

Last May 6, 2017, the Philippine Rheumatology Association, in partnership with St. Luke's Medical Center, successfully held the joint sessions on Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and institution-based lecture series on vasculitis by the Special Interest Group (SIG) at Henry Sy Auditorium of St. Luke's Medical Center-Global City. The said forum was attended by both practicing and in-training Pediatrics and Adult Rheumatologists.



USTH Rheumatology Fellows  
with Dr. Julie Li Yu

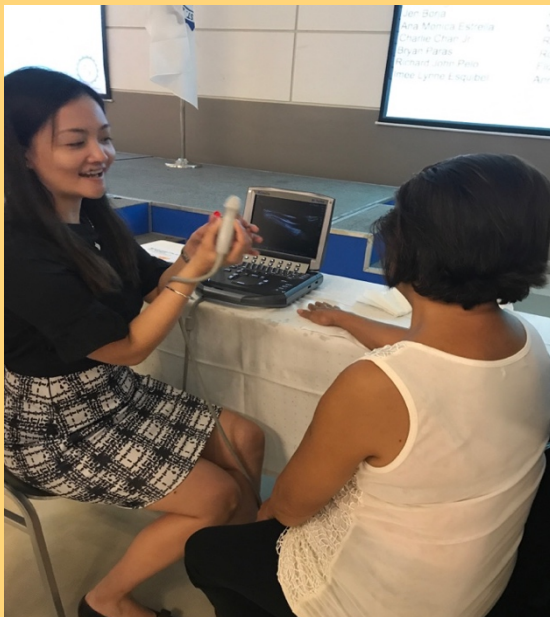


Views and Visions in Vasculitis Participants

The CPD-related sessions were in the morning, while afternoon sessions were allotted for SIG lecture series on Vasculitis. The whole-day activity was opened by a Musculoskeletal (MSK) Ultrasound Workshop for trainees. The said workshop aimed to review principles and enhance skills of the participants in the performance of MSK ultrasound. The facilitators, namely Dr. Juan Javier Lichauco, Dr. Aileen Agbanlog and Dr. Mellisa Aquino-Villamin, were able to impart their expertise in performing ultrasound procedures. It was actively participated by the attendees. Each participant was given the chance to experience actual ultrasound demonstration with the patients focusing on the different areas of interest (e.g., shoulder and elbow, hand and wrist, knee and ankle).



Dr. Lichauco on shoulder and elbow ultrasound



Dr. Agbanlog on hand and wrist ultrasound

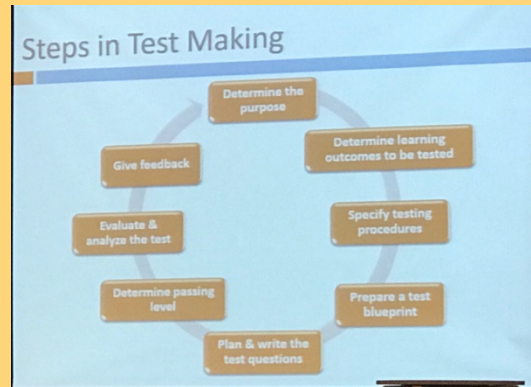


Dr. Villamin on knee and ankle ultrasound





Dr. Heizel Bernadette Reyes



The interactive ultrasound workshop was followed by a lecture on formulating test questions by Dr. Heizel Bernadette Reyes. Dr. Reyes discussed the basic principles in test construction and formulation of valid test questions.

The series of formal lectures on vasculitis was opened by an introduction to the systemic vasculitides by Dr. Juan Javier Lichauco, Section Chief of Adult Rheumatology in St. Luke's Medical Center. It was followed by a lecture on updates of AntiNeutrophil Cytoplasmic Antibodies (ANCA) by our very own Dr. Stamen Natino-Tupas, a UST Section of Rheumatology alumna. Dr. Tupas highlighted on the new international recommendations, which include among others, that ANCA should be performed using high-quality PR3- and MPO-ANCA immunoassays.



Dr. Stamen Natino Tupas

Topics discussed in subsequent series of lectures include how to recognize, distinguish and manage different systemic vasculitides, such as ANCA-associated Vasculitis (by Dr. Juan Javier Lichauco), Takayasu's Arteritis (by Dr. Geraldine Racaza), Giant Cell Arteritis (by Dr. Noreen Kintanar), Behcet's Disease (by Dr. Sheila Marie M. Reyes), Kawasaki Disease (by Dr. Melissa L. Aquino-Villamin), Vasculitic Neuropathy (by Dr. Ronald P. Ramirez), and Vasculitis Mimics (by Dr. Aileen U. Agbanlog). The lectures were very detailed but fun and interesting.



Speakers on views and vision in vasculitis: (L-R) Dr. Noreen Kintanar, Dr. Ronald P. Ramirez, Dr. Aileen U Agbanlog, Dr. Juan Javier Lichauco, Dr. Heizel Bernadette Reyes, Dr. Stamen Natino-Tupas, Dr. Sheila Marie M. Reyes, Dr. Geraldine Racaza, Dr. Melissa L. Aquino-Villamin, with Dr Julie Li- Yu, Dr. Lisa Traboco and Dr. Jonathan Paul Consignado

