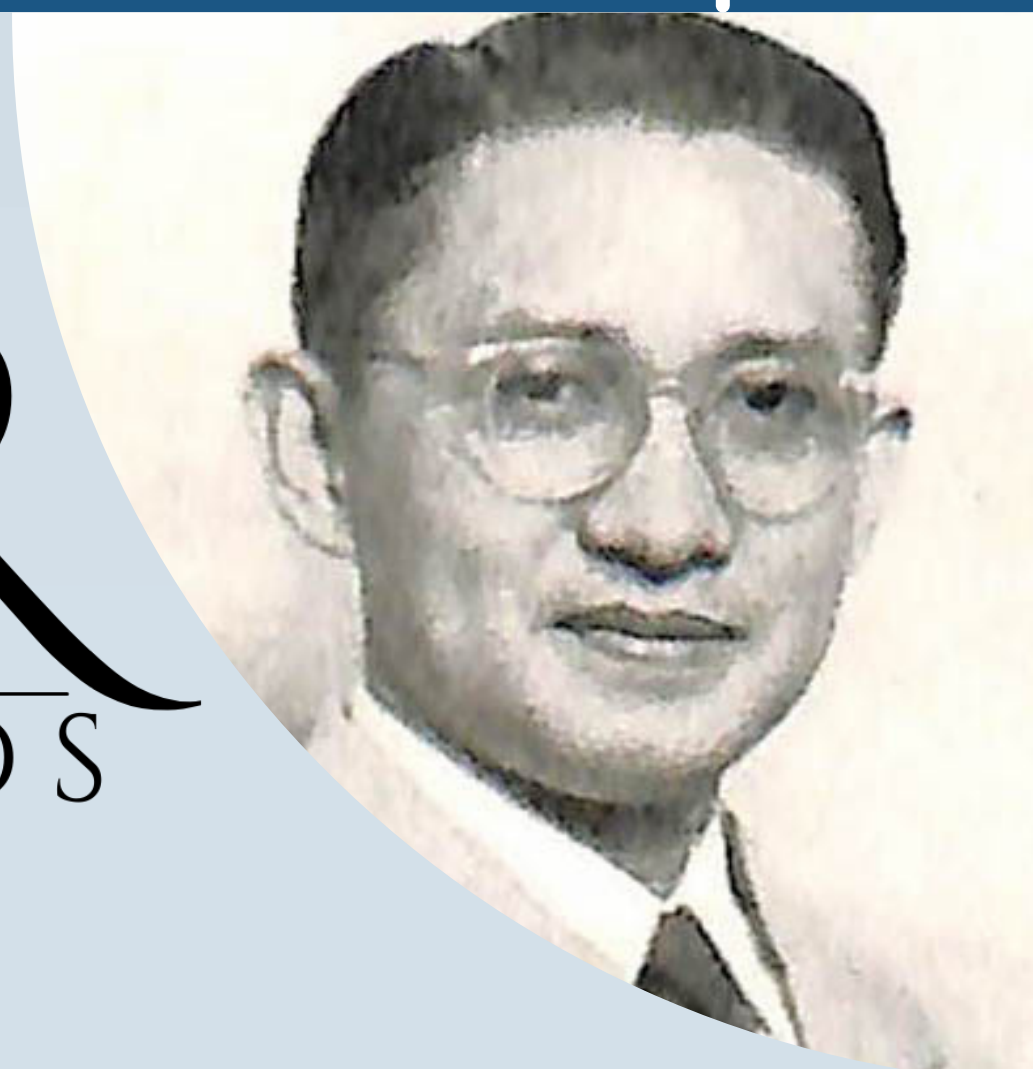




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DR. ARTURO B.  
**ROTOR**  
MEMORIAL AWARDS  
FOR LITERATURE



**2022**  
**INAUGURAL CONTEST**  
**BRIEF**



# BACKGROUND

The Rotor Literary Awards was established by the PCP Foundation in honor of the late Dr. Arturo B. Rotor, a great Filipino internist, civil servant, musician, and writer.

Dr. Rotor earned his medical degree at the University of the Philippines. He trained further at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, publishing a paper on a rare form of hyperbilirubinemia (jaundice) that is now known as "Rotor syndrome." He was an active member of the Philippine College of Physicians (PCP) and was among the earliest editors of the Philippine Journal of Internal Medicine (PJIM).

During World War II, Dr. Rotor served as Executive Secretary of the Philippine Commonwealth government-in-exile under Pres. Manuel L. Quezon. In the immediate post-World War II period, he was appointed Secretary of the Department of Health and Welfare. Later, Dr. Rotor was Director of the University of the Philippines' Postgraduate School of Medicine and was a practicing physician until the early 1980s.

Dr. Rotor was a man of many talents. In addition to his medical expertise and public service background, Dr. Rotor had a passion for the arts. He graduated with a degree in Conservatory of Music from the University of the Philippines, which allowed him to play the piano for silent films. He was also an orchid fancier and breeder. A species of Vanda orchid was named after him (*Vanda merillii* var. *rotorii*).

