

Embodiment of Courage and Excellence

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The members of the UP community extend their condolences and sympathies to the family of Dr. Francisco Lukban, UP College of Medicine Class 1982, who passed away on March 25, 2020 due to Covid-19.

Dr. Lukban was a brilliant academician with a sharpness for details and an eloquence for principled viewpoints matched by a healthy respect for colleagues and others who he engaged with. Colleagues and trainees appreciated his fondness for bringing his discerning ideas and perspectives during discussions and encouraging critical thinking among his residents even on non-medical and non-scientific issues.

Kiko was very much loved by his elderly patients. He was a geriatric cardiologist who practiced holistic healing of patients, great mentor, and trusted and loyal friend to many. He was a passionate saxophone player. Dr. Lukban lived a full and happy life as a doctor, husband, father, and as a Filipino; always wanting to serve his fellowmen. Kiko was not afraid to die (like most UP doctors, he was active during the Martial Law days) and would have loved to volunteer as a frontline physician in PGH in these trying times.

He was most fulfilled by the achievements of his children and the birth of his grand-son, whom he absolutely adored. He is survived by his wife Dr. Marissa; children Lauren and husband Marvin, Claudine, and Leland; and grandson Noah.



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