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CHD-MM Celebrates Newborn Screening Month



Employees of CHD-NCR wear matching shirts to celebrate NBS Pink Day.

residential Proclamation No. 540 declares the first week of October of each year as the National Newborn Screening Awareness Week and considers the month

Screening for Hemoglobinopathies to of October as the Newborn Screening Month.

Center for Health Development-Metro Manila (CHD-MM) took the lead and Centers for the testing, follow-up, and celebrated this year's Newborn Screening Month with the theme "Expanded management of hemoglobinopathies." Newborn Screening: Ilang Patak, Maraming Sanggol Ay Ligtas!"

CHD-MM urged newborn screening facilities in the region to conduct several activities in their respective areas in order to boost NBS implementation.

CHD-MM got its reply when newborn screening facilities displayed NBS materials and its impact on the outcome of these and updates on their respective bulletin and announcement boards. Newborn diseases. Dr. Reynaldo de Castro and screening lectures and discussions, video presentations on newborn screening in Dr. Alpha Grace Cabic, meanwhile, waiting areas, and distribution of NBS brochures were also conducted.

Meanwhile, on October 11, CHD-MM employees observed "Newborn Screening for hemoglobinopathies in the Pink Day," where all the employees wore pink to show their support to the program. Philippines.

on October 16, a mass screening was conducted for indigent babies from nearby barangays to give them the opportunity to undergo newborn screening for free. Another NBS mass screening was done at the Pagamutang Bayan ng Malabon.

CHD-MM aims to strengthen Newborn Screening implementation by formulating strategies to increase public awareness for congenital metabolic disorders. which if left untreated may lead to mental retardation and death. CAlincastre

NEWS BRIEF

Hemoglobinopathies **Workshops Do the Trick**

↑ ith the approval of the inclusion of **V** hemoglobinopathies in the expanded newborn screening panel starting April 2014, a workshop was conducted in 2012 to understand the etiology, clinical manifestations. outcome of hemoglobinopathies and the impact on the outcome of these diseases. The workshop was conducted for pediatric hematologists and unit heads of newborn screening centers.

A year later, on October 5, 2013, at the Traders Hotel Manila, the Women, Children and Family Health Cluster (WCFHC) and the Newborn Screening Reference Center (NSRC) conducted another workshop on Newborn prepare the core group of hematology and personnel of Newborn Screening

International experts Dr. Carolyne Hoppe and Dr. Bradford Therrell, Jr., led the discussion on hemoglobinopathy screening program discussed the screening and confirmatory methods

During the 26th anniversary celebration of CHD-MM Participants of the workshop on newborn screening for hemoglobinopathies



Malaybalay City Runs an NBS Doubleheader







1. Awarding of Plagues of Recognition with (L-R) Dr. Melirose Deticio, Dr. Conchita Abarguez, Dr. Dennis Sangalang and Hon, Rendon Sangalang. 2. Health workers and mothers with Dr. Abarquez, Dr. Deticio and Maria Rica Raguro, City Health NBS Nurse Coordinator. 3. Parents listen intently to the intensive discussion on G6PD.

two newborn screening (NBS) activities on October 4.

Bukidnon Diners, Malaybalay City.

Deficiency disorders. Parents' concerns such as feeding, SMGuilaran vaccination and prohibited medicines were also addressed.

CHD-ZP Holds Parents Forum and NBS Cluster Meeting

The Center for Health Development–Zamboanga Peninsula province of Surigao Del Sur, the Center for Health (CHD-ZP), in coordination with Newborn Screening Development-Caraga held as their year-ender activity the Center-Mindanao, held its First G6PD Deficiency Parents Forum at Ricomar Pension House, Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay, 2013, at Paper County Inn, Bislig City. September 4.

The event was followed by the NBS Cluster Meeting with Zamboanga Sibugay newborn screening facilities at the same venue on September 5.

