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**FOR: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES; DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS, DOH-CENTER FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, SERVICES AND SPECIALTY HOSPITALS; CHIEFS OF DOH-HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CENTERS; AND OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: Online Workshop on Infection Prevention & Control for Hospitals, Clinics & Isolation Facilities of the Health Core International Consultancy Inc. on September 24-26, 2020**

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The Health Core International Consultancy Inc. is inviting participants to join their Online Workshop on Infection Prevention & Control for Hospitals, Clinics & Isolation Facilities on September 24-26, 2020.

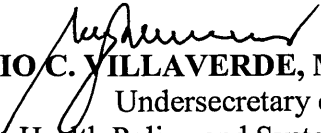
Attendance to this activity shall be on **Official Business** for all concerned DOH personnel in DOH Hospitals. Expenses to be incurred for the attendance to this activity shall be charged against the sending office.

All other transactions shall be in accordance with Department Order (DO) No. 2007-0053, entitled "Guidelines on the Attendance to Conventions/Seminars/Conference and Similar Human Resource Development Activities Outside of the Department of Health," and DO No. 2014-0094, entitled "Guidelines on the Allowable Rates of Payment for Human Resource Development Activities."

Attached is the invitation with other details for your ready reference.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

  
**MARIO C. VILLAVERDE, MD, MPH, MPM, CESO I**  
Undersecretary of Health  
Health Policy and Systems Development Team

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**Endorsement for Batch 2 | "INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL FOR HOSPITALS, CLINICS & ISOLATION FACILITIES (24-26 Sep 2020 via Zoom)**

2 messages

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To: Learning & Development Division <ldd@doh.gov.ph>  
Cc: HHRDB Administrative Unit <officeofthedirector.hhrdb.doh@gmail.com>

Fri, Sep 4, 2020 at 10:37 AM

4 September 2020

**LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**  
Health Human Resource Development Bureau  
Department of Health, Philippines

Dear Gentlemen:

In view of the overwhelming response we received regarding the online workshop on **"INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL FOR HOSPITALS, CLINICS & ISOLATION FACILITIES"** held last 27-29 August 2020, we were not able to accommodate many participants who missed learning about the scheduled workshop earlier on. It is in this regard that we committed to conduct this workshop again on **24-26 September 2020, 2:00-6:00PM via Zoom**, with more international experts and keynote speakers and a much improved content.

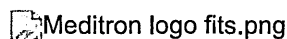
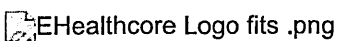
In connection to this, we are earnestly requesting for your endorsement once again so that the same may be disseminated promptly to our healthcare administrators. Your support is highly appreciated and it was encouraging to know that our healthcare workers are very eager to learn and get equipped on how we can fight COVID-19 virus and other infectious diseases.

Attached is the Course Outline for your reference accredited by the Philippine Medical Association for CPD units and American CEU-approved by the Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution and the previous endorsement we received from your office.

Looking forward to your usual kind approval and endorsement. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

**Joyce Socao-Alumno**  
President & CEO, **HealthCore**  
President, Health Retirement & Tourism (HearT) Alliance of the Philippines

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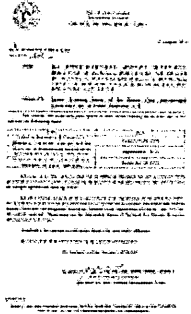
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**HHRDB Administrative Unit** <officeofthedirector.hhrdb.doh@gmail.com>  
To: Joyce Alumno <joyce.alumno@health-core.org>  
Cc: Learning & Development Division <ldd@doh.gov.ph>

Fri, Sep 4, 2020 at 10:45 AM

Dear Ms. Joyce

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email. For follow-ups, you can contact through these numbers

Learning and Development Division (LDD): 8651-78-00 locals 4250, 4252, 4253  
Administrative Unit: 8651-78-00 locals 4226, 4225 or 8743-1776

Thank you!

