

Dr. C. Laurente Cristeta Arce Laurente (Tita) graduated in 1962 from the University of Santo Tomas College of Medicine. She had her internship at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, NJ, and residency in Internal Medicine at Brooklyn Cumberland Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY. She was affiliated with St. Francis Medical Center and Mercer Medical Center in Trenton, NJ, then with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton, NJ. She maintained a private practice in Hamilton, NJ until she retired in 2017. She was president of PAMSNJ (Philippine American Medical Society of NJ) from 1991 to 1992, and was the CME director until 2017. She was also the CME director of APPA (Association of Philippine Physicians in America) from 1992 to 1996 and from 2017 to 2018, as well as the USTMAATS (UST Medical Alumni Association Tri-State) from 1990 to 1999. She was a member of the Board of Governors of the APPA. In 1995 she was honored in Washington, D.C. as one of the twenty Outstanding Filipinos in America. She also received a Hamilton Award in 1994 from Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton where she was an active attending physician. On November 5, 2000, she was given a Testimonial Dinner by PAMSNJ and its Foundation and Auxiliary. On August 20, 2012 she received from the USTMAAA Foundation a Lifetime Achievement Award for outstanding achievement and significant contributions in the field of Medicine for the past 50 years. At the APPA's 47th annual convention and scientific seminar held last August 4, 2018 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Newark, NJ she was given the Apolinario Mabini Award for outstanding contribution in the field of CME (Continuing Medical Education) and for exemplary and sterling participation.. She was married to the late Romeo Laurente, M.D., a general surgeon, UST Class of 1961, with whom she has four children: Alan who is deceased; Romeo Laurente Jr., who is a Director of Finance at SERV Behavioral Health System in Ewing, NJ; Clarissa, who has a Master's degree in Special Education, teaching autistic children in Paris, France where she resides with her husband Frederick Viale and their two sons; and Dr. Robert Laurente, a board-certified practitioner in Internal Medicine practicing in Hamilton, NJ. He is married to Dr. Julie Gyi with specialty in Emergency Medicine and practicing at the Jersey Shore Medical Center. She has four grandchildren: Calysta and Bryson Laurente; and Enzo and Luca Viale. She presently resides at the Riviera in Cranbury, New Jersey.

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