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The Division of Infectious Diseases, Department of Internal Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University and the Dengue Project Banpong-Photharam, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand are very pleased to introduce the proceedings of “**Severe Dengue**” with the main purpose of sharing knowledge on all aspects of severe dengue.

Dengue is the most common mosquito-borne viral disease in the world. WHO has announced a global strategy of prevention and control of dengue during 2012-2020 aiming at the reduction of dengue mortality by 50% and morbidity by 25%. Five technical elements to be applied are: diagnosis and case management, integrated surveillance and outbreak preparation, sustainable vector control, future vaccine implementation, and basic operational and implementation research.

These proceedings contain written versions of most topics presented under an educational session on “**Severe Dengue**” during the 8<sup>th</sup> Asian Congress of Pediatric Infectious Diseases during 7-8 November 2016 at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center, Bangkok, Thailand. We truly hope that you will find the proceedings as an enriching guide to help implement effective strategies in severe dengue.

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