

## Official Statement of Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center

First of all we would like to thank you for coming to this press briefing.

At the onset we would like to inform you that Vicente sotto Memorial Medical Center did not take the incident lightly.

That even without a receipt of a formal complaint, we immediately created a Fact Finding Committee to get to the whole truth of this incident.

The committee followed strictly due process. We would like to inform you that this is an initial report subject to review, validation and confirmation from our DOH higher office.

The surgical case that happened in the operating room that led to the unauthorized posting to the You Tube is a rare and unusual case.

In fact this is the first case here in VSMMC. Although we would like to commend the surgical team for expertly handling the manual extraction of the foreign body without going into an invasive procedure and without any complications.

And considering that it is really an unusual case, excitement and clapping may have been elicited but the committee found these excessive and inappropriate and some acts were already in violation of some hospital policies.

The Fact Finding Committee found probable cause and recommends for disciplinary action.

1. There are three doctors and one nurse involved. The committee recommended that an administrative case be filed against the medical team present as there might be a possible violation of RA 6713.

2. 1 doctor and 3 nurse supervisors were sternly warned and advised to be more cautious in their performance of duties as supervisors.

3. That the clinical instructor and nurse trainees alluded to by the staff as the other person who probably misbehaved in the EOR2 during the procedure should no longer be allowed to rotate in VSMMC.

4. That the alleged student who was responsible for uploading the video in You Tube should be endorsed to the concerned school for a proper disciplinary action.

5. That the existing standard operating procedures of the operating room should be reviewed, revised and updated for the information of all concerned. It is also suggested that the revised SOP should be disseminated.

For final legal actions, we will refer this to the higher office of the Department of Health, just to emphasize that the function of the committee is only recommendatory in nature and not adjudicatory.