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# Population & Vital Statistics





# The Healthcare System

- Malaysia has a dichotomous system.
- Public sector funded by tax payors.

• Private sector funded by out of pocket, private insurance, employment health benefit and third-party administrators. Its regulated by Private Healthcare Facilities & Services Act 1998.





	PUBLIC	PRIVATE
Hospitals	144	210
Hospital Beds	42,424	15, 957
Health Clinics	1,090	7718
Doctors	46,509	14,649
Healthcare Expenditure	RM29.338 billion ( 51.1%)	RM28.023 billion (48.9 %)

As of

31.12.2018

The Total Health Expenditure for 2017 was rm 57.361 Billion. This figure constitute 4.24% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of which Government Health Expenditure was 51.1% of Total Health Expenditure which is equivalent to ONLY about 2.25% of GDP. All these are from the Ministry of Health statistics 2017.

### **NATIONAL HEALTH REFORMS**







- 1. Phased transformation of public sector delivery, involving restructuring & corporatization.
- 2. Nurturing a value-based private healthcare, with appropriate regulatory reforms by selective regulatory join review.
- **3.** Reorienting health investments towards a sustainable trajectory
- 4. Technology-native, patient-centered integrated care, based on value, and choice.







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### EXCO 2019/2020



## MMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2019-2020





### MALAYSIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATIO

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### MALAYSIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

- Formed 1959
- Largest Medical Association
- Affiliated with 21 National Medical Association worldwide
- Represented at 💮 :
- 1. WMA
- 2. CMA
- 3. CMAAO
- 4. MASEAN

# Objectives of Malaysian Medical Association



To promote and maintain the honour and interest of the profession of medicine in all its branches and in every one of its segments and help to sustain the professional standards of medical ethics.

To serve as the vehicle of the **integrated voice** of the whole profession and all or each of its segments both in relation to its own special problems and in relation to **educating and directing public opinion** on the problems of public health as affecting the community at large.

# Objectives of Malaysian Medical Association



To **participate** in **the conduct of medical education**, as may be appropriate.

To promote **social**, **cultural and charitable activities** in building a united Malaysian nation.

To carry on any business, trade, joint venture, commercial arrangement, transaction or any enterprise whatsoever which may in the option of the Association be advantageous to the Association or calculated directly or indirectly to enhance any of the Association's assets, properties or rights.





As of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020, the total number of members of the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) is 12,226.

The number of Life Members has increased from 6,419 in 2019 to 6,799 in 2020 (increase in 5.59%).

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# Sections, Societies and committees



Section Concerning House Officers, Medical Officers & Specialists (SCHOMOS)

> Private Practitioners Section (PPS)

### **Societies**

- Society of Occupational & Environmental Medicine (SOEM)
  - Society of Medical Students (SMMAMS)
    - Society of Public Health
    - Society of Sports Medicine

### **20 MMA Committees**

29 MMA Representatives in various committees in External Organizations, GOVT & NGO

# SCHOMOS

SECTION CONCERNING HOUSE OFFICERS, MEDICAL OFFICERS & SPECIALISTS

SECTION CONCERNING HOUSE OFFICERS MEDICAL OFFICERS & SPECIALIST (SCHOMOS) SCHOMOS is the arm within MMA which looks out for the welfare and concerns of the government employed doctors.

Formed in 1971 but registered under the Registrar of Societies in 1991.











### General

- Indemnity coverage in the government sector
- Workplace bullying, harassment and discrimination
- Dysphoria with work environment and remuneration of government doctors

### Medical Graduates

• Long waiting time to postings

### House Officers

- Training and opportunities
- Contract house officers and their futures

### Medical Officers

- Opportunities for specialization and specialist training
- Career pathways

### Specialists

- Brain Drain Keeping trained specialists within the government sector
- Remuneration
- Sub-specialty and special interest training



# DISCOURSE & REGULAR MEETINGS

SCHOMOS works with Ministry of Health & other related agencies for the betterment of profession and patient care.



### Civil Service Department (JPA) via Majlis Bersama Kerajaan

### Ministry of Health – Administration & Service

State Health Directors

> Hospital Directors



# TRAINING

SCHOMOS aims to educate and inform doctors of the rights as a government doctors in terms of promotions, remunerations, loans and incentives and to remind doctors of their responsibilities.