A total of 80 parents and parent leaders attended the G6PD Consultative Planning Workshop Deficiency Parents Forum. Before the forum ended, the G6PD Deficiency Parents Group Advocates (Support Group) was The Provincial Health Office (PHO) of Compostella Valley created and a new set of officers was elected. The officers were Jerome Ventura, President; Elvin Evangelista, Vice-President (VP) for Zamboanga Sibugay; Jovelyn Obligar, VP for Zamboanga del Norte; Maricyl Malicay and Connie Rose Sali, Secretaries; Mary Jane Temblor, Treasurer; Rogerly Estabas, Auditor; and June Joy Abrigoso, Public Information

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The City Health Office of Malaybalay City, Bukidnon, ran After the forum, the City Health Office of Malaybalay City held the NBS Awarding Ceremony, recognizing barangay health centers of the city who screened more than 60% of live The Annual G6PD Deficiency Parents Forum gathered a births. Out of the 45 barangays of Malaybalay, the top ten total of 64 parents confirmed of G6PD deficiency at the barangays recognized and given a plague of recognition were San Martin Barangay Health Center (the only barangay with NBS coverage of more than 80%), Linabo Barangay Health Dr. Dennis P. Sangalang, City Health Officer II, welcomed Center, Managok Barangay Health Center, Kibalabag the participants and Hon. Rendon P. Sangalang, health Barangay Health Center, Barangay 7 Health Center, Simaya committee chair of the City Council, gave the inspirational Barangay Health Center, Bangcud Barangay Health Center, message, Dr. Conchita G. Abarquez, NSC-M Unit Head and Cabangahan Barangay Health Center, Kalasungay Barangay only geneticist in Mindanao, discussed extensively the G6PD Health Center, and Casisang Barangay Health Center.

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CHD-Caraga Holds NBS Program Implementation Review

With the main goal of addressing concerns and challenges in implementing the NBS program in the Newborn Screening Implementation Review on October 30,

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Compostella Valley PHO Holds NBS

assembled the different newborn screening facilities in the province for a strategic planning workshop on September 17, 2013, at Café Noventa, Nabunturan.

Issues and concerns pertaining to courier problems and geographic barriers were raised and addressed during the

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Celebration

VYLH-Philippines Takes NBS Week 2013 Coast to Coast

t was truly a nationwide event.

The Volunteer Youth Leaders for Health (VLYH)-Philippines kicked off this vear's Newborn Screening (NBS) Week with a bang as volunteers from all over the country united via social media campaigns simultaneous distribution of NBS pink brochures.

media platforms from October 1 to 5.

Newborn Screening throughout the week.

PHILIPPINI The Network's members changed their profile pictures to an 'University. NBS-themed photo on Facebook and tweeted daily posts about

supplementation and informed mothers about the importance of 'Act.

Meanwhile, Jasper Jover, a volunteer from the University of the Philippines (UP) Manila, together with other VYLH and pre-natal mothers at the City Health Office of Valencia. members who are taking up MS Genetic Counseling, Bukidon. A guiz bowl on newborn screening was also held at participated in the 2013 NBS Convention. Jover re-echoed his the Valencia Sanitarium and Hospital. insights to the NCR-South Luzon Cluster members. Pink NBS brochures were also distributed all week by members from Pasig and Laguna.

interviewed regarding NBS in the Daily Bulletin, a local CQuerubin newspaper in Negros. Salanga also initiated a talk on the importance of youth participation in health advocacy during the SK Bacolod Youth Forum.

Down south, VYLH-Mindanao celebrated the week-long event with lectures and distribution of brochures. Robin Ramos. a volunteer from Bukidnon, conducted a seminar to pregnant

GeneSoc Holds Third National Intercollegiate Genetics Quiz Contest

R ecause quiz contests never go out of style.

The University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) Genetics Society (GeneSoc) conducted a competitive meeting of the minds during the Third National Intercollegiate Genetics Quiz Contest (NIGQC) last September 14, 2013, at Drilon Hall, SEARCA, UPLB.

