



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**CENTRAL VISAYAS CENTER for HEALTH DEVELOPMENT**

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**REGIONAL CIRCULAR**

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**TO : ALL MEDICAL CENTER CHIEF, CHIEFS OF HOSPITALS;  
MEDICAL DIRECTOR; HEAD OF HEALTH FACILITIES;  
ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : 6<sup>th</sup> DOH CVCHD Regional Research Congress Call for Entries**

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Research Management in the Department of Health is developed to generate evidence-based policies, plans and programs needed for the achievement of Universal Health Care. Research projects design and evaluate policies and program that will deliver the greatest benefits to the Filipinos and maximize the impact of our investments in health.

The Department of Health Central Visayas Center for Health Development in collaboration with Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center organized the 6<sup>th</sup> DOH Regional Research Congress on August 25, 2023 in Mandaue City with the theme "*Towards eXcellence and Innovation in Research*". This activity aims to further encourage research initiatives and enhance regional collaboration in the field of research development and management.

This year's contests are the following:

- 1. Research Visual Abstract**
  - Senior High School category
  - Allied Health Professional's category
- 2. Research Podium Presentation**
  - Medical Students category
  - Residents category

Submission of entries will be focusing on the **National Unified Health Research Agenda (NUHRA)** priorities:

- 1. Responsive Health System**
  - *Health Governance*
  - *Health Financing*
  - *Access to essential medical products, vaccines and technologies*
  - *Health Information Systems*
  - *Health Service Delivery*
  - *Health Human Resources*

- *Health Economics*
- *Health Research Management*

## **2. Responsive Health Systems**

- *Adolescent Health*
- *Communicable Diseases*
- *Environmental Health*
- *Maternal, Newborn and Child Health*
- *Mental Health*
- *Non-Communicable Diseases*
- *Nutrition*
- *Oral Health*
- *Reproductive Health*

## **3. Hollistic Approach to Health and Wellness**

- *Filipino Traditional and Complementary Medicine*
- *Determinants of Health*
- *Halal in Health*
- *Health Behaviors*
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## **4. Health Resiliency**

- *Accidents*
- *Climate Change*
- *Disaster Risk Reduction and Health Emergencies*
- *Emerging and Re Emerging Diseases*
- *Environmental Threats to Health*
- *Occupational Health and Migration*

## **5. Global Competitiveness and Innovation in Health**

- *Diagnostics*
- *Drug Discovery and Development*
- *Functional Foods*
- *Information and Communication for Health*
- *Biomedical products and Engineering*
- *“OMIC” technologies*

## **6. Research in Equity and Health**

- *Accidents and injuries*
- *Climate Change*

- *Disaster Risk Reduction and Health Emergencies*
- *Emerging and re-emerging diseases*
- *Environmental Threats to Health*
- *Occupational Health and Migrations*

## **GUIDELINES:**

### **Research Visual abstract**

Visual abstract is a visual summary of the most important points or findings in a research paper. This provides readers a quick overview of a research in an eye-catching, engaging, graphical way combining text and images, not just a simple text-only abstract of a research article.

### **Visual abstract specifications:**

1. 3 ft x 4 ft (Orientation: portrait)
2. Resolution 300 ppi
3. Must contain the title and the research authors with DOH and VSMMC logo
4. Maximum file size of 5 MB for submitted file (only 5 finalists will have printed 3 ft x 4 ft tarpaulin of the visual abstract)

### **Criteria for judging:**

1. *Clarity of message (35%)*
2. *Content relevant to health or practice of medicine and interesting (35%)*
3. *Relevant creativity and originality (20%)*
4. *Visual Impact (10%)*

Refer on this to make a visual abstract:

<https://mindthegraph.com/blog/visual-abstract/>

**Senior high category:** Open to all senior high students of schools within the Visayas with completed researches on health completed during year 2022-2023.

**Allied Health professional's category:** Open to allied health professionals within Region 7 who completed researches aligned to the priority areas of the NUHRA and finished within year 2022-2023.

You may submit entries to [dohro7.research@gmail.com](mailto:dohro7.research@gmail.com)

Deadline of submission of entries is July 31, 2023

Announcement of 5 finalists: August 15, 2023

Judging will be on **August 25, 2023**.

### **Research podium presentation contest:**

**Medical students category:** from medical schools in Region 7 with completed translational or public health researches completed within 2021-2023.

**Residents category:** from hospitals within Region 7 with completed researches aligned with the priorities of NUHRA completed within 2021-2023.

**Guidelines for Presentation:**

1. Finalists should wear formal or smart casual attire.
2. Must be in the venue 30 minutes before start of the program.
3. Must submit electronic copy of presentation 1 week before the contest proper.
4. Presentation should be compatible with Windows PC. If using a Macintosh, should bring an adapter and own PC in case.
5. Each presenter is given 7 minutes to present research.
6. Questions from the judges to follow the presentation.
7. Decision of the Judges is final and unappealable.

**Criteria for judging Final presentation:**

1. Answers to question and assessment of knowledge. (10%)
2. Audiovisual presentation or aid (10%)
3. Diction, Clarity, on time delivery of presentation (10%)
4. Stage presence, energy, charisma, appeal (10%)
5. Relevance of Research to Public Health or the NUHRA (10%)
6. Follows systematic and appropriate research methodology. (20%)
7. Uses proper data analysis methods (10%)
8. Manuscript well-written and easily understood. (20%)

**Criteria for submission of Research Paper entry (IMRAD format)**

**Format:**

PAPER SIZE: Letter size. MARGIN: 1" on all sides FONT: Times New Roman (Size: 12; Style: Regular; Bold for Title and Section Headers) PARAGRAPH: 1.5 spacing, single column, 0 spacing before and after paragraphs

**Limits:**

WORD COUNT: no maximum number of words; not more than 5 keywords (inserted in the Title Page)

PAGES: Maximum of 10 pages excluding Title and Reference sections.

TABLES & FIGURES: Maximum of 5 figures and tables (referred in text). Figure and table name: Times New Roman (TNR) 12, single line spacing. Name found below the figure and above the table. Figure must be of high quality and must be easily read.

Table content: TNR 11, single line spacing, only horizontal bars, 0" before and after spacing

**Sections:**

Title Page with Abstract (in structured format) with heading **Introduction, Methods, Results, Conclusion**

Introduction

Methods

Results

Discussion

Conclusions and Recommendations

References (observe consistent reference style throughout paper)

**Submission:** Save file in WORD ( .docx) format File Name: "Research Paper – Institution – Short Title"  
(ex. Research Paper – DOH – KAP of breastfeeding)

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For further inquiries, you may contact **Ms. Verbina Estrada**, Health Program Researcher at telephone # 032-260-9740 local 104 or mobile numbers 0920 9674017 or 0905 5396254.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

Thank you for your continued support.

  
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