, to wit: (1) Recruitment; Selection and Placement; (2) Learning and Development; (3) Performance Management; and (4) Rewards and Recognition, are considered the heart of PRIME-HRM as they cover all the necessary people requirements of attraction, engagement, performance, motivation, and

retention of any organization.

One important component of PRIME-HRM accurately exemplified by CVMC is the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO). In terms of recruitment, the hospital provides equal opportunity for all to engage in the employment market regardless of age, sex, ethnicity, or even disabilities. With regards to performance, the sense of responsibility and accountability is being encouraged and developed among its employees. As with trainings, CVMC management continues to send its employees to trainings and seminar-workshops to enhance their personal knowledge and capabilities which will impact greater quality of service. Furthermore, employees with full time service were also given recognition. For the previous year, 179 employees were awarded for full time service. Lastly, learning and development were given utmost emphasis through post-evaluation for in-house services.

PRIME-HRM is composed of three stages. In the Assessment phase, the assessment team from CSC facilitates the change journey of an agency through the employment of a self-assessment tool to recognize the HRM gaps. Both the agency and the Assistor then develops the Action and Assist plans. In the Assisting phase, the Assistor, acting as the Process Consultant, guides the agency in determining the change management strategies, or intervention for the implementation of the Action plan. The Assistor helps in dealing with challenges in HRM as they arise. In the final phase or the Awarding phase, the agency is recognized for the maturity indicators in any one of the core HRM systems. An award for Bronze, Silver, Gold or Center of Excellence, or Seal of HR Excellence is also conferred after meeting sets of higher maturity level indicators.

At present, CVMC is at Maturity

Level II or the Process-Defined HRM and aiming of advancing itself towards Maturity Level III or the Integrated HRM. The hospital has adequately complied with the requirements or Level III accreditation and is currently waiting for the final verdict of CSC. Supervising Administrative Officer Felipa Centeno expressed her positive anticipation of the result, "With the standards set and laid down, I believe we are almost there and we're just waiting for the pronouncement of the award."

The PRIME-HRM's philosophy, "People Excellence for Service Excellence", serves as a steering wheel among government agencies in transforming every government employee into a servant hero through exemplary human resource processes. With the constantly changing needs of our clientele, we should be more than ever ready to accept constant improvement on the quality of services we offer. Building a culture of excellence, therefore, denotes building a culture of embracing change wholeheartedly for the purpose of continual improvement. In the end, excellence cannot be considered success unless we are able to transform the lives of people who are in need of our services.



CVMC celebrates 74th Founding Anniversary

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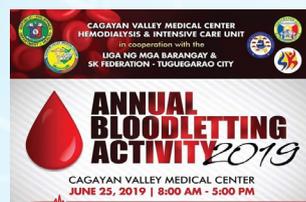
In commemoration of its more than seven decades of commitment to quality healthcare services, Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC) celebrated its 74th founding anniversary on June 23 to 25, 2019 with the theme: "Ika-74 Anibersaryo ng CVMC: Marangal at Tapat na Serbisyo."

An array of fun and exciting yet meaningful activities transpired during the three-day celebration. The first day commenced with a Fun Run and Zumba, engaged by some four hundred participants including its employees and partakers from other government agencies and professional organizations like the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and the Philippine Association of Medical Technologists, Inc. (PAMET).

The second day initiated with a thanksgiving mass in the morning. A bazaar was also put up within the hospital vicinity as a fund raiser for charitable purposes. The day ended with an exhilarating showcase of great talents from its employees in its CVMC Got Talent competition during the fellowship night.

The third and final day incorporated a blood letting activity hosted by the Blood Bank section of CVMC, fun-filled Bingo Socials where great prizes were given away to lucky winners, and a feeding program for patients and watchers.

Commitment to quality service and patient care has been a constant challenge for the institution amidst the ever-changing and increasing needs of its patients and the constantly emerging and evolving diseases. Nevertheless, CVMC strives to commit to continue the culture of excellent and quality healthcare services to cater all patients from all walks of life in the future.



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CVMC holds 4-day Management

Donna Therese M. Taguinod

Another milestone in the journey towards continual quality improvement puts Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC), as an ISO 9001:2015 certified institution, in the pedestal as it conducted the biannual Management Review (MR) for four (4) days on February 19, 20, 26 and 27, 2019 at CVMC Amphitheater.

The 4-day MR was presided by Dr. Jane G. Pagaddu, Quality Management Representative (QMR), through the guidance of the top management headed by the Medical Center Chief, Dr. Glenn Mathew G. Baggao. Also in attendance were Dr. Cherry Lou M, Antonio, Mr. Noel B. Arnedo and Ms. Olivia SB Gonzales, different department, section and unit heads and ISO committees.

Matters on the hospital's commitment towards continued quality healthcare service were underscored whilst each of the unit and section heads presented their Quality Objective Planning and Monitoring

(QOPM), Strengths, Weaknesses, Threats, and Opportunities (SWOT), Risk Action Plan, Risk Monitor and Opportunities Action Plan and Risk Assessment Registry.

During the opening ceremonies, the QMR said that the MR is one of the vital activities in the hospital, not only because it is an ISO requirement but it provides a venue to assess how the department, unit and section fared following the planned targets in their respective QOPM.

She added that through MR, sustainability and adequacy led to the attainment of ISO QMS 2015 re-accreditation last December 2018.

"Commitment of the top management combined with dedication and support from the different heads and cooperation of every CVMC employee are the key factors to our success," said Dr. Pagadau.

Dr. Baggao, on the other hand, highlighted the need for transparency so that

objectives set are achieved with profound impact to the patients and to the community in general.

