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## **Areas of Interest:**

Emergency Medicine, Clinical Toxinology (Snakebite and Marine Envenomation Management), EMS and Disaster Medicine, Public Health

**Dr. Santamaria** is an emergency physician, disaster medicine expert and widely recognized as a pioneer and prime mover in advancing toxinology in the Philippines. She earned her Doctor of Medicine from De La Salle University and completed her residency in Emergency Medicine at the Philippine General Hospital. She later obtained her Master's in Disaster Risk Management from Batangas State University. Dr. Santamaria is a founding member of the Philippine Toxinology Society (PhiToNs), Inc. and has led multiple national and regional training initiatives on snakebite and marine envenomation management. She is affiliated with the ASEAN Remote Envenomation Consultancy Services (RECS), the Philippine College of Emergency Medicine, and the Health Emergencies and Disasters (HEAD) Study Group at NIH-UP Manila. With research interests in emergency medicine, toxinology, EMS systems, and disaster response, she has co-authored publications on snakebite epidemiology and management, and disaster response. She currently serves as a lecturer at the UP Manila Disaster Risk Reduction Management for Health (DRRM-H) Center. Dr. Santamaria continues to advance clinical and public health preparedness, contributing to regional capacity building in toxinology and emergency medicine across Southeast Asia.