

PHILIPPINE LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY
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Chair: Dr. Madeleine Sosa

National Convention

Chair: Dr. Myrna Fojas

JOURNAL :

None

INFORMATION MATERIALS for publication this April 2001:

"What you Need to Know about Epilepsy"

"Mga Kaalaman Tungkol sa Epilepsy" (Filipino)

SCIENTIFIC OR EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

Lay Symposium

December 16,2000 De La Salle Medical Center, Dasmarias,Cavite

Postgraduate Course on Epilepsy in partnership with the Child Neurology Society featuring the ff. Topics:

November 20,2000 Baguio Country Club

"Establishing the Diagnosis of Epilepsy"

"Non-epileptic Seizures: Video-EEG"

"Pharmacologic Treatment of Epilepsy"

"Status Epilepticus"

"Epilepsy in the Elderly"

"Epilepsy in Pregnancy"

"Cognitive and Behavioral Issues in Epilepsy"

"Clinical Dilemmas in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Epilepsy"

ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE GLOBAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST EPILEPSY

- Fundraising for Logo Contest and Educational/Media campaign
- Started construction of Webpage; creation of PLAE Email Address
- Participated in the Asian--Oceanian Regional Meeting of ILAE for the " Asian--Oceanian Declaration on Epilepsy "
- Produce Teaching Module on Slides for use in Lay Symposium
" **Guidelines for Daily Living for Patients with Epilepsy** "
" **Epilepsy what we can do about it** "
" **Cognitive and Behavioral Issues in Epilepsy** "
- Video Production; " **Myths and Misconceptions on Epilepsy** "
- Public Education on Epilepsy thru Radio Program Interviews

- Collaboration with Media and Volunteers for Materials Production for Media Campaign in August 2001:
TV Radio ads
Feature articles for press release
posters, comics
brochures
- Collaboration with Department of Health for the World Mental Health Day celebrations And with the implementation of the " Mental Health Policy"
- Developed protocols and Conducted Researches for
" Quality of Life among Patients with Epilepsy "
" Knowledge, attitudes and Practices about Epilepsy among patients with Epilepsy thru Focused Group Discussions "
- Collaboration with existing Support Groups : Philippine Foundation for Epilepsy and Epilepsy Support Group of Cebu
- Lay Fora:

Dec. 16, 2000: "Pamaskong Handog para sa Mga Pasyenteng May Epilepsy"
(Christmas Treat for Patients with Epilepsy)- Lay Symposium, De La Salle Medical Center, Dasmarias, Cavite

March 28, 2001: "Focused Group Discussions among Patients with Epilepsy",
Philippine General Hospital, Manila

March 31, 2001: "Understanding Epilepsy", Makati Medical Center, Manila

- Preparations for National Convention for Patients with Epilepsy in September 2001
- Developed an Interactive Teaching Module on Epilepsy for General Practitioners
- Start of Nationwide Round-table discussions about Epilepsy among non-neurology practitioners

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- Creation of New Working Committees
 1. Continuing Medical Education
 2. Health Care Delivery
 3. National Epilepsy Registry
 4. Lay Education
- Preparation for the National Epilepsy Congress on Sept. 2001
- PLAE Logo Contest Deadline: May 31,2001
- Fundraising for "Out of the Shadows" campaign to start August 2001
- PLAE Strategic Planning Meeting held at Le Grande Hotel, Greenhills, San Juan on October 14, 2000
- Annual Business Meeting held at the Baguio Country Club November 15, 2000
- Fundraising thru sales of Cards designed by Patients with Epilepsy

SUMMARY STATEMENT

"We are a non-profit national organization of professionals committed to the improvement of the quality of life of persons with epilepsy thru education, research, prevention, advocacy and delivery of optimal health care."

PLAE Mission

Guided by the mission-vision we drafted in 1999, the Philippine League now moves in a definite direction with much vigor. There are now 93 members. We are slowly being recognized as a dynamic group working for epilepsy in the government, the local medical community and among patients, volunteers and the pharmaceutical industry. As we receive greater recognition and appreciation, more support has come in for the projects of the organizations. We are implementing the big projects in 2001 which are mainly, the National Epilepsy Congress, the formal launch of the national "Out of the Shadows" campaign in partnership with the Department of Health, and the nationwide roundtable discussions with non-neurology practitioners. We are still working towards a synergistic arrangement with the Support groups, and we envision them getting more organized and finally working hand in hand with us in our projects. Lastly, with the support groups organized and active and with the implementation of the Mental Health policy from the Department of Health, we anticipate starting our advocacy programs in the coming year.