"Transparency in any organization is critical; it must be practiced in our institution to maximize our resources so that CVMC will provide the best medical care as a center for excellence." said Dr. Baggao.

In closing, Dr. Pagaddu expressed her gratitude to all stakeholders present during the 4-day MR despite their hectic schedule.

The MR not only laid a strong foundation for the implementation of ISO-QMS but also fostered culture of transparency.



Dr. Cherry Lou M. Antonio leads CVMC team during PGS boot camp

William P. Apostol

CVMC Chief Medical Professional Staff II, Dr. Cherry Lou M. Antonio, led the CVMC team when it attended the Performance Governance System (PGS) boot camp at the Philippine Heart Center in Quezon City on March 26-28, 2019.

The PGS is a framework for creating roadmaps based on an institution's position (vision). Through this framework, all the units of an institution collaborate in designing and executing its roadmap thereby realizing long-term reforms.

It is noteworthy that CVMC has been recertified for ISO 9001:2015 but the PGS is yet another journey for milestones and

breakthroughs geared towards provision of services beyond better.

PGS has four stages: Initiation, Compliance, Proficiency and Institutionalization. With the staunch leadership of Dr. Glenn Mathew Baggao, CVMC Medical Center Chief II, CVMC is gearing towards the first stage, which entails development of strategy and translating it into a set of measurable targets for learning and growth, operational efficiency, financial viability and social impact on its clientele.

The PGS core team is also known as the Strategic Management Committee (STRAMA) chaired by Dr. Rowel S. Matila, former Quality

Management Representative and the current chair of the Department of Behavioral Medicine.

Other members of the STRAMA are Dr. Alizza Love F. Velasco, Ms. Jocelyn I. Sorita, Dr. Johannah Caddawan, Ms. Eleanor Collado, Ms. Felipa Centeno, Ms. Cristina Batan, Ms. Odessa Lavadia, Ms. Daisy Andal, Ms. Belen Jularbal, Ms. Belly Jane Mangosing, Ms. Emelyn Cuntapay, Mr. Mark Anthony Nonato and Mr. William Apostol. Dr. Cherry Lou M. Antonio is the in-house consultant of the STRAMA.





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Dr. Baggao stressed that these newly-opened centers is an evidence of the institution's commitment to continually satisfy the needs.

The Cancer Center was established to provide easier accessibility for cancer diagnosis and treatment that will cater the increasing number of cancer patients in the region and in nearby provinces, eliminating the need to travel to Manila for medication.

The new two-storey Behavioral Medicine Department facility will serve its purpose of improving its services for individuals who have psychiatric conditions and also aid in the promotion of mental health.

The HACT Center was built to provide an array of medical, diagnostic,

treatment and support services as well as compassionate care to the people living with HIV/AIDS.

Lastly, the Malasakit Center, conveniently situated within the hospital perimeter, will serve as a one-stop shop for poverty-stricken patients who could not afford to pay their hospital bills through the assistance of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Philippine Health Insurance Service (PhilHealth), Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) and the Department of Health (DOH).

Indeed, these new facilities are a testament of CVMC's passion for excellent patient care. It is an attestation that modernization and sophistication of facilities and equipment should be

paralleled with the provision of equitable and accessible quality healthcare services. As it is on its way to being recognized as the leading healthcare institution in the region, it is not impossible to witness CVMC escalate in the succeeding years to be at par with the most advanced hospitals around the country.





Resident MDs hold

Joyce Ann Bunagan-La Madrid

The Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC) Professional Education and Training Office (PETO) in cooperation with the Resident Physicians' Organization (RPO) organized the Residents' Commencement Exercises on January 31, 2019 held at the CVMC Amphitheatre.

A total of 12 resident physicians from the Department of Internal Medicine, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Department of Pathology and Department of Family Community Medicine graduated from their respective training programs.

Dr. Rei Kristoffer Ubiña, a Family Medicine resident hosted the event. The ceremony started with a processional with the Chairmen and Training Officers from each department, Medical Training Officer, Chief Training Officer, Chief Medical Professional Staff, the Medical Center Chief and the candidates for graduation.

The event was graced by the Medical Center Chief, Dr. Glenn Mathew G. Baggao. The graduates were presented by Dr. Rhoderick Ian G. Reyes, Chief Training Officer. Dr. Jose Carlo B. Valencia was introduced by the RPO Adviser and the Medical Training Officer, Dr. Alizza Love F. Velasco as the guest speaker of the prestigious event.

The highlight of the exercises was the awarding of the Plaque of Recognition to the graduates in the presence of their respective Department Chairs and Training Officers. A video presentation made by the Post-Graduate Interns as a tribute to the graduates was shown followed by the response speech from Dr. Marie Chris Yolka-Balubal. She quipped: "Compassion, competence, and commitment. these are three equally important core values that made us reach this point in our lives, and these same values will lead and guide us to where we will be needed to touch other people's lives."

The doctors who successfully completed their residency training program are Dr. Michael John Atencio (Chief Resident), Dr. Christine Subla-Apaga, Dr. Lormie Raful-Batan, Dr. Everic Joy Dalanao, Dr. Rogelyn Uy, and Dr. Maria Lia Vea from Department of Internal Medicine; Dr. Janet Chua from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Dr. Brendalyn Gallebo (Chief Resident) from Department of Pathology and Laboratories; and Dr. Marie Chris Yolka-Balubal (Chief Resident), Dr. Rhea Bernadette Danguilan, Dr. Ma Teresa Tulauan, and Dr. Mary Hanzelle Corpuz from the Department of Family and Community Medicine.

