



A final pose from the attendees of the Special Interest Group forum spearheaded by Philippine Rheumatology Association (PRA) President Dr. Hazel Manapat (centermost, 1st row) in cooperation with Jose R. Reyes Memorial Medical Center Section of Rheumatology.

“Arthritis and Infections Diseases” A Special Interest Group Forum

**Jose R. Reyes Memorial Medical Center
(DOH Coventiona Hall)**

15 September 2017

The second Special Interest Group (SIG) forum this year was held last 15 September 2017 at Jose R. Reyes Memorial Medical Center (JRRMMC) Department of Health (DOH) Convention Hall. A refreshing short audiovisual presentation was featured which showcased the hospital’s *Rayuma Klinik*. Dr. Hazel Manapat-Reyes, president of Philippine Rheumatology Association (PRA) gave the welcome remarks followed by the opening remarks by Dr. Perry Tan, Section Head of Rheumatology in JRRMMC. Various topics in arthritis and infectious diseases were discussed



Dr. Cristina Tolin, rheumatologist from JRRMC, hosted the event.

like the HIV, tuberculosis and leprosy.



Above picture was the poster used for the second SIG this year.

A case discussion of three interesting patients with rheumatological problems was presented with questions answered by panelist-experts Dr. Julie Li-Yu (Rheumatologist), Dr. Carlo Angelo Borbon (Orthopedic Surgeon) and Dr. Mario Panaligan (Infectious Disease Specialist). The day was capped by Dr. Allan Corpuz who gave a short discussion on the neuropathology of osteoarthritis. (Reported by Dr. Vivian D. Santos)