



TRANSFORMING TOXICOLOGY LANDSCAPE FOR SAFER AND SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS

### [ID-P#060] Development of the Specialty Nursing Organization for Clinical Toxicology in The Philippines

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**Objective:** This report aimed to narrate the formation, organization, and development of the specialty nursing organization for toxicology in the Philippines.

**Methods:** This narrative report presented the conceptual ideas, processes, and motivations that led to the formation and development of the toxicology nursing specialty for Filipino nurses. It was analyzed using the Growth Model as to explain the achievements, challenges, and opportunities to reflect the organization's growth.

**Results:** The need for nurses who were trained and practicing clinical toxicology across the Philippine archipelago to organize their own professional body was necessary as to better represent themselves and formalize their specialty nursing practice. Nineteen founding members had met, adapted, and ratified the constitution and by-Laws that outlined their fundamental purposes, elected their officials, and laid the official name of the organization, Toxicology Nurses Association of the Philippines. They presented themselves to Professional Regulation – Board of Nursing and asked for guidance and inputs to strengthen their foundation. Upon approval, they were referred and registered to Securities and Exchange Commission. Their identity was defined through the formulation of their scope of specialty nursing practice. They adopted the current standards of nursing practice for their specialty nursing practice framework. Various programs and activities that promotes and enhances the toxicology specialty nursing practice were initiated. Membership was done across the archipelago through active engagement. A specialty nursing certification program for clinical toxicology was designed to ensure safe and quality nursing provision.

**Conclusion:** Admittedly, the organization was young, and they were facing a lot of challenges along. However, their small successes were testament to their grit and passion for better poisoning care for Filipinos. Finally, they also aimed to reach out to their counterparts across Asia Pacific region for dynamic exchange of ideas, experiences, and opportunities as to strengthen this specialized nursing practice.