CVMC institutionalizes AMS Program

 Yvete Turingan

Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC) actively advocates the deterrence of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) health threats as it stringently urges members of the health care team to act in preventing the consequences of this public predicament.

Administrative Order (AO) No. 42 section 24 creates an inter-agency committee for the formulation and implementation of a national plan to combat antimicrobial resistance in the Philippines. In deference to this AO, CVMC under the leadership of Dr. Glenn Mathew Baggao, Medical Center Chief and Dr. Shahreza Nadal, Chairman of the AMS Program along with the infectious diseases specialists namely Dr. Karina Domingo, Dr. Jose Valencia and Dr. Pauleen Solis, launched AMS program in the institution.

December 5, 2017 marked the formation of the Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS) Committee where it was participated in by health care professionals from different areas of the hospital. Staff from the special areas (ICUs, hemodialysis and OR) were the pioneer group of the AMS program conducted in May 2018. The overview on causes of AMR as well as the prevention and management of health

problems linked to it is well discussed by the infectious diseases experts. The roles of each member in the health care team were emphasized.

The primary goal of the this program is to promote patient safety as well as provide quality health care services. It was highlighted that health care personnel are responsible in ensuring proper handling, prescribing and dispensing of antimicrobial drugs. Queries were encouraged to be raised every after each topic to provide a clearer picture of the objective of the program delivered.

The goal to establish awareness to avert undesirable effects of AMR is persistently acted upon by the Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS) committee by steadfastly mandating health care professionals to attend to and understand the vitality of inhibiting and managing AMR cases. The most recent AMS Orientation/ Re – Orientation happened on March 6, 2019 joined by CVMC personnel from different departments.



Annual Oplan Tuli, Digital Rectal Exam

 Ligaya S. Achanzar

The Operation Tuli and Digital Rectal Examination were conducted at Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC) Cancer Center building on April 6-7, 2019 and June 15, 2019, respectively.

Said activities are an annual endeavor of CVMC- Surgery Department in cooperation with Outpatient Department, Operating Room Complex & Philippine College of Surgeons (PCS) – Northeastern Luzon Chapter for the Operation Tuli and Philippine Urologic Association for the Digital Rectal Examination

“As a woman and a doctor, I feel that I am also obliged to advocate for the health and well-being of all men”, said Dr. Love Velasco- OPD Chair.

After the operations, free medicines were given to all clients and a brief instruction on medication intake and proper wound care was given.

Dr. Wimer Molina stressed: “Digital Rectal Examination is actually our way of celebrating the Father’s Day and all men aged from 40 years old and above were our beneficiary. This aims to screen all men for prostate cancer in its early stage”. Molina is the chair of Surgery Department.



 Kim Jay P. Baccay

An alarming rate of measles occurrence in the country challenged the current Philippine health care system. With the Department of Health (DOH) officially declaring an outbreak in certain parts of Luzon early in February, Cagayan Valley Medical Center remained steadfast to act.

Measles is a virus that thrives in the mucosa transferrable by droplet or airborne through sneezing, coughing, or breathing. With its nature to live up to 2 hours in the air, the disease is considered highly contagious posing

great threat to human health.

Prior the epidemic, CVMC has treated isolated cases of this disease. This year, 87 cases were identified with 60 admissions and 27 approved for home treatment with 2 mortalities, both pediatric patients. Also, majority of these cases come from Tuguegarao City tallying to 21. Detection of this disease peaked in the month of March with 43 cases, dropping to 23 cases in the month of April, to 4 cases in May.

Early detection of measles is a

key element for handily treatment to prevent further transmission to others. The occurrence caught the attention of the institutions’ Infection Control Committee taking the lead in developing a preparedness plan governing policies and procedures from triaging to assessment of indications for possible admission.



The new CMPS: Young and Vibrant

Garry Anthony Pagaddu and Melody Grace B. Garduque

Most leaders are a complete package.

Among the many leadership styles, guiding and directing dominated since the existence of humankind.

Whether in political, academic, social or corporate worlds, one leadership style emerges that combines the best traits of different leadership styles: multicentric or participative leadership style.

This perfectly describes the featured personality in this article.

A woman who is simple, genuinely happy and kind at heart, respectful and passionate in building value into the lives of others regardless of who they are, someone who seeks to serve rather than to be served. This is how our Chief Medical and Professional Staff is captivating the hearts of our clients and her colleagues alike.

Dr. Cherry Lou Molina - Antonio, or "Doc Che", a native of Cagayan and a daughter of public

servants has a heartwarming aura. Watching her work and witnessing her easy interactions with all sorts of people, you'd be hard pressed to guess that Dr. Antonio is the Chief Medical Professional Staff. Her casualty is commendable that she is meant to stand out but chooses to blend in with.

Before getting to her current position, Dr. Antonio has gone through plenty of endeavors that proved her commitment and perseverance. She attended her primary and secondary education at Tuguegarao East Central School and Cagayan State University respectively, with academic distinctions. In 1999, she completed the degree Bachelor of Science in Biology at the same institution while known to be an active officer of the Student Body Organization. Four years after, still with steadfast perseverance, she finished her Doctor of Medicine in 2003 and successfully passed the Physician licensure examination given by the Board of Medicine in Manila in 2005.