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**ONLINE TRAINING ON  
INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL  
FOR HOSPITALS, CLINICS & ISOLATION FACILITIES  
(Batch 2)**

**\*\*\*with CEU and CPD units\*\*\***

24-26 September 2020

2:00PM - 6:00 PM (Philippine Time) via Zoom

How do we fight the COVID-19 virus? The World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Ministries of Health are one in declaring that we can kill this virus with proper disinfection and sanitation. Therefore, knowing the proper cleaning, sterilizing and disinfecting protocols and how to do them can save many lives!

This workshop covers global standards and best practices in preventing and managing infections in hospital and clinic environments. This includes isolation and quarantine facilities that are now tasked to manage COVID-19 patients.

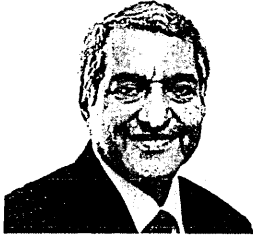
<b>DAY 1 , 24 September 2020</b>	
2:00 - 2:15 PM	Registration & Introduction
2:15 – 2:45 PM	<b>Response and Strategies on Emerging Infectious Diseases</b> <b>Keynote Speaker 1:</b> Dato Dr. Jacob Thomas
2:45 – 3:15 PM	The Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Healthcare Facilities
3:15 – 3:45 PM	Facets of Infection Prevention: Cleaning, and Disinfection
3:45 – 4:00 PM	BREAK
4:00 – 4:30 PM	Hand Hygiene – Guidelines & Recommendations
4:30 – 5:00 PM	Proper Use and Disposal of PPE
5:00 – 5:30 PM	Prevention of Surgical Site Infections – Best Practices
5:30 – 6:00 PM	Prevention of Ventilator Associated Events and Pneumonia – Best Practices



DAY 2, 25 September 2020	
2:00 – 2:45 PM	<b>COVID-19 Government Response: Isolation &amp; Quarantine Facilities</b>  Keynote Speaker 3: <b>Dr. Teodoro Herbosa</b> Special Advisor, National Task Force for COVID-19 Exec. Vice President, University of the Philippines
2:45 – 3:15 PM	Infection Prevention & Control – Surveillance
3:15 – 3:30 PM	BREAK
3:30 – 4:15 PM	Role of CSSD in Prevention of Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI's): Steam Sterilization Process and Sterilization Monitoring
4:15 – 5:00 PM	ETO and Low Temperature Sterilization
5:00 – 5:45 PM	Quality Control in CSSD: Best Practices in the Philippines and Internationally
5:45 – 6:00 PM	Case Study Group Presentations

DAY 3, 26 September 2020	
2:00 – 2:45 PM	<b>A Whole Systems Approach to Healthcare Waste Management</b>  Keynote Speaker 3: <b>Hon. Benny Antiporda</b> Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management & LGU Concerns Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources
2:45 – 3:30 PM	Overview of Isolation Precautions & Practices: Specific reference to COVID-19 - Design, Planning & Process
3:30 – 3:45 PM	BREAK
3:45 – 4:30 PM	Occupational Exposure & Post Exposure Prophylaxis
4:30 – 5:15 PM	Key Performance Indicators for Infection Prevention & Control
5:15 – 5:30 PM	Open Forum / Q&A
5:30 – 6:00 PM	Examination

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



### **DATO' DR. JACOB THOMAS**

Chairman of the Board of Directors, Ramsay Sime Darby Health Care (RSDHC) Group Past President, Association of Private Hospitals of Malaysia (APHM) Head of the Private Healthcare Productivity Nexus, Government of Malaysia Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, Joint Commission International, USA Emergency Medicine Specialist



### **DR. TEODORO HERBOSA**

Special Advisor, National Task Force for COVID-19  
Exec. Vice President, University of the Philippines  
Former Undersecretary, Department of Health



### **HON. BENNY ANTIPORDA**

Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management & LGU Concerns  
Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR



**JOYCE SOCAO-ALUMNO** is the Founder & President of HealthCore—the center for global healthcare management, quality accreditation for healthcare and hospitality, and medical tourism services in the Philippines. Ms. Alumno is Patient Safety Ambassador for Patient Safety Movement Foundation advocating patient safety initiatives and globalization of healthcare and is a leading proponent of Medical and Wellness Tourism. Her varied skills make her a well-sought after consultant and speaker in many international conferences and a regular judge and advisor for various organizations. She has represented international quality accreditation agencies such as Quality & Accreditation Institute, Joint Commission International, Accreditation Canada, NABH International, Swiss Approval International, and TEMOS. She is an Adjunct Professor at the Ateneo Graduate School of Business and a certified ISO 9001:2015 Lead Auditor. Very recently, she was elected President of the Health, Retirement & Tourism (HeaRT) Alliance of the Philippines advocating the development and promotion of the Philippine Health Tourism program of the country.

## FACULTY



**Dr. Sanjeev Singh** is a pediatrician with Masters in Hospital Management and PhD in Infection Control. He worked as Regional Coordinator at WHO- India in disease eradication program before joining as Chief Medical Superintendent of a 1,2350-bed teaching super specialty hospital Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Center at Kochi.

Dr. Sanjeev is an Ambassador of India to Society of Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) and has been adjudged **"Hero of Infection Control"** by the Association of Professionals of Infection Control (APIC), U.S. He is an International surveyor at International Society for Quality (ISQua). He was member of Technical Committee at National Accreditation Board for Hospitals, India (NABH) and was responsible for drafting accreditation standards for 3rd and 4th edition. He is presently the Vice Chairman of Research Committee at NABH and Chairman of Technical Committee at AHPI (Association of Healthcare Providers of India) and Health Sector Council of India (Government of India). He is member of Drug Safety Council (GOI) and member of National Advisory Body on Occupational Exposures. He is also member of Healthcare Committee at Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce of India (FICCI) and Secretary of AHPI- Delhi-NCR.

Dr. Sanjeev is an external consultant to WHO on regulatory, licensing policy issues and Quality Interventions in India; Technical Advisor to several State government healthcare projects (E- learning, reduction of IMR, Antibiotic Stewardship and Infection Control); Technical Expert for University of Antwerp's Point Prevalence Surveillance and Institute of Healthcare Improvement's (US) on Neonatal Collaborative program; and Technical Advisor on Infection Prevention and Antibiotic Stewardship for the State of Kerala, India.

He has written a book **"Hospital Infection Control Guidelines: Principles & Practices"** and several international and national publications including editorial committee for Asian Society of Quality Journal, International Journal for Research & Hospital Management and NABH Journal for Quality & Patient Safety. He has been awarded "Best Practices in Infection Control" by GOI and Quality Council of India (QCI) in 2010, "QIMPRO Quality award" for Lean Six Sigma implementation in Healthcare in 2012, "Outstanding Healthcare Professional" by ITP Publishing, Dubai in 2014 and FICCI "Patient Safety" award in 2015 and British Medical Journal (BMJ) award in South Asia for **"Infectious Disease Initiative of the Year"** in 2016. He was recently awarded as "Most impactful 100 healthcare leaders (global)" by CMA Asia in 2017; awarded "Quality Champion" by Confederation of Accreditation Healthcare Organization (CAHO) in 2018; and "Best Quality Initiative project" by DL Shah Quality Council of India and Ramakrishna Bajaj award in 2019.

He has done his fellowship in Patient & Healthcare Worker Safety from University of Virginia and fellowship on Health Technology Assessment (HTA) from University of Adelaide. He is an Improvement Advisor at Institute of Healthcare Improvement (IHI), U.S. and a faculty at Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Kolkata (HEMP) and at IIM Bangalore. Dr. Sanjeev is a Green Belt in Lean Six Sigma.



**DR. SHARMILA SENGUPTA** is currently the Research Coordinator for Infectious Diseases at the National University Hospital in Singapore. Prior to this, she worked at the National Center for Infectious Disease and Tan Tock Seng Hospital also in Singapore.