Ten universities from all over the country participated in the contest, namely, Ateneo de Manila University, Central! Mindanao University, University of the East, University of the Philippines Diliman, University of the Philippines Manila, University of the Philippines Visayas-Tacloban College, University of Santo Tomas, St. Louis University, St. Scholastica's College Manila, and West Visavas State

NBS with the hashtag #NBSsaves on Twitter and other social During the opening ceremony, Dr. Merlyn S. Mendioro, UPLB GeneSoc's Senior Adviser, encouraged the contestants to take part in the advocacies of the Volunteer Youth Leaders! The VYLH-North Luzon Cluster conducted lectures about 'for Health-Philippines (VYLH-Philippines). Gessa Ramos. newborn screening to the youth in various barangays. Robin VYLH Region IV-A Coordinator, also talked about the Albino, a volunteer from Nueva Ecija, had a meeting with advocacies of VYLH including the significance of folic acid, barangay health workers in promoting NBS and folic acid newborn screening, and the lobbying for the Rare Disease

Another volunteer from Bukidnon, Plendy Catalan, distributed pink NBS brochures and signature campaign sheets at Mountain View College. Jeb Saludar, a volunteer In the Visayas, the VYLH-Visayas Cluster maximized the use from Dayao City, spearheaded a health education orientation of media platforms to advocate newborn screening. Israel at Davao City Hall and gave a set of lectures at Southern Salanga, a volunteer from Bacolod City, had live interviews at Philippines Medical Center. Volunteers from Davao City had radio stations Asksyon Radyo and Love Radio. He was also local media promotions via Radyo ni Juan and Radyo Rapido.



For more news and updates, please visit vylhphilippines.blogspot.com

GeneSoc Holds Third National . . . from page 4

She also invited the participants to be part and help promote the advocaies of the network.

Ateneo de Manila University emerged as champion of this year's NIGQC, with a total of 88 points. The team was composed of Hadeza P. Cabaddu, Wrench Chester S. Canicosa, and Antoni Andreu M. Martija. The champions received medals, certificates, a trophy, and cash prize of P15, 000.

University of the Philippines Diliman team, composed of Kenji Rowel Q. Lim. Dominic S. Albao, and Liezel U. Tamon, bagged the second place with 82.66 points, while University of the Philippines Manila got third place, with a total of 77 points. The team was composed of Adrian L. Santos, Federico Cristobal C. de Jesus, and May Nadine Alessandra

Both the first and second runners-up received P7,500 and P5,000. respectively.

Individual top scorers Adrian L. Santos, who garnered 72 points, and Federico Cristobal C. de Jesus, 70 points, both from University of the Philippines Manila, were given cash prize, brown rice, and Monsanto

All participating teams were also given Certificates of Participation for having accepted the NIGQC 2013 challenge. The judges and Forum . . . from page 3 quizmasters received certificates of appreciation for their invaluable involvement in the program.

UPLB GeneSoc partnered with the Genetics and Molecular Biology Division, Institute of Biological Sciences, UPLB, in presenting the NIGQC 2013. This was also made possible with the help of the Department of Science and Technology IV-A, Philippine Rice Research Institute, Philippine Society for the Advancement of Genetics, University of the Philippines-National Institutes of Health (UP-NIH). Ugnavan ng Pahinungod-UPLB, Bonitos, EatSumo Teri Haus, and Monsanto, Inc. CAlmazar

CHD-Caraga Holds NBS Program . . . from page 3

The activity was an opportunity to apprise coordinators on their performance in terms of coverage and quality of sample collection, with emphasis on improving their sample transit time and ideal time of collecting samples.

The activity gathered 25 NBS implementers from all areas of Surigao Del Sur. PBermudez

Compostella Valley PHO Holds NBS . . . from page 3

The effects of the typhoon that destroyed a large part of Compostella Valley were also discussed, especially the increasing unsatisfactory samples, missing filter cards, and recall of patients, resulting in the exploration of several contingencies and plans that were put under consideration in the planning workshop.