In her early days as physician, she started her residency training program in the Department of Pediatrics at Cagayan Valley Medical Center. During her residency, she had shown exemplary performance in research, academic and clinical tasks making her the Chief Resident during her last year. From June 2008 to May 2009, blessing crossed her road as she was promoted to Medical Officer IV and became a diplomate in Pediatrics. In 2010, she continued her steering wheel in pursuing her subspecialization in Pediatric Neurology at the Philippine Children's Medical Center, Quezon City where she was awarded as "Best Employee of PCMC" and "1st Place in Case Presentation" during her third year of training. Her research paper during her fellowship training also won 1st place in analytical contest category.

After finishing her fellowship training, she came back to cure neurologic illness of pediatric patients serving the entire Region 02. From then she became the first ever neuro-pediatrician in the province of Cagayan. In 2014, her career took a turn when she was appointed as Medical Specialist II Part-time in Cagayan Valley Medical Center and visiting consultant of other hospitals. In 2015, she was promoted as



Medical Specialist III full-time service while marking great contributions to the institution and did other administrative assignments namely as Training Officer of the Department of Pediatrics, Vice-chair of Bids and Awards Committee and Department Head of Emergency Room and Paywards. She also headed the Health Emergency Management System (HEMS) of CVMC for three years responding to all unexpected and unavoidable circumstances like vehicular accidents, typhoons and a whole lot more.

Dr. Antonio had much on her plate but despite her busy schedules, she still finds time to enroll in the Master in Public Administration and conducted several lectures in two medical schools in the region particularly in St. Paul School of Medicine and Cagayan State University-College of Medicine and Surgery.

Dr. Antonio's hard work earned her another milestone when she was designated by the Secretary of Health as officer in-charge of CMPS in 2018. Doc Che at a young age applied for CMPS. She knew that her experiences and credentials will merit her to be able to get the position. A breakthrough occurred in her career when she was appointed as Chief Medical Professional Staff II on December 7, 2018 by the Secretary of Health, Dr. Francisco T. Duque III and became the first female CMPS in the history of CVMC and the youngest CMPS in all DOH hospitals.

As a leader, she is smart – the one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way. She manages issues well as she consistently follows through with actions. She stays transparent, honest, and while all may not be equal, she is always fair in bringing solutions to each and every issue. She tells her insights and walks the talk as she is open and genuine in saying what she means and means what she says and allows people to know where she stands and what they expect from



Nobility As One

 Karl C. Cue (University of Saint Louis SHS- STEMH)

After watching (insert doctor movie), amazed and inspired with the art of saving lives and holding a syringe, K. C. in his young mind has known that healthcare was his destined track to travel. Sauntering through higher education, he pursued the arrow of his compass and began to create a map that would soon be filled with curves and turns of his journey.

It was a day full of nerves in the Grade 11 Academic Year when K.C was on his semester's mock job interview as part for his professional preparation. And in the midst of questions and answers between him and his interviewer, he was asked, "Do you think it is nobler to work in a public hospital than in a private hospital?" With K.C's quick mind, he answered: "No. I personally think that nothing is nobler than the other because as a healthcare provider, both are concerned with the welfare of one's life," as he began to contemplate about his main objectives on his mock resumé- he contextualized it as him acting as if he was a registered medical

technologist who works in a public hospital and currently applying for a medical technologist job in a private hospital. He was confident with his answer and the absence of a tongue's click from his interviewer added up to his confidence more.

Now, on the 12th Grade Academic Year, he was immersed at the Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC) to observe the work of the professional medical technologists and take rounds in different wards in the hospital. With his 5-day immersion up on the works, he began to realize the hardships and sacrifices made by the healthcare providers in a public hospital. He knows that there are no citations of studies needed to claim that public hospitals, specifically CVMC, is the only choice for the less fortunate people; it is also not an institution jampacked with the best facilities.

And when asked what he thinks is nobler, he would say with confidence in his voice that working as a healthcare provider

in a public hospital is nobler. He has seen the performance of the best hospital in the Philippines, seeing as his father was once a patient there. He has seen the convenience of working on a highly equipped hospital and dealing with patients who have comfortable rooms.

With his immersion, he already knew the sacrifices made by the staff of CVMC that handles numerous patients who do not have a comfortable room to be admitted in. He knew the hardships the hospital staff has to bear to keep the hospital running and well performing, even with the shortage of facilities and staff. And with all these realizations, he can finally claim the nobility of the ones working under a public institution.

CVMC has not only inspired him become a healthcare provider, but inspired him to live fully the vision and mission of the healthcare facility, live as a productive citizen; live as a Christian; and finally, live as a hero destined to save lives. 

her. She is one who is very dedicated to her work and passionate in making great things, one who looks out the window and not the mirror when success arrives; a leader who accepts adversity and carries on with an "I'll show you" attitude.

Most may think that she is strict and seldom laughs but she is jolly. Her positivity and cheerfulness can make any social gathering more enjoyable. In many circumstances she had proven her willingness to reach out whenever somebody needs help. She is approachable and keeps an open door policy.

While still new as CMPS, Dr. Antonio already has remarkable accomplishments. The new CMPS implemented reforms which transformed the Medical Division and the entire hospital a lot better. She then mentioned that working hand in hand will make CVMC the Center of Excellence in providing healthcare services, medical education and training, and become the mega hospital in Northern Luzon. Cagayan Valley Medical Center is truly favoured to have her as a leader. Congratulations, Cherry Lou Molina – Antonio, MD, FPPS, FCNSP, FPNA,

MPA, FPSMS!





DOH-HEMS conducts SFA

Leonardo C. Roxas

Department of Health -Health Emergency Management Bureau (DOH-HEMB) is the country's prime mover in responding to emergencies and disasters. It is composed of technical experts and practitioners in health emergency management. It is committed to make the entire country prepared for any emergency and disaster, to make effective management and response a way of life.

