

EDITORIAL



A New Era for the Philippine Journal of Gastroenterology

The Philippine Society of Gastroenterology proudly marks a significant milestone in its pursuit of advancing medical knowledge and fostering research excellence with the launch of the Philippine Journal of Gastroenterology (PJG) as an Open Journal System (OJS). This transformation represents not just a shift in publication format but a profound commitment to accessibility, collaboration, and innovation in the field of gastroenterology.

The transition to an OJS platform heralds a new era where research findings and clinical studies are readily available to a wider audience, transcending traditional barriers in academic publishing. This shift aligns with the growing global movement towards open-access publications, ensuring that vital medical knowledge reaches clinicians, researchers, educators, and students without restrictions. By embracing this model, we promote transparency, encourage interdisciplinary collaboration, and drive evidence-based practice in gastroenterology and related disciplines.

The inaugural issue of the PJG in its open-access format features a diverse array of articles, ranging from groundbreaking clinical studies to insightful case reports and expert reviews. This wealth of knowledge is now freely accessible, fostering a culture of continuous learning and scientific exchange within the Philippine gastroenterology community and beyond. As we move forward, we anticipate a more dynamic engagement from authors, reviewers, and readers, all contributing to the journal's evolution as a premier resource for cutting-edge medical literature.

Moreover, the adoption of the OJS platform enhances the journal's efficiency in manuscript submission, peer review, and editorial processes. The streamlined workflow benefits both authors and reviewers, ensuring timely dissemination of high-quality research. This digital transformation also amplifies the journal's visibility and impact, strengthening its role as a key player in the global scientific landscape.

As we embark on this journey, we extend our gratitude to the dedicated editorial board, peer reviewers, and contributors whose unwavering support and expertise have made this transition possible. We also invite the medical and scientific community to engage with the Philippine Journal of Gastroenterology—whether as authors, readers, or collaborators—to collectively advance the field and improve patient care.

This is just the beginning. With the Philippine Journal of Gastroenterology now operating as an Open Journal System, we reaffirm our commitment to scientific excellence, accessibility, and the continuous pursuit of knowledge. We look forward to shaping the future of gastroenterology research together.

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