As a Clinical Microbiologist, Dr. Sengupta focused her entire career in Microbiology, Infection Control and Epidemiology. She has held several senior positions in leading hospitals in India such as Medanta-The Medicity Hospital, BLK Superspecialty Hospital, Kasturba Medical College, Fortis Hospital and Max Healthcare. In 2017, she was a Technical Expert in the Committee for Control of Multi-Drug Resistant Pathogens at the World Health Organization headquarters and Principal Investigator for the Global Point Prevalence Study for Antimicrobial Usage in India.

Dr. Sengupta was the first International Ambassador of India to the Society of Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) in 2009 and was a Visiting Fellow to Johns Hopkins University, Department of Healthcare Epidemiology & Infection Control in 2015. She has been teaching since 1995 in several universities up to present and is a Resource Speaker and Author of numerous research papers and journals on topics that include Quality Assurance in Clinical Microbiology & Infection Control, HIV/AIDS, Rational Use of Antimicrobials and Patient Safety, among others.



**DR. B.K. RANA** is a Board Member of ISQua from 2014 to present. He is the first Indian expert on ISO 15189 and is the Founding CEO of Quality & Accreditation Institute (QAI) and former Director of NABH. He served International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua) as elected Vice-Chairman - Accreditation Council (2008-2014) and Chairman - Accreditation Council (2014-2016). Concurrently, he served as President of Asian Society for Quality in Healthcare (ASQua) in 2011 & 12 and now serving as Member on its Board. He is elected founding member of the International Academy of Quality and Safety. He has many honors to his credit such as ISQua Expert, Assessor and Advisor. He is an External Consultant of WHO, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, USAID on healthcare quality, patient safety and accreditation. He achieved rare distinction by becoming part of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as an Expert/Assessor for Clean Development Mechanism (CDM). He sits on many national and international committees. He is the Chief Advisor of the "Academy of Medical Laboratory Auditors" (AMLA), Advisor, Foundation for Quality India (FQI), Advisor, Advisor, National Referral Centre for Lead Poisoning in India (NRCLPI) and Senior Advisor, Indian Society for Lead Awareness & Research (InSLAR).





**DR. VIRGILIO JACKSON CASINARES** is the President of Fil-International Sterile Processing Management, Inc. (FISPM). He earned the degree of Honorary Doctorate in Education and Training in Health Services from the Berkshire University in Washington D.C., USA in 2018 and Bachelors Degree in Sterile Sciences from the Consortium of Sterilization Sciences, USA.

Presently, he works as CSSD Manager at the Steri Arabia Health Investment LLC in UAE and previously worked in the same capacity at the Sheikh Khalifa Medical City and Medcare Hospital Sharjah. Dr. Casinares is an experienced educator in CSSD internationally having developed several diploma programs and trainings on CSSD, Sterilization and Decontamination, Cleaning and Packaging, among others.



**MR. DANIEL GALLARDO** is the Education and Training Director of Fil-International Sterile Processing Management, Inc. (FISPM). He is an experienced CSSD professional internationally having worked for Saudi German Hospital and Canadian Specialist Hospital in UAE; King Abdul Aziz Military Hospital and King Khaled Civilian Hospital in Saudi Arabia. He earned his Master of Arts in Education from Mabini College and CSSD-Certification from the Sterlie Processing University, New Jersey, USA.



**MARILOU LAURENTE MORTEL** is the Director of the Fil- International Sterile Processing Management, Inc. (FISPM), an association composed of healthcare personnel in Central Sterile Supply Department (CSSD). She is an active member of the International Association of Healthcare Central Service Material Management. Currently, she serves as Central Sterilization Unit Manager in Makati Medical Center, a JCI-accredited hospital.

## ABOUT HEALTHCORE

HealthCore International Consultancy, Inc. was founded in 2010 with the aim to assist the various stakeholders involved in international healthcare management, medical and wellness tourism, and retirement services to achieve global competitiveness, excellent patient service and outcomes, and enhanced bottom line – through international quality accreditation, education and training, and other strategic approaches. HealthCore’s businesses are divided into four: Quality Accreditation, Training & Education, Consultancy, and Trading.

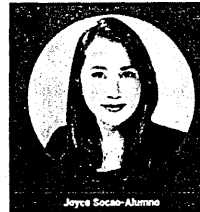
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