Standard First Aid (SFA) provides comprehensive training covering all aspects of first aid and CPR. The SFA incorporates all of Emergency First Aid and is designed for those who require a more in-depth understanding of first aid including: legal implications of first aid treatment, spinal injuries, heat or cold injuries, bone and joint injuries, chest injuries, and medical emergencies.

The 3-day training course was conducted with objectives to develop the capacity to generate, translate and utilize research findings for disaster risk reduction policies, programs, and services using standard concepts, methods and framework.

Series of didactics workshops and mentoring sessions were made by speakers from regions I and III representatives. Lecture - discussions were complemented immediately by active practice session guided by trainers who are expert first aid providers, are seasoned responders to emergencies, and have completed training as trainers and facilitators.

Through the extensive experiences of the trainers/instructors, multiple perspectives are drawn out to help the trainees develop self-reliance and heightened level of capacities for survival during disasters and emergencies.



CVMC-HEMS leads BLS training and earthquake drill

Ligaya S. Achanzar

The Health Emergency Management Staff (HEMS) of the Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC) conducted their first and second quarters activities on BLS Training on February 21-22, 2019 at Casa Angela, Tuguegarao City and on June 27-28, 2019 at CVMC Function Room 1, 3rd Floor, respectively.

Selected employees from the different units/departments participated in the said activity.

This type of training is very vital to every individual since this will benefit them to learn especially in the provision of immediate interventions during emergencies and disasters.

Meanwhile, HEMS also conducted an earthquake drill at CVMC, OB-GYN Department on March 15, 2019. This is very important part of earthquake

safety procedures since you may never know when a natural disaster comes.

"This activity helps test every department on how effective their evacuation plan is and to check their readiness in times of disaster", Dr. angel A. Cayetano, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Health (DRRM-H) Manager, explained.

Moreover, it helps develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, bearing in mind the importance of teamwork and ensuring that everyone knows how to exit safely as quickly as possible.



CVMC extends hand to Batanes quake victims

July 28, 2019



CVMC BLS-ACLS Team holds 5-day training

Joyce Ann Bunagan-La Madrid



The Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC) Basic Life Support - Advanced Cardiac Life Support (BLS-ACLS) Team in coordination with the University of Santo Tomas (UST) Faculty of Medicine and Surgery Life Support Training Center conducted a 5-day Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Cardiac Life Support Training on March 15 - 19, 2019 at the CVMC Function Room.

The team is composed of Dr. Ma Christy Babaran (Team Leader), Dr. Gloria Giselle F. Pattaguan, Dr. Christopher U. Tadena, Dr. Rita Mae Gollaba, Dr. George Ramos, Dr. Ma Angelcita Torres – Capio, Dr. Jenalyn Alan, Dr. Gretchen Olivia Soriano, Mr. Constante Genobili Jr., Mr. Zedfrey Maguigad, Ms. Gretchen Soriano, Mr. Loreto Feliciano Jr., Ms. Mary Grace P. Bernarte, Ms. Jamaica Aresta, Ms. Gemma Heidi Gumabay, Mr. Roderick P. Banatao, Ms. Julie Mae Unite, Mr. Jaymark Aresta, Ms. Fatima Marlina Feliciano, Mr. Roldan Byron Quinan, Mr. Ryan Pacion and Mr. Philip Mercado. The Professional Education and Training Office personnel, headed by Dr. Rhoderick Ian G. Reyes, facilitated the event.

The activity aims to educate a wide variety of healthcare professionals and equip them with the ability to recognize several life threatening emergencies, provide High Quality Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (HQ CPR), use Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and relieve choking in a safe, timely and effective

manner.

The strenuous course is video-based and return demonstrations were done simultaneously. The instructors from UST, namely Dr. Vincent De Lima, Dr. Ruby Tiongson and Dr. Joanne Punsalan, explained and demonstrated the courses. A written examination ensued with 84% as the passing margin. Practical exams which include (a) 1 and 2 rescuer adult BLS with the use of Automated External Defibrillator (AED); and (b) 1 and 2 rescuer infant BLS, were also administered.

Upon completion, BLS Health Care Provider (HCP) cards were issued to the participants. Said cards are valid for 2 years and may be renewed at any AHA training center worldwide.

After the training course, the team organized a Basic Life Support Training among selected CVMC nurses and doctors on April 23 - 24, 2019 (2 Batches) and May 31, 2019 (2 Batches) at the CVMC Function Room. Selected nurses and doctors from the different units/departments participated in the said activity.



CVMC observes Cancer Consciousness Week

Clara Encarnacion A. Malana, William P. Apostol and Charise Gae P. Mabborang



Cancer is a group of diseases involving abnormal growth of cells which divide uncontrollably. Cancerous cells form tumors that impair the immune system and prevent the body from functioning normally.

In 2016, cancer was the second leading cause of death among male and female Filipinos with 60,740 cases as reported by the Philippine Statistics Authority.

The National Cancer Consciousness Week is observed every 3rd week of January. Both public and private institutions and organizations synchronized their efforts to conduct massive health campaign and raise awareness on the risk factors of chronic diseases namely: smoking, excessive alcohol use, physical inactivity and improper diet and nutrition. Also, early detection and screening are encouraged to control the progress of the disease.

On January 30, 2019, the Health Education and Promotion Office in collaboration with the Department of Internal Medicine, Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (ORL-HNS), General Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology and Hospice and Palliative Medicine conducted Cancer Awareness Seminar at the CVMC Amphitheatre.