# SCHOMOS organizes 2 annual events

- The Rights and Responsibilities Seminar
  ABC of Housemanship
- Rights and Responsibilities Seminar was first held in 2010
- Currently held twice a year in various states on a rotational basis



PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS SECTION OF THE MALAYSIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

PRIVATE PRACTICE SECTION OF MMA (PPS) Inaugurated on March 31, 1961 as the General Medical Practitioners Section of MMA

Renamed to Private Practice Section in 1991







Represent views, interests and aspirations of members of MMA in private practice

To study **problems faced** by private practice practitioners and **recommend solutions** to the council

To encourage the active participation of private practitioners in activities related to healthcare and to assist them to adequately respond to changes





# General Practitioners

- Fee schedule (regulated by law)
- Managed Care Organisations
- Enhancing the primary care
- Over regulation

# Specialists

- Lopsided contracts
- Insurers/Managed Care Organisations



## ACHIEVEMENTS BY PPS

- Stalling the Pharmacy Bill which had the element of Dispensing Separation which won't be feasible without a national healthcare financing system
- **Resolved issues** faced by Private Specialist with **Inland Revenue Board**
- Publishing a study in international public health journal "The Landscape of GP Practice " in 2016. The largest survey involving 20% of General Practitioners in the country
- Published a report on Impact of Managed Care Organisation among General Practice in Malaysia.



## ACHIEVEMENTS BY PPS



- Published a report on Issues faced by General Practitioners dealing with Foreign workers screening.
- Set up a sub-committee to address issues faced by Private Specialists
- Set up a sub-committee to Enhance General Practice in Malaysia
- Preparing a proposal for General Practitioners to be involved in the government health scheme for early detection on NCDs, its complications and towards management.

# MMA

CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLICATIONS

### Q Search Events

#### Recognition and early management of peri-arrest conditions suc as symptomatic bradycardia

Airway management

· Related pharmaco ogy

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Management: of acute coronary syndromes (ACS) and stroke
 Fiffective communication as a member and leader of a
 resultation team



#### WED, OCT 17, 08:00 AM

#### AHA Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support Bil 23/2018

Bourgenvilla Room, Emergency Medicine Department, H...

The course uses a series of simulated pediatric emergencies to teach and reinforce the important concepts of a system pediatric assessment, basic life support, PALS treatment algorithms, effective resuscitation and team dynamics

#### Course Covers

- Key changes in pediatric advanced life support, reflecting the new science from the 2010 American Heart Association GuideWise for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Condersus Come
- Gardiovascular Care
   1- and 2-rescuer child CPR and AED use
- 1- and 2-rescuer onto CPR
   1- and 2-rescuer infant CPR
- Management of respiratory emergencies
- Fihythm disturbances and electrical therapy
- Vascular access
   Besuscitation team concept
- Cardiac, respiratory and shock case discussions and simulations
- Systematic Approach to Pediatric Assessmen
  Course, Materials
- Course Materials • PMLS Instructor Manual (90-1054)
- PALS Provider Manual (90-1052)
- PALS Pocket Reference Card (90-1053)
   PALS DVD Set (90-1057)



The American Heart Association's P

cutting-edge in terms of its evidence

and uses a well-tested methodology

of Mesaving skills

dramatically improve both the learning

20<sup>pts</sup>

### PALS Emergency Crash Cart Cards (80.1056) WED, OCT 24, 08:00 AM

## AHA Paediatric Advanced Life Support Bil 6/2018

Bourgenvilla Room, Emergency Medicine Department, H...

and AED skills test, bag mask vent lation skills test, a Megacode test and a written test. Upon successful completion, studen an ACLS Provider care, val d for two years.

#### Course Covers

Key changes in advancec cardiovascular I te support, reflecting
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- Appointed by the Malaysian Medical Council to take charge of Continuous Professional Program for Private Medical Practitioners .
- We have developed an app with a QR code, which can be used to record attendance and CPD points and highlights all events registered with MMA.
- More than 37,000 doctors are using the MMA APP.
- Currently we have 504 providers registered with us.(As of 03.09.2020)
- We approve about 150 events weekly.

# PUBLICATIONS



### The Medical Journal of Malaysia

Published since 1890, the Medical Journal of Malaysia originated as the Journal of the Straits Medical Association. With the formation of the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA), the Journal became the official organ, supervised by an Editorial Board.

The Journal is scientific and can be found in medical libraries in many parts of the world. The Journal also enjoys the status of being listed in the Index Medicus and the Scorpus, which is the internationally accepted reference index of medical journals.

Volume: 68

The Journal is produced 6 times in a year (bimonthly), except when the occasion arises and there is a need for additional issues. The editorial columns often reflect the Association's views and attitudes towards medical problems in the country.







This is partly due to the movement control order (MCO) that is now due for review. In deciding what to do now, we hope the government will be guided by certain facts.

