

The 2015 Asian Society for Neuro-Oncology (ASNO) Conference in Manila

ASNO 2015 12th Meeting of the Asian Society for Neuro-Oncology

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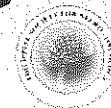


World Federation
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Neuro-Oncology Challenges in a Diverse Asia

Manila, Philippines September 17-20, 2015

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THE Philippine population has now reached more than a hundred million people.

Healthcare, as a whole, is minimally subsidized by government insurance covering only about \$1000 per year in hospital expenses per patient. There is a huge gap between rich and poor with only ten percent of the population able to receive healthcare on a par with the best healthcare in the world. The poorest people in the Philippines are unable even to obtain a doctor's consultation.

In neuro-oncology, the divide is even greater because of the high cost of diagnostics and treatment. Although government hospitals provide free services such as craniotomies for tumor removal and, in recent years, a large subsidy for radiation treatment and generic temozolomide, many problems remain.

There are only about 100 neurosurgeons in the Philippines, many of whom are based in Metro Manila and large urban centers. Only three of these doctors are dedicated to neuro-oncology practice.

The 12th Meeting of the Asian Society for Neuro-Oncology (ASNO) will be held from 17 - 20 September 2015 at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Hotel, Manila, Philippines.

Such conferences in this region disseminate information which helps guide neurosurgeons, neurologists, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists and others who – although not necessarily specializing in neuro-oncology – see patients with brain tumors on a regular basis. This knowledge, in turn, helps to provide patients with optimal treatment.

The 2015 ASNO meeting is hosted by

the Philippine Society for Neuro-Oncology (PSNO) and the Academy of Filipino Neurosurgeons (AFN).

The theme of the collaborative, multidisciplinary conference is "Neuro-Oncology Challenges in a Diverse Asia"

and the content of the meeting will provide cutting-edge educational and scientific experiences focusing on the latest developments in understanding and treating brain tumors and neurological problems associated with cancer. ■

Among the list of faculty for the ASNO 2015 meeting are international experts in the field of neuro-oncology: Hadio Ali, Juliette Marie Batara, Mutya Bernardo, Miriam Calaguas, Susan Chang, Zhong-ping Chen, Kevin Chua, Caterina Giannini, Charity Gorospe, Stuart Grossman, Yong-kil Hong, Rajan Jain, Rakesh Jalali, Santosh Kesari, Kathlyn Khu, Turker Kilic, Fred Lang, Manuel Mariano, Edwin Munoz, Alex Radbruch, Mark Rosenthal, Marlon Saria, Lye Mon Tho, Sith Sathoimsumtee, Roy Allan Torcuator, Hirohiko Tsujii, Gelareh Zadeh and the World Federation of Neuro-Oncology Societies (WFNOS) Committee.

For more information and registration details please visit www.asno2015.com



KORTNEY'S Challenge (USA) is an annual fun run/walk established in memory of nine-year old Kortney Rose Gillette who lost her brave battle with brain cancer in 2006. The Foundation raises money for funding research into better treatments and cures for pediatric brain tumors. The Foundation also focuses on raising awareness of the disease. The above photo is from the 2014 Kortney's Challenge which drew a record attendance and funds. The Foundation donates the money raised from this event to The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). ■