

different medical organizations. This release reflects evidence and policy updates, as well as medical community consensus since the call of the **Health Professionals' Alliance Against COVID-19** (<http://hpaac.org.ph>) to re-strategize the country's response against COVID-19.

Each algorithm was reviewed by subject matter experts, stakeholders, as well as end-users. With the Philippine context in perspective, the algorithms provide clear guidelines for COVID-19 management from both the community and hospital levels. Algorithms reinforce the **Philippine COVID-19 Living Recommendations** (<https://www.psmid.org/philippine-covid-19-living-recommendations/>). The development process was guided by evidence-based, patient-centered, and equity-driven principles.

Work on the first version of the Unified Algorithms was started as early as March 2020 with a small team of volunteer algorithm constructors and five core medical societies, facilitated by volunteers from the Asia-Pacific Center for Evidence-Based Healthcare (APCEBH), Alliance for Improving Health Outcomes (AIHO), and Kalusugan ng Mag-Ina (KMI). The first version was hosted by the **Philippine Society for Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (PSMID)** (<https://www.psmid.org>). With continued support from PSMID, this expansion was carried out by the HPAAC Steering Committee through its network of volunteers and the leadership of various medical professional societies.

These algorithms are subject to change as evidence emerges and guidelines are updated. Recommendations on patient care are not absolute. Final decisions remain under the discretion of the healthcare provider.

As the unified algorithms are utilized, end-users are enjoined to provide feedback as to their experience with use of the algorithms in the field through: secretariat@psmid.org and [hpaac.org.ph/contact](http://www.hpaac.org.ph/contact) (<http://www.hpaac.org.ph/contact>) or secretariat@hpaac.org.ph.

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