

Top Mission: Meningitis Vaccination for All to Save Lives!

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April 24, 2013 is World Meningitis Day. Health care workers spread awareness to combat one of the world's most dangerous but vaccine-preventable disease in existence – MENINGITIS.

The University of the Philippines–Manila National Institutes of Health (UPM-NIH) collaborated with the Philippine Foundation for Vaccination (PFV) in celebrating World Meningitis Day by holding a vaccination mission at UPM-NIH. The project was spearheaded by Dr. Lulu C. Bravo, a Pediatric Infectious Disease specialist. She was supported by her team, which consisted of Dr. Cleo Anna Marie Dy, Dr. Sarah Makalinaw, Berna Manipon, Edwin Redulla, Katrina Libunao, Chazel Marie Crucillo and Gemma Asistin.

Recipients coming from the different areas of the UPM were injected with meningococcal vaccines donated by Meningo Org. The recipients, who included residents and fellows from

the Departments of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, as well as employees of NIH, were also asked to support the petition of the Confederation of Meningitis Organizations (CoMo), which calls for the inclusion of the meningitis preventing vaccines in the National Immunization Programs around the world.

Meningitis is preventable; as we fight this fatal disease, we must remember that an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure. Let this be the first step in promoting vaccination for all. Let us Join Hands and sign the petition now at <http://www.comoonline.org>.