CHD-ZP Holds Parents

The NBS Cluster Meeting with Zamboanga Sibugay newborn screeing facilities was attended by 43 implementers from 19 facilities to discuss and address newborn screening concerns in the province. Also in attendance were the Provincial Health Officers, representatives of Philippine Health Insurance Company, the Newborn Screening Center-Mindanao, and CHD-ZP staff. AJCalibot



Participants of the CHD-ZP First G6PD Deficiency Parents Forum



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Southern Negros Doctors' Hospital

This year's convention, titled "Facing the Challenges of panded Newborn Screening," highlighted the discussion of e new groups of disorders which will be added in the ewborn screening panel. It featured five symposia: G6PD Deficiency, Current and Emerging Challenges in the Newborn creening Program, Endocrine Disorders, Metabolic Disorders, and Hemoglobinopathies

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sponsible choices as leaders, advocates, health

fessionals and parents." Garin added

The convention made another milestone in newborn creening and for NSSPI's history, according to Dr. Rowens Pua. NSSPI President.

Because of the success of the event, the NSSPI and NSRC are already planning next year's convention, which will cover a wider range of topics and will be held in a bigger venue to accommodate the increasing number of attendees each year. First published on The Philippine Star, October 27, 2013



Dr. Rowena Pua. NSSPI President (far left) and Dr. Carmencita Padilla, NSRC Director (far right) present Plaques of Appreciation to the speakers (left to right) Dr. Sylvia Estrada, Dr. Catherine Silao and Ma. Elouisa Reyes.

Newborn Screening Reference Center

University of the Philippines Manilo

Pedro Gil St., Ermita, Manila 1000

National Institutes of Health



Pua, NSSPI President (second from left) and Dr. Carmencita Padilla. NSRC Director (far right) present Plaque of Appreciation to the speakers Dr. Rofien Ison (center), and Dr. May Antonette Remonte.



CHD-Caraga Holds NBS Dr. Carolyn Hoppe, Dr. Bradford Therrell, and Dr. Reynaldo De Compostella Valley PHO Holds NBS Consultative

Left) Left to right holding certificates: Dr. Juliet Sio-Aquila and Dr. Mary Anne

o provide continuing education to health professionals and present a venue for discussion of issues on neonatal screening, the Newborn Screening Society of the Philippines, Inc. (NSSPI), and the Newborn Screening Reference Center (NSRC) held

VYLH-Philippines Takes NBS Week 2013 Coast to

> "Each year and every Newborn Screening Awareness Week, is a true celebration of lives saved." said DOH Undersecretary Janette Garin in the keynote speech delivered already contributing to a healthier future of this generation and beyond.

elevating the country's present state into where everyone has access to highquality living. She also asked for everyone's participation in making the primary stakeholders aware and educated about the benefits of expanded newborn screening

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Number of Babies Screened as of October 2013

CHD-MM Celebrates

Malaybalay City Runs an

CHD-ZP Holds Parents

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NSSPI, NSRC Team Up for 11th Newborn Screening Convention



Left to right: Dr. Bradford Therrell, Jr., Director of Newborn Screening and Genetics Research Center; Dr. Carolyn Hoppe, Director of Hemoglobinopathy Reference Laboratory in California; Dr. Carmencita Padilla, Director of Newborn Screening Reference Center; Dr. Vicente Belizario, Executive Director of National Institutes of Health-Philippines; Dr. Juanita Basilio, Chief of Child Division, Family Health Office; Dr. Rowena Pua, President of NSSPI; Dr. Nancy Lao, Treasurer of the NSSPI; and Dr. Ephraim Neil Orteza, Assistant Secretary of NSSPI.

the 11th Newborn Screening Convention at the Manila Hotel Tent City, Manila, October 3-4.

Also participated in by the Department of Health (DOH), the convention gathered together national and international experts in the field of neonatal care

by Dr. Juanita Basilio, Child Division Chief, "By being involved in this program, we are Garin encouraged some 1,500 attendees to use all health programs as tools in

"The newborn screening is one of the health programs that aim to inform every Filipino about the rights of the newborns and our

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