Some one hundred twenty

(120) school heads and teachers from the Department of Education were equipped with comprehensive information on breast cancer, cervical and ovarian cancer, cancer of the oral cavity including thyroid and larynx, smoking cessation, stress management, healthy lifestyle and end of life care.

Dr. Glenn Matthew G. Baggao, Medical Center Chief II of CVMC, acknowledged the participants as CVMC's health-partners who will take part in educating communities on the said disease and encourage people to improve their health seeking behaviour.

Dr. Alizza Love Velasco-resident physician of Family Medicine, Dr. Janice Joy Quinto-resident physician of Internal Medicine, Dr. Iverson Cruz-resident physician of ORL-HNS, Ms. Jocelyn Sorita- Assistant Chief Nurse, Ms. Clara Encarnacion Malana-Health education and promotion officer III, Mr. William Apostol and Ms. Charise Gae Mabborang, senior nurses, were the resource speakers of the above seminar.



One big fight for health and rights of people living with

✍️ Clara Encarnacion A. Malana, William P. Apostol and Charise Gae P. Maborang

The International AIDS Candlelight Memorial takes place every 3rd Sunday of May led by a coalition of some 1, 200 community organizations in 115 countries including the Philippines. It is an activity which serves as a community mobilization campaign to raise social consciousness about Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acute Immuno-deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

This global campaign reinforces the importance of global solidarity to break down barriers of stigma and discrimination, promoting the health and rights of people living with HIV and giving hope to new generations.

On May 20, 2019 the Health Education and Promotion Office collaborated with the HIV/AIDS Core Team and conducted the HIV/AIDS Candlelight Memorial during the CVMC flag raising ceremony in memory of the people who died of HIV/AIDS.

Also, on May 21, 2019, an Orientation on HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment and Sexual Orientation Gender Identity Expression (SOGIE) was provided to some one-hundred CVMC personnel at the CVMC Multi-Purpose Hall.

Dr. Cherry Lou M. Antonio, Chief Medical Professional Staff II, welcomed

the participants and encouraged them to stop the social stigma on HIV/AIDS while disseminating ways to prevent occurrence of the said disease. Dr. Guia G. Comillas, STI/HIV/AIDS regional program manager provided an introduction on HIV/AIDS Program and National and Regional Situations while Dr. Karina B. Domingo, HACT Chairman, discussed the STI/HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment. Also, Mr. Mikhail Zion C. Taggweg, HIV Counsellor, oriented the participants on SOGIE.

Moreover, Atty. Mylene P. Diamsay, Legal Officer II, discussed Republic Act 11166 known as the Philippine HIV and AIDS Policy Act, which was signed into law by President Rodrigo Duterte on December 20, 2018. The new law will reconstitute and make the Philippine National AIDS Council (PNAC) an attached agency of Department of Health and shall establish timely and effective programs and policies for HIV/AIDS.

Healthy lifestyle campaign

According to the Philippine Statistics Authority, more than one in every five deaths are caused by diseases of the heart making it the top leading cause of death for the past decade.

The Department of Health acts at the forefront in the celebration of Philippine Heart Month every February as per Proclamation No. 1096 signed in 1973. DOH enjoins the local government units, academe, government and non-government organizations, associations and allied groups to observe the said event.

This year's theme is "Mahalin ang Pusong Nagmamahal: Mag-Healthy Lifestyle Na!" which aims to promote healthy lifestyle through smoking cessation, physical activity, proper diet and nutrition and moderate use of alcohol to prevent cardiovascular diseases.

The Health Education and Promotion Office (HEPO) of CVMC conducted the following activities as suggested by the DOH in observance of the heart month: public service announcements, posting of tarpaulin/posters in CVMC Flag-raising area and Out-patient Department, posting of infographics on social media using the CVMC HEPO facebook account and brief orientation on healthy lifestyle to patients with their significant others/watchers in the Outpatient Department.

Also on March 28, 2019, the HEPO conducted a lay forum on Stress Management and Healthy Lifestyle to some one-hundred fifty participants composed of personnel, probationers and pardonees of the Tuguegarao City Parole and Probation Office.



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Road to Competence

Nurses join orthopedic and rehabilitation training

 Shayne Lourdes M. Quiñonez

The Department of Health Nurse Certification Program intends to train nurses to be competent in various specialty areas; one of which is Orthopedic and Rehabilitation Nursing. This training is applied to selected DOH Hospitals.

A two-week didactics was allotted during the training prior to our duties at different clinical and special areas.

We were rotated in different wards namely: Male Traction Ward, Female Service Ward, Children's Ward, Outpatient Department (OPD), Post-Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU), Spine Ward, Emergency Room(ER) and the Operating Room(OR).

During our exposure at the PACU, we were allowed to observe on different nursing responsibilities on post-operative care for different Orthopedic Surgeries like total hip replacement surgery, amputation, Open Reduction on Internal Fixation (ORIF) screw fixation, application of plate and spine surgeries.

At the OR, we were able to observe how Surgeons expertly perform cases like laminoplasty, discectomy and fasciotomy. We were also allowed to observe procedures like placement and securing of implants to patients undergoing ORIF IM, nailing of femur and plating of Radius and Ulna.

In the ER, we were able to assist patients with radial or ulnar fracture in finger trap placement which helps in the alignment of the fractured forearm.

We were amazed in this technique because we have no such material to use in aligning deformity prior to the casting.

Same routines were performed at the Male Traction Ward, Female Service Ward and Childrens Ward. One of our activities is the removal of the Balance

Skeletal Traction for X-ray procedures and/or for surgery. We focused on applying a Balance Skeletal Traction in admitted patients and also re-applying balance skeletal traction for patients who had undergone surgery and/or X-ray procedures.

