



61st PSEM Interhospital Grandrounds: “The Borne Identity”



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The graduating fellows of the UP-Philippine General Hospital Section of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism (Drs. Cindy V. Josol, Perpetua C. Patal, Hallert C. Ramos, Allanbert G. Sampana, and Mark Anthony S. Sandoval) in cooperation with Merck hosted the 61st PSEM Interhospital Grandrounds last February 24, 2010 at the Bayview, Hyatt Hotel.

The grandrounds which was aptly dubbed “The Borne Identity” tackled about Disorders of Sexual Differentiation (DSD). The medical, psychosocial, and ethical issues linked with this rare yet medically challenging group of disorders were discussed comprehensively by the group.

Experts from various specialties (Genetics: Dr. Eva Maria Cutiongco-de la Paz; Pediatric Surgery: Dr. Wilma Baltazar; Psychiatry: Dr. Cornelio Banaag, Jr., Pediatric endocrinology: Dr. Lorna Ramos-Abad; Reproductive Endocrinology and Fertility: Dr. Enrico Gil Oblepias; Urology: Dr. Nikko Magsanoc; and Legal adviser: Atty. Lee Owen Cortes) also shared their valuable insights on the issues presented.

The discussion ended with an emphasis from the presenters that the ideal management method for patients with DSD is a multidisciplinary team approach which involves geneticists, endocrinologists, surgeons, gynecologists, psychiatrists, counselors, and ethicists. *(Please see related featured article on Ambiguous Genitalia on page...)*