Dr. Rotor is widely considered to be among the best Filipino writers of the twentieth century. His book "The Wound and the Scar" was the Philippine Book Guild's first publication in 1937. In 1950, he served as a judge of the inaugural Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature (Palanca Awards). In 1966, the Philippine government recognized his literary accomplishments by awarding him the Republic Cultural Heritage Award. Dr. Rotor's best-known literary works are "The Wound and the Scar" (1937), "Confidentially, Doctor" (1965), "Selected Stories from the Wound and the Scar" (1973), "The Men Who Play God" (1983), and the short stories "Dahong Palay" (1928) and "Zita" (1930).

Named after a remarkable member of the College, the PCP Foundation aims to celebrate the memory of Dr. Arturo B. Rotor who embodied the highest virtues of a physician and an internist, and who achieved so much in creating a humane and artistic approach towards bringing back the heart and soul to the practice of Internal Medicine. He leaves behind a rich legacy on which the College can draw inspiration and guidance.



# RULES

1. The contest is open until 31 May 2022 to all members of the Philippine College of Physicians except current officers of the PCP Foundation and the members of the steering committee.
2. The contest is accepting creative non-fiction pieces or informal essays in English.
3. An entry should be at least five (5) but not more than twenty (20) printed pages. The contest is open only to informal (personal) essays.
4. There are two categories:
  - a. one for trainees in accredited training institutions (residency and fellowship),
  - b. the other is for consultants (members, Diplomates, Fellows).
5. Authors may submit only one (1) entry.
6. A work which has been published before 28 February 2022 is not qualified for the awards. Blog entries on the web or stories on social media (Facebook) are accepted.
7. SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES:
  - A digital copy of the entry without author's identity (name, hospital affiliation, chapter, address, phone number, email). The attachment should be in PDF File.
  - Official Entry Form and Grant/Assignment of Rights
  - All submissions must be accompanied by a cover letter (including the author's contact information). It should include a short biographical sketch of no more than two paragraphs.
  - Must be submitted on or before 11:59 PM, May 31, 2022.
  - Submissions must be emailed to [pcpf.rla2022@gmail.com](mailto:pcpf.rla2022@gmail.com). Please use the following subject line and filename format: [Category], [Title], [Author's Last Name]. For example: Trainee, "Doctors Play God," Reyes. Or Consultant, "When Doctors Play God," Santos.
  - All entries must be in a PDF File, double – spaced, on 8.5 x 11 inches bond paper. There should be a one-inch margin on all sides. The page number should be typed consecutively at the center of the bottom margin of each page. The font should be Arial, Times New Roman, Palatino, or Book Antiqua. The font size should be 12.
8. In submitting an entry, a contestant represents and warrants that the work is his own and that he has absolute ownership of all intellectual property rights thereto.
9. Entries submitted must comply with government policies on printed matters. Submitted copies of winning entries shall remain with, and become the property of, the PCP Foundation.
10. In submitting an entry, the authors (the "Contestant") accept the rules of the contest (the Rules) and grant and assign to the PCP Foundation the concurrent and non-exclusive right to exercise the copyright and other intellectual property rights granted to the author and the author's assignees, with respect to any winning work (the Work). The grant and assignment also extend to all forms of storage, transmission, dissemination, and communication presently existing or subsequently created. The prize money which may be awarded to the Contestant for the Work shall constitute full payment of the foregoing rights assigned to the Sponsor, and shall be in lieu of any royalties or other compensation to the Contestant.

# RULES

11.To promote the aims of the contest in the modern world of information technology, the PCP Foundation intends to make the entries accessible through the internet or other electronic media, to serve as a literary archive of the contest. The website or other media to be established for this purpose are intended to be a repository of the award-winning Works, recording the history of the development of literature in Medicine through the Rotor Awards. To encourage use for educational purposes, winning Work(s) and notable entries shall be posted on the website in their entirety. Should any winning author subsequently instruct the Sponsor in writing to include or remove the Work(s) from the Internet archive, such instruction will be honored and the Work shall be included or removed from the Internet archive within a reasonable time from Sponsor's receipt of the author's written instruction. The exclusion of any winning Work or Works from the website shall not constitute a waiver of any of the Sponsor's Rights.

12.The prizes, in Philippine Pesos (Php), for each contest category are the following:

CATEGORY	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FINALIST
TRAINEES	PHP 15,000	–	–	PHP 5,000 FOR 5 FINALISTS
CONSULTANT	PHP 25,000	PHP 15,000	PHP 10,000	

In addition, first placers will receive a trophy and a certificate, while second placers, third placers and finalists will be given a certificate of recognition. The institution where the trainees belong and the chapter where consultants are members will be recognized with a statue of excellence.

13.The PCP Foundation has the sole right to designate the persons who shall constitute the Board of Judges. The decision of the majority of the Board of Judges in all categories shall be final.

14.The Board of Judges shall declare only one winner. There shall be no co-winners and/or splitting of the prize money. The Board of Judges shall have the discretion not to award any prize if, in its judgment, no meritorious entry has been submitted.

15.The names of the winners and the members of the Board of Judges shall be announced on September 2022.

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