We were oriented on how to check sling alignments and made necessary adjustments parallel to the Principles of Sling application. Pin-site dressings were also done during our exposure where we made sure that dressing of those pin-sites were accomplished aseptically by using a mixture of Hydrogen Peroxide and irrigating solution with the use of sterile paraphernalia such as kelly clamp and sterile gauze.

At the OPD, applying and removing casts were the main activities.

In our rotation at the Spine Ward, we observed the best practices in caring for patients suffering spinal problems; having paralysis, body weakness and limited movement of extremities. Strict turning and positioning of patients with musculoskeletal problems every 2 hours are also done. Turning and positioning are preventative strategies to relieve pressure, thus preventing development of pressure ulcers.

The whole experience was indeed helpful to our nursing practice and responsibilities.

Medical social service head partakes DOH-sponsored

 Rocel Dela Cruz

Ms. Catherine C. Mendoza, head of the Medical Social Service Section, is the first medical social worker of Cagayan Valley Medical Center who attended the Certificate Training organized and sponsored by the Department of Health for Luzon Cluster.

Medical Social Work is a specialized area of practice in social work that requires a particular training in a health facility to enable the practitioner to provide appropriate services for the psychosocial concerns of patients and their significant others and to effectively and efficiently function in accordance with the standard of practice. As per standard, a social worker after graduation who desires to work in a health care institution is required to take this training prior to his/her employment.

Mendoza attended Part 1 of the training on October 24-26, 2017 in Baguio City in where she topped the very challenging Pre-Test and successfully passed the Post Test. Part 2 was held in Bolinao, Pangasinan on November 20-22, 2017 and was concluded with a graduation ceremony. Her active participation made the organizing team choose her as one of the members of the Technical Working Group (TWG) for the succeeding batches.

As her first assignment, she was designated as the speaker of the Special Cases handled in the hospital. She is now a co-author of the Medical Social Work Training Manual for the consumption of all medical social workers in DOH hospitals and Local government-managed hospitals in Luzon, comprised of six (6) regions. The second batch of training was conducted last August 14-17 at Bauang, La Union (Part 1) and on October 2-4, 2018 at Batangas City (Part 2).

Mendoza dreams that all Medical Social Workers(MSW) of CVMC be given an opportunity to attend the same Certificate Training to ensure better implementation of the social service programs and services that are within the set quality standard.



Resident MDs succeed in Specialty Boards

Melody Grace B. Garduque

Various resident physicians of Cagayan Valley Medical Center passed the different specialty examinations given by each discipline. As they took diverse examinations set by their respective societies, the residents triumphantly attained their titles.

Top on the list is Dr. Brendalyn A. Gallebo who recently passed the Certifying Specialty Board Examination in Anatomic Pathology in April 2019. Dr. Gallebo joined the workforce as a resident of the Department of Pathology and Laboratories in 2014.

Dr. Carla Jane M. Bagayao, Dr. Mae Mulet M. Panaligan and Dr. Charisse Zylma T. Hurtado qualified in the Diplomate Part II Examination given by the Philippine Board of Obstetrics

and Gynecological Society on March 15 and 22, 2019. The Diplomate Part 2 (ORAL) Examination is the second and final step to becoming a full-fledged Diplomate of the Philippine Obstetrical and Gynecological Society, Inc. (POGS).

Dr. Corazon W. Adviento succeeded the Part 1 Diplomate Examination given by the Philippine Board of Obstetrics and Gynecological Society. The Diplomate Part 1 is the Written Examination administered to qualified examinees who met specific requirements for such examination.

Dr. Evervic Joy G. Dalanao , Dr. Donna Marie M. Dequito and Dr. Honeylet C. Reyes are passers of Philippine Specialty Board in Internal Medicine (PSBIM) under

the Philippine College of Physicians (PCP) given on March 3, 2019. These physicians are graduates of the accredited Internal Medicine Residency Training Program at CVMC and have passed the evaluation for clinical competence administered by an accredited training institution assigned by PSBIM.

The said doctors took their oath from respective specialties and affiliate societies. Indeed, the hard work paid off and CVMC congratulates its residents.



ANG PANATA

 Noel B. Arnedo

"Good morning sir. Please straighten your chair for we are about to land," nagising si Rafael sa malambing na pakiusap sa kanya ng magandang stewardess. Binuksan niya ang tabing ng bintana sa tabi niya at bumulaga sa kanya ang napipintong pagdating ng umaga. Kahit mataas pa ang lipad ng eroplanong sinasakyan nila, mababanaag na ang mga naglalakihang mga gusali na nakapalibot sa paliparan ng Los Angeles, California.

Ilang oras na lang, makikita na niya ang kanyang mga magulang at ang pamilya ng kanyang kuya. Nang biglang may gumuhit na agam agam sa kanyang dibdib patungkol sa biglaan niyang pagluwas. Sa papalapit na paglapag ng eroplano, muling bumalik ang alaala ng nakaraan.

Ang kanilang mga magulang ay kilala sa kanilang bayan. Isang ekspertong siruhano ang kanilang papa at isang magaling na dentista ang kanilang mama. Apat silang magkakapatid, ang kanyang kuya Manchet ay isang PMayer, ang kuya Randy naman niya ay isang abogado na nakapag-asawa ng nars sa Los Angeles, USA.

"Kuya Raf, ano yan?" malambing na tanong ni Amor habang isinasabit ni Rafael ang naka frame na Hypocratic Oath. Katapos lang niyang manumpa bilang doctor at sariwa pa sa kanyang isipan ang nilalaman ng pinatang yon.

