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## MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR (MC 2020-01-22-047)

**TO : PRESIDENTS OF ALL PMA COMPONENT MEDICAL SOCIETIES**

**SUBJECT : NATIONWIDE YAWS ACTIVE SURVEILLANCE AND CASE DETECTION IN THE PHILIPPINES**

**DATE : JANUARY 22, 2020**

Dear Colleagues:

Warmest greetings from the Philippine Medical Association!

The PMA, in collaboration with the Philippine Leprosy Mission Inc., Department of Health – Health Policy Development and Planning Bureau, and the Philippine Council for Health Research Development, would like to invite you to actively participate in the Nationwide YAWS Active Surveillance and Case Detection in the Philippines. The objectives of the surveillance are the following:

1. To determine if there is at least one active yaws case in each of the region here in the Philippines that had no reported cases of yaws since 1961.
2. To confirm the diagnosis of yaws cases in the Philippines through clinical and serologic criteria.
3. To determine the **number and proportion of yaws cases** among children 15 years old and younger and their obvious contacts whenever there is at least one confirmed case of YAWS detected (i.e. active, latent) in the following areas:
  - 3.1 two high seroprevalence GIDA municipalities per major region (total 4 sites)
  - 3.2 one GIDA municipality with indigenous people per major region (total 2 sites);
4. To determine the socio-economic impact of yaws infection such as, but not limited to, health expenditure, behavior, and beliefs, on those infected with the disease and their household.

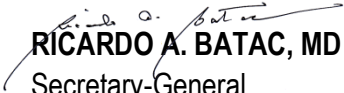
Attached is a brief presentation regarding yaws for your information; please go to this link below for the survey:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc\\_xnKcUGtUU4s6kOaXOTxGGOrB94p0fpfMGzjsJ99WT8fisA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc_xnKcUGtUU4s6kOaXOTxGGOrB94p0fpfMGzjsJ99WT8fisA/viewform)

Deadline for the submission of the survey form is on May 20, 2020.

We highly appreciate your participation in this survey.

Thank you!

  
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