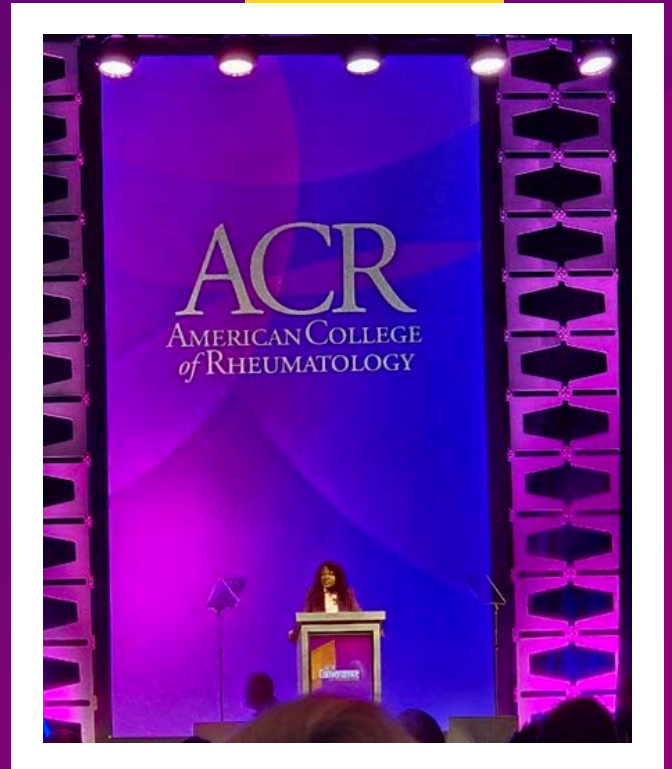


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FROM ACR 2024

The ACR Convergence 2024, held from **November 14 to 19, 2024**, brought together thousands of rheumatology professionals, researchers, and clinicians from around the globe for a week of earning, exchange and

collaboration. The event featured a blend of scientific sessions, research presentations, and clinical updates, with a focus on the latest advancements in the field of rheumatology.

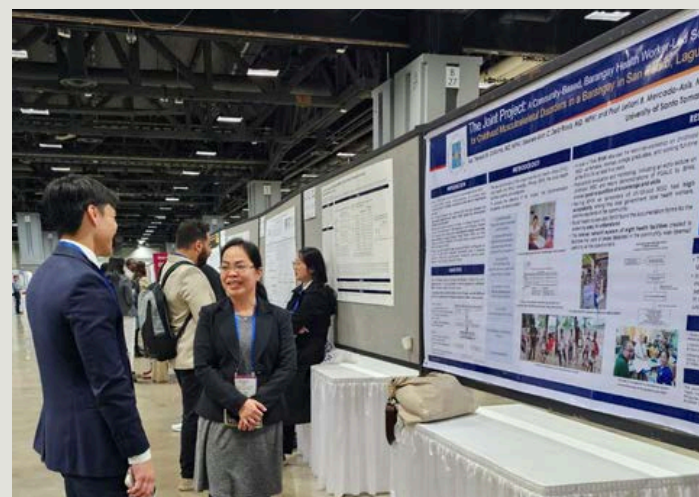
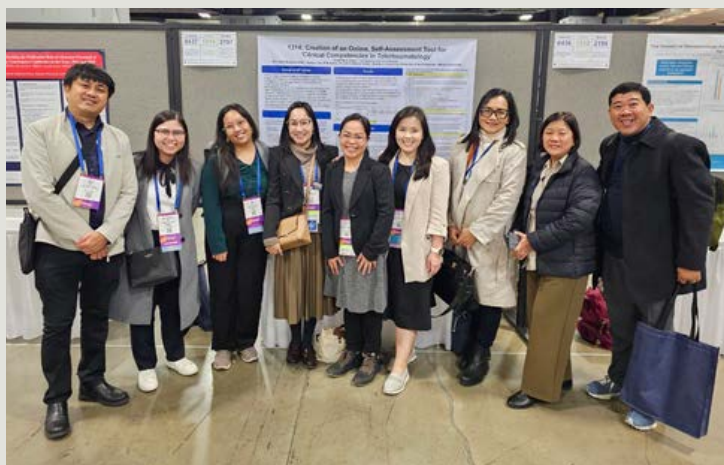


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Among the attendees were several members of the Philippine Rheumatology Association (PRA), who not only participated actively but also proudly showcased their research. **Dr. Ma Theresa Collante** presented her study, *The Joint Project: A Community-Based, Barangay Health Worker-Led Screening Program for Childhood Musculoskeletal Disorders in a Barangay in San Pedro, Laguna, Philippines*. Similarly, **Dr. Sheila Maria Reyes - Yap Uyseco** shared her work, *Creation of an Online, Self-Assessment Tool for Clinical Competence in Telerheumatology*.

