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**Establishing a Palliative Care System that Provides Palliative and Supportive Care to both In-hospital and Home-Bound Patients**

### **Abstract**

Despite the global advancements in cancer treatment, cancer burden in the Philippines is still on the rise because of the increasing incidence and cost of treatment. The Philippine Department of Health will soon be implementing the Universal Cancer Control Act which would provide cancer patients with free basic chemotherapy. However, as the cancer incidence rise, so too will the need for palliative and supportive care increase. Unfortunately, there is a scarcity of physicians who practice in this area.

Specifically, in my hometown Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, my home institution (Dr. Pablo O. Torre) has recently opened its Cancer Centre. However, there are no physicians trained in palliative care thus our patients currently do not receive adequate palliative and supportive care especially in the end-of-life stage.

Hopefully, with this project together with the help of my host institution and UICC, I would be able to contribute in this area and help improve the quality of life of our cancer patients by establishing a palliative care system that provides palliative and supportive care to institutionalized and home-bound patients.