



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 177 s 1972

SUBJECT : Formation of a consortium of special hospitals to be known as the Philippine National Institute of Health.

For the purpose of achieving adequate, safe, Standard, and quality health care for the people of the Philippines, and to serve as the apex if an integrated hospital system complex for the country; and in line with the evolution of Total Health Care, there is hereby established in the Department of Health an entity to be known as the PHILIPPINE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH.

This institute is to be in the for consortum of the following special hospitals:

The DR. JOSE R. REYES MEMORIAL (As the core, and for general medicine and surgery)

The SAN LAZARO HOSPITAL (For tropical medicine)

The NATIONAL ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL (For traumatic, orthopedic and rehabilitation medicine)

The DR. JOSE FABELLA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (For obstetrics, gynecology and child health)

The NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL (For pediatrics)

The NATIONAL MENTAL HOSPITAL (For neurology and psychiatry)

This consortium of special hospitals shall operate directly under the Office of the Secretary of Health. They shall function specifically for the purpose for which they were organized. As members of the consortium, however, their combined activities must have for their goal the improvement and/or establishment of curative medicine, preventive medicine, rehabilitation medicine, training and education, and research.

The Institute shall have an Administrative Board composed of the chiefs of the above-named hospitals who shall elect from among themselves a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and a Secretary to the Board.

There shall be a rotation of the Chairman who shall hold office for a term of two (2) years. The Secretary to the Board shall be appointed by the Chairman upon recommendation of the Board.

Subject to the approval of the Secretary of Health, the Administrative Board shall formulate policies on the fields aforementioned in order to keep abreast with the progress of medical science in relation to the total health care of the nation.

The functions of the Administrative Board shall be:

1. To prepare programs in relation to specialty development and to provide trained personnel for government hospitals and other medical services thru:

- a. Training for General practitioners
- b. Training for specialists
- c. Seminars and post-graduate courses

2. To prepare training programs and provide facilities in coordination with medical and para-medical schools for undergraduate training.

3. To encourage, initiate and support medical research and to work for local and international grants in aid for scientists of the Institute.

4. To develop better referral systems between government hospitals and other agencies.

5. To develop cooperation, coordination and collaboration between the Institute and other medical and technical institutions.

In the performance of the foregoing functions, the Administrative Board shall have and maintain a close working relationship with the Bureau of Health and Medical services, and the Office of Health Education and Personnel Training.

Initially, this Institute shall operate within the budgetary limitations of each member hospital. Subsequently, the Administrative Board may recommend to the Secretary of Health the necessary budgetary requirements to achieve the objectives for which the Institute has been organized.

This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

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