Mariing sinambit ni Amor ang mga katagang:

"Ito ang pinuntahan namin nina papa at mama sa Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) last

week. Basahin mo." Ibinigay niya kay Amor ang frame. At binasa naman niya ito sa malamyos niyang tinig.

I swear by Apollo the Physician, Asclepius, Hygeia, Panacea, and all the gods and goddesses, making them my witnesses, that I will fulfill this oath and this covenant according to my ability and judgment:

To regard him who teaches me the art of medicine as equal to my parents; to share my life with him, and if he is in need, sustenance; to regard his children as my brothers and teach them this art, if they wish to learn it, without fee or covenant; to give instruction, written, oral, and practical, to my sons and the sons of my teacher, as well as to any students who have signed a covenant and sworn an oath according to the canons of our profession, but to no others. I will not give a lethal drug to anyone requesting it, nor will I recommend the use of such. Likewise I will not give a woman an abortive drug.

I will live my life and practice my art in purity and in holiness...

Hindi na tinapos ni Amor basahin ang naturang oath.

"Kuya, gusto ko rin maging doctor paglaki ko," nakangiting sambit niya.

"Kagaya ni Papa o si Mama?" tanong ni Rafael.

"Kagaya ni Papa. Maganda kasing tingnan yung nakasuot ng puti eh," sagot ni Amor.

Itutuloy...

TAKE ON TB 9,421 TB CASES REPORTED IN THE U.S. IN 2014

555

TB Deaths in 2013

A Typical TB Case Requires:

- X-rays
- Lab tests
- Follow-up & testing of contacts

180

days of medications

\$435 MILLION

Total cost to U.S. for TB cases in 2014.

Our progress towards elimination may be slowing - the U.S. saw the smallest decline in cases in over 10 years!

TB CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE & TO ANYONE!

To eliminate TB, we must reach the hardest hit populations.

29x

Higher for Asians than whites.

8x

Higher for African Americans than whites.

8x

Higher for Hispanics/Latinos than whites.

2 out of every 3

TB cases occur among foreign-born persons.

DRUG-RESISTANT TB IS COMPLEX & COSTLY.

Drug-resistance threatens our ability to treat & control TB.

TOTAL 2014 CASES

2 Extensively Drug-Resistant TB

91 Multidrug-Resistant TB

9,328 Tuberculosis (Drug-Susceptible)

DIRECT TREATMENT COST PER CASE

\$482,000

\$150,000

\$17,000

ELIMINATING TB REQUIRES A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH.

CDC is committed to fighting TB whenever & wherever it occurs through:



Vigilant Surveillance



Better Diagnostics & Treatments



Testing & Treatment of High-Risk Populations



Education of Health Care Providers

To learn more about TB, visit: www.cdc.gov/tb

DECEMBER 1ST WORLD AIDS DAY

CHOOSE TO BECOME AWARE - HIV/AIDS HAS NOT GONE AWAY

QUICK FACTS!



- Did you know – worldwide there are still about 6000 NEW HIV infections a day (in 2013)
 - About 700 are in children under 15 years of age
 - About 5 200 are in adults aged 15 years and older, of whom:
 - almost 47% are among women about 33% are among young people (15-24)
- Worldwide, there were about 2.3 million new cases of HIV in 2012
- More than 25 million people have died of AIDS worldwide since the first cases were reported in 1981.
- 13.2 million children have been orphaned by HIV (<http://www.who.int/gho>)
- According to the World Health Organization (WHO), most people living with HIV or at risk for HIV do not have access to prevention, care, and treatment, and there is still no cure
- About 35.3 million people are living with HIV around the world- although Sub-Saharan Africa bears the biggest burden of HIV/AIDS, with nearly 1 in 20 adults living with HIV- We must be aware that there are about 50, 000 new HIV infections in the U.S. every year, according to the CDC
- More than 1.1 million people in the United States are living with HIV infection, and almost 1 in 6 (15.8%) are unaware of their infection
- Every month, 1,000 young Americans become infected with HIV. Young people ages 13 to 24 made up about 26 percent of all new diagnoses.

Global summary of the AIDS epidemic | 2013

<p>Number of people living with HIV in 2013</p> <p>Adults 31.8 million (30.1 million – 33.7 million)</p> <p>Women 16.0 million (15.2 million – 16.9 million)</p> <p>Children (<15 years) 3.2 million (2.9 million – 3.5 million)</p>	<p>Total 38.0 million (36.3 million – 39.2 million)</p>
<p>People newly infected with HIV in 2013</p> <p>Adults 1.6 million (1.7 million – 2.1 million)</p> <p>Children (<15 years) 240 000 (210 000 – 280 000)</p>	<p>Total 2.1 million (1.9 million – 2.4 million)</p>
<p>AIDS deaths in 2013</p> <p>Adults 1.3 million (1.2 million – 1.5 million)</p> <p>Children (<15 years) 190 000 (170 000 – 220 000)</p>	<p>Total 1.5 million (1.4 million – 1.7 million)</p>

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Medical Ward expands to 2nd floor

July 05, 2019



INTENSIVE CARE UNIT



CVMC opens Neuro-ICU facility

February 07, 2019



▶ CVMC pilots implementation of the electronic New Government Accounting System (eNGAS)

April 25, 2019



CVMC Research Ethics Committee receives Level II Accreditation

March 19, 2019



Blood Bank Section acquires new service vehicle for MBD

March 30, 2019



CVMC and MDR-II Isabela North hold Medical, Dental, Legal Mission

June 23, 2019