

Further and Forward



In our previous issue, we asked the question “Quo Vadis:” where are we heading with the Philippine Journal of Pathology? Eight years and fifteen issues since the Philippine Journal of Pathology was revived, I would like to believe that the journal has somehow been able to pull to stand, through the continuing support of the Philippine Society of Pathologists, Inc., akin to a baby that has achieved a developmental milestone of finally standing on both feet: a bit wobbly, but with some stability in balancing its center of gravity.

To ensure its growth and development, continued relevance, and impact, we must craft a comprehensive roadmap for the next six years, 2025-2030. This vision demands a critical assessment of our current status, a clear articulation of our strategic goals, and the formulation of actionable plans to achieve them.



We aim to reinforce the *Philippine Journal of Pathology* as the Society's official platform for the dissemination of high-quality research in pathology. To effectively chart our course from this point forward, we must first understand our current position and come up with strategies that shall enhance academic quality, increase visibility and impact, improve operational efficiency, and strengthen the Filipino pathology scientific community.

To achieve this goal, we will need to reestablish and fully engage the PJP editorial board, implement a robust peer review system with timely reviews and constructive feedback, revisit our author guidelines to ensure high quality submissions, invest in digital infrastructure to streamline operations and further improve accessibility, develop a comprehensive marketing and promotion strategy to increase visibility and readership. This will require forging strategic partnerships, training and mentorship to young pathologists and researchers.

By aligning our strategic direction with global standards in pathology publishing and the evolving needs of the Philippine pathology community, we can position the *Philippine Journal of Pathology* as a leading voice in the field. Let us work together to move further and forward.

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