Unang Yakap at home
Intrapartum and newborn care possible everywhere in hospital facilities—WHO
By Angelica A. de Leon
AS long as a trained health professional is available, Intrapartum and Newborn Care (ENC) Protocol can be practiced at home. This was disclosed by the World Health Organization (WHO) Country Representative Dr. Soe Nyunt-U during an interview with Vital signs regarding Unang Yakap, a telehealth program of the Department of Health, and humanitarian organization, which seeks to decrease infant mortality and infection rate in the country.
According to Dr. Soe, WHO has observed this as a possible scenario, although the home is not the ideal setting. “If a woman has a normal delivery at home for whatever reason and if that delivery is assisted by a UP MPhil, she can acquire high-speed cables and a complete set of software of DTV or digital video transfer system, and moreover conduct first its teleconsultation with VietDuc University,” said Dr. Hilvano.
Looking forward, Dr. Hilvano said they plan to continue doing live international teleconsulting for the handling and caring of infants in both private and government hospital settings.
Emphasizing the importance of training in the successful implementation of the protocol and the achievement of goals by Unang Yakap, Dr. Soe shared that so far, they have a very positive experience in terms of the reactions to the idea of the protocol, especially the midwives and health workers engaged in practicing the protocol, indicating that they constantly re- mind health workers to always wash your hands—before seeing a patient, after examining and a patient—and to wash your hands again before performing any procedure. They do not want to harm patients, especially babies. These are very fragile, babies with weak immune systems.”
So far, more than 42 health institutions have received training for the Intrapartum and newborn care protocol Unang Yakap whereas 11 hospitals while the others are in the advanced stage of EINC practice. However, he also adds that the protocol is still a work in progress and they are considering regions where hospitals, health facilities and services are sparse and inaccessible. This is true even in home delivery cases, he revealed.

The Healthy Lifestyle Advocacy Awards
By Karla Reyes, PN of the PCP Secretariat
The Healthy Lifestyle Advocacy Awards recognize the efforts of our partners who have in their own ways, significantly contributed to the formulation of policies and programs that promote healthy lifestyle and caused its effective implementation. We congratulate the five winners but we would also like to acknowledge all 28 nominees and our eight finalists for their significant contributions.
While only five winners were chosen from our final list, we are happy and proud of everyone in their own right. The work they have done has continued to bring awareness and promoting health is victory in itself. We are ever so grateful and appreciated. May they serve as an inspiration for all of us to persist and strive for the noble pursuit of advocating healthy lifestyle for our people.

Breakthrough telehealth held in the country
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UP Manila partners with VietDuc University in Hanoi
PHILIPPINE medicine recently scored a major breakthrough in the holding of the 1st Universitiy of the Philippines Manila and Taiwan University in teleconsultation last March 28 which saw both universities perform surgical procedures in two different operating rooms including the surgical staff of the UP-PGH Department of Surgery, often being served by different hospitals, and medical students.
Dr. Trang Giang of VietDuc University was the first to perform the operation side-by-side with Dr. Hilvano performing single incision laparoscopic adrenolecathy for an hour. He was then followed by UP Manila surgeons Prof. Francisco Acuña Jr. and Prof. Dante Ang who performed a laparoscopic common bile duct exploration with common bile duct stone extraction. Prof. Ra- mon De Vera annotated the second operation.
Dr. Hilvano noted that various comments and reports by the surgeons and viewers were made on the conduct of the operation all participants benefited from the activity.
Many surgeons were pleasantly surprised at how such a teleconsultation can be conducted. They congratulated the organizers for this feat. “They didn't think we can do that here in the Philippines. This is the first in the country, first of its kind,” Dr. Hilvano.
IT network
Dr. Hilvano explained that UP Manila, being in the network of the Asia Pacific Advanced Network (APAN) a world-wide organization of IT networks, enjoys “easy access to edu- cation which also includes teaching, training, research, and services.”
Laparoscopic view within the periportal cavity, VietDuc and middle frame
Unang Yakap’s successful teleconference is a challenge to the health sector. “The protocol is a new thing, and maybe includes a Pioneering effort” in teleconsultation, according to Dr. Hilvano. “What we hope from this is to convince them that it’s quite an easy and simple thing to do.”

EINC Awards recognize efforts in promoting healthy lifestyle
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As part of the Advocacy Awards, Unang Yakap as part of the Cutting Edge Awards is the winner of the awards. The Cutting Edge Awards were given to the most significant and impactful campaign of the year.