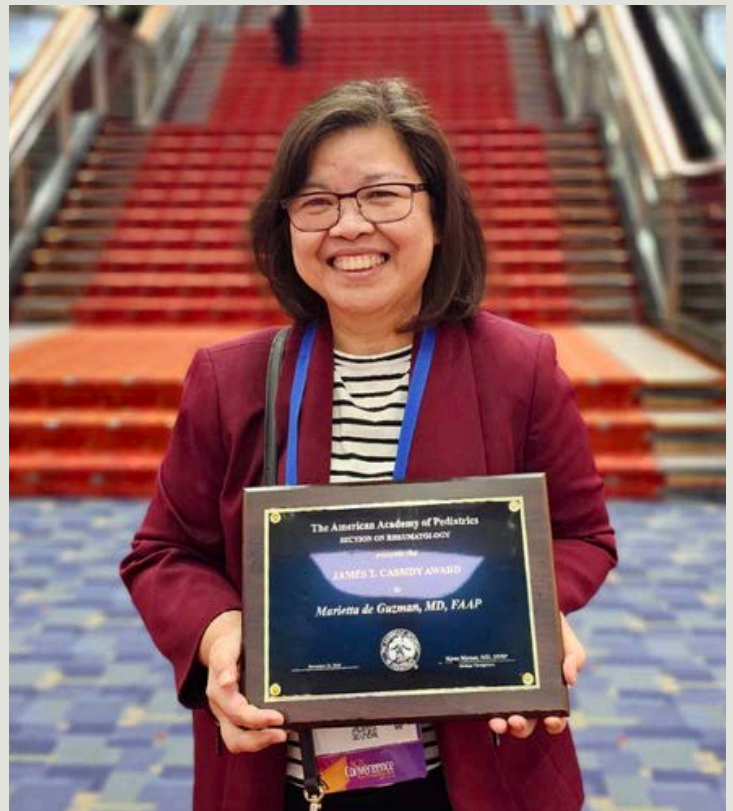
Adding to this distinguished representation, **Dr. Lisa Traboco** delivered an engaging lecture titled *Classrheum Challenges: Medical Educ-AI-tion for an Island Nation*. She explored the integration of artificial intelligence into medical education.



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A moment of immense pride was when **Dr. Marieta De Guzman, MD, FAAP**, received the prestigious **James T. Cassidy Award**, a recognition given by the American College of Rheumatology to individuals who have made significant contributions to pediatric rheumatology through outstanding service, teaching, and research. Dr. De Guzman's remarkable achievement is a testament to her tireless dedication and transformative work in the field, inspiring her colleagues and the next generation of rheumatologists to strive for excellence.



Despite this global distinction, Dr. De Guzman remained her humble and gracious self, further endearing herself to those who know her. Her unwavering commitment to advancing pediatric rheumatology continues to motivate her peers and elevate the entire PRA community. Together, they celebrate her monumental achievement and honor her well-deserved recognition.





Dr. Karina Torralba was recognized at ACR Convergence 2024 with the **Leadership and Entrepreneurship in Rheumatology Ultrasound Award**.

This prestigious recognition highlights her exceptional contributions to advancing rheumatology ultrasound education. Dr. Torralba played a significant role in revitalizing the ACR ultrasound courses post-pandemic, overcoming logistical and financial challenges to meet a critical educational need. Her dedication exemplifies vision, perseverance, and a commitment to excellence, highlighting the importance of rheumatology ultrasound in elevating patient care, education, and research.

The ACR Convergence 2024 was a resounding success, showcasing advancements in research, education, and clinical practice while fostering collaboration among rheumatologists worldwide. The active participation of members of the Philippine Rheumatology Association, through poster and oral presentations, highlighted the Philippines' contributions to the global rheumatology community. The event underscored the significance of continuous learning and global partnerships in shaping the future of rheumatology, leaving attendees inspired and empowered to elevate care for patients with rheumatic diseases.

