



THE CHICKEN CHRONICLES

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The Order of Asclepius is known for holding and participating in a lot of medical and surgical missions throughout the course of the year. It's an experience and an edge that have been acquired and enjoyed by many batches. Aside from fulfilling our hallowed pillar of Servia, this has also promoted Brotherhood and Sisterhood and fueled the drive to love Medicine even more.

For this school year, a few surgical missions have already been lined up before the first semester's end. It's a deviation from the usual where surgical missions would start in the latter months of the second semester. So to prepare the newest batch of Asclepians for this seemingly

simple but very important task, a circumcision seminar was held.

The two-hour program, which started at five o' clock in the afternoon of October 21st, 2015, was held at Room 102, Roxas Hall. Surgeon and fellow Asclepian Dr. Gregorio Anastacio Rufon of Batch 11 was kind enough to share and impart his expertise as he lectured on the basics and technique on circumcision while Batch 39 sat and listened with rapt attention.

They were taught the pertinent parts of the male anatomy, the various surgical instruments they would need, and the procedures they would have to perform. And of course the very important principle of sterility.

After the hour-long lecture, a

Certificate was given to Dr. Rufon, to signify the members' gratefulness and appreciation. It was presented by Aljeirou Alcachupas, GMA, and Ma. Celine Villo, JLA.

Then came the part where the eager new medical students took what they learned and applied to chicken drumsticks. For thirty minutes, they poked, prodded, anesthetized, cut, and sutured the chicken while more experienced members of Batches 38 and 39 oversaw their efforts and interfered and offered advice when needed.

When the chickens were circumcised, when the chairs were arranged, when all was said and done, everybody went home excited and ready for another year of service.

Frater, Medica, Servia. #