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October 8, 2025

PHISHING ALERT SCAM!!!

## **Dear PDS Annual Convention Participants,**

We are writing to inform you about a phishing email that was initially sent to the official PDS email address. Several PDS members as well as foreign participants have also reported receiving similar emails.

The email appears to come from individuals such as "Rachel Barnes" or "Nina Pope," and it refers to the PDS x ASMPD 2025 Annual Convention. Please be advised that this email is not from the PDS Annual Convention Organizers nor from PDS.

Please **DO NOT REPLY** or click any links in the email. Instead, click **"Block Sender"** and **"Report Spam"** in your email platform.

We have reported this incident to our convention website provider, who has confirmed that our website has not been compromised.

Thank you for your attention and continued support.

Sincerely,

LIZA MARIE R. PAZ-TAN, MD, FPDS

Overall Chair, PDS 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

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Noted by:

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## Attachment:

From Orange Company & Events (OCE), our AC website provider:

Hi Doctors,

I want to reassure everyone that the recent email circulating about the PDS x ASMPD 2025 Convention is fake and was not sent by our organizing team. After a full review, we can confirm that there is no sign of any data leak or compromise within our system.

Here is what we verified:

- \*No user data exposure.\* I checked our registration records, including several of my own email addresses contained within those records (4 to be exact), and none of them received this phishing message. This confirms the email was not mass sent to any of our stored data.
- \*No malicious content.\* The message contained no links or attachments. It was a generic phishing attempt designed to look credible by mentioning publicly available event details, so as to get you to then give up your credit card details.
- \*External recipient.\* The email was sent to a public secretarial address, not to anyone inside our registration database. This strongly suggests it was part of a random phishing campaign that is unrelated to our systems.
- \*False claims about data fields.\* The email lists information types such as professional and academic titles, company names, locations, and specialties. These are not even fields we store in our registration data. Everyone in our system is already a licensed doctor, so those claimed details are fabricated and clearly made up.

Based on all this, our systems remain secure and there is \*no evidence of any unauthorized access or data breach\*. We continue to monitor our platforms closely and will immediately inform everyone if anything changes.

If you or anyone in your network receives this fake email, \*please disregard it and avoid replying.\* All legitimate communications will always come from our official event domains and secretariat channels.