



# THE PHILIPPINE PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

*Pharmacists for Better Health Outcomes*

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To All PPhA Members, Local Chapters and Affiliate Organizations:

Warmest greetings!

The Philippine Pharmacists Association during its Strategic Planning last 24-25 August 2014, has adopted the **Pharmacist's Coat Ceremonies for Practitioners** as one of its Special Events under the coordination of its Committee on National and Special Events.

The White Coat Ceremonies was introduced by the Young Pharmacists Group (YPG)-Philippines in 2010 to a large group of Schools/Colleges of Pharmacy. The event was adopted by the PPhA as a form of renewal of professional vows of its local chapters and affiliate organizations. The event was subsequently renamed as "**Pharmacist's Coat Ceremonies**" to differentiate it from the White Coat Ceremonies originally intended for pharmacy students. The Pharmacist's Coat Ceremonies **is a reminder for practicing pharmacists to embrace the PPhA Core Values of integrity, professionalism, competence, altruism and solidarity.**

It is the policy of PPhA to ensure the proper coordination and conduct of its National and Special Events. In line with this policy, the guidelines on the conduct of the Pharmacist's Coat Ceremonies are provided on the next pages, for the guidance of all concerned persons and institutions.

Thank you very much for your usual support and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

  
**OLIVIA M. LIMUACO, RPh, PhD**  
*President*



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## Guidelines on the Conduct of the Pharmacist's Coat Ceremonies

1. The simplicity and solemnity of the Pharmacist's Coat Ceremonies must be maintained at all times. The following is the standard program in conducting the event:
  - I. Processional
  - II. Invocation/Doxology
  - III. Philippine National Anthem
  - IV. Welcome Remarks by the President/Head of the Chapter/Affiliate/Group
  - V. Message from a PPhA Officer/Board Member/Representative and/or Message from the Chairperson or Member of the Board of Pharmacy (*who must be wearing his/her pharmacist's coat*)
  - VI. Introduction of the Pharmacist-Guest Speaker
  - VII. Message from the Pharmacist-Guest Speaker (*wearing his/her pharmacist's coat*)
  - VIII. Cloaking of the Pharmacists (*the following may cloak the practitioners: PPhA Representative(s)/Board of Pharmacy Representative(s) and/or Pharmacist-Guest Speaker; who must all be wearing their pharmacist's coats*)
  - IX. Oath of a Pharmacist (*Inducting Officer may be the Board of Pharmacy or PPhA Representative*)
  - X. Closing Remarks
  - XI. Philippine Pharmacy Hymn (*Official PPhA AVP*)
  - XII. Recessional
2. Expenses for the event (eg. coats, food, venue) must be kept at a minimum.
3. The Chapter/Affiliate/Pharmacy Group must shoulder the travelling expenses and other incidental expenses of the guest speaker and the invited representatives from PPhA and/or the Board of Pharmacy.
4. The organizing Chapter/Affiliate/Pharmacy Group must communicate to the PPhA President in requesting for the presence of the national association to the event, **not less than one month prior to the schedule of the event**. In case the PPhA President cannot attend the event himself/herself, he/she will officially designate the PPhA Representative.
5. Please use the official "Oath of a Pharmacist" given below:



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## OATH OF A PHARMACIST

As a pharmacist, I vow to devote my professional life to be of service to all mankind through the profession of Pharmacy.

I will consider the welfare of humanity and the relief of human suffering my primary concerns.

I will apply my knowledge, experience and skills to the best of my ability to ensure optimal drug therapy outcomes for the patients I serve.

I will keep abreast of developments and acquire new competencies needed to ensure the best pharmaceutical service for my clients.

I will maintain the highest principles of moral, ethical and legal conduct.

I will embrace and advocate changes in the Pharmacy profession that redound to the improvement of patient care.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.

So help me God.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature over Printed Name of Inductee*

Renewed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ during the Pharmacist's Coat Ceremonies of the  
\_\_\_\_\_ held at \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Chapter/Affiliate/Pharmacy Group*

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*Signature over Printed Name of Inducting Officer*