# **Press Statements: <u>Discrimination against frontliner kids</u>**

#### HOME / WHAT YOU THINK

### Stop discrimination against healthcare workers — N. Ganabaskaran

Saturday, 25 Apr 2020 09:04 PM MYT

APRIL 25 — The Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) takes a serious view of the discriminatory practices against healthcare workers residing at a condominium in Petaling Jaya where the condo's lifts have been segregated for use to protect other residents from getting infected with Covid-19. MMA was recently informed.



### The<mark>Star</mark>

### MMA shocked at guidelines

#### NATION 🖃

Tuesday, 26 May 2020

By CLARISSA CHUNG

PETALING JAYA: Medical professionals have raised objection to what is seen as "discriminatory policies and practices" against children of medical frontliners in childcare centres.

Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) president Dr N. Ganabaskaran criticised the updated standard operating procedure (SOP) for childcare centres set by the Women, Family and Community Development Ministry.



# **Press Statements**

#### Socso Paying Private Clinics RM60 For Workers' Covid-19 Testing: Doctors

#### By MP Durgahyeni

The PCR test is for workers from high-risk areas, whereas GP clinics will run rapid antibody tests in th second phase of the workers' screening.



## World News CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

#### HOW STAYING AT HOME CAN STOP CORONAVIRUS

#### WHEN WILL THERE BE A CORONAVIRUS VACCINE?

TWELVE MYTHS ABOUT CORONAVIRUS

64 **f** NEWS

MMA's psychological first aid service now vailable to the public

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Published 30 Apr 2020, 11:28 pm

# **Press Statements**

Full compliance to restrictions vital to curb subsequent waves of Covid-19 infections: MMA

KEERTAN AYAMANY(/TAG/-/META/KEERTAN-AYAMANY) / 13 MAY 2020 / 11:00 H.



The **Star** 

# MMA: Give clear guidelines for Covid-19 testing of workforce

Sunday, 10 May 2020 1:34 PM MYT

HOME / MALAYSIA

Malaysian Medical Association urges Health Ministry to take action against middlemen unlawfully pushing Covid-19 screening

Sunday, 14 Jun 2020 01:32 PM MYT BY YISWAREE PALANSAMY

#### THE STRAITS TIMES



Coronavirus: Malaysia medical group asks for more 'urgency' by ministries to help govt



A woman wearing protective mask arrives at Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Sepang, Malaysia, on March 17, 2020. PHOTO: REUTERS



Covid-19: MMA calls for extra preventive measures, testing of foreign workers

Monday, 25 May 2020 11:26 PM MYT



## Articles on Covid related to Code blue for MMA members

#### Positive SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR Test: Virus Dead Or Alive? — Dr Tan Poh Tin

By CodeBlue | 1 June 2020

A clinician's dream and public health nightmare.



Covid-19 diagnostic tests in a lab at Institut Perubatan Molekul (UMBI) Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Cheras, on April Facebook @kementeriankesihatanmalaysia.

The Director General of Health, Malaysia <u>announced on May 26</u> that Malaysia will Covid-19 protocol and discharge patients after 14 days even if their RT-PCR is posi will be advised to undergo home guarantine for another 14 days. This follows a W

#### To Mask Or Not To Mask? — Dr Tan Poh Tin

By CodeBlue | 25 May 2020

My mask protects you, your mask protects me, our masks protect others



An Indian man wearing a mask: CREDIT: Raam Gottimukkala/ Pixabay.com

We have a few weeks before our kids return to school and kindy, and all to work. our children still wear masks in public places?

Surgical masks at RM1 to RM1.50 each may be burdensome for the average family term. Are DIY cloth masks good alternatives? Which material works best?

As a public health specialist and paediatrician, I have summarised the current sci to help you decide. As Covid-19 is a new virus and much research is ongoing, reco "good" practice may change with new publications and as the epidemic curve fla worse. Speak to your doctor or "google" to keep up to date with latest guidelines.

#### To Test Or Not To Test ('Well' People)? — Dr Tan Poh Tin

By CodeBlue | 29 May 2020

Is a medical exam or test to certify Covid-free status valid? For how long?



A swab taken for Covid-19 testing. Picture from Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah.

It was "durian runtuh" season for some clinics after the lockdown, when workers were required to obtain a medical certificate to say they were "fit" to return to work.

As doctors, we know that if we really wanted to identify Covid-19 infected workers, laboratory confirmation is needed. A SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR nasal swab test costs RM380 to RM450 each in drive-through laboratories. Are the cheaper (RM50+) rapid antigen or antibody tests cost-effective and safe public health alternatives?

I hope this article will help cost-conscious decision makers understand Covid testing — what negative tests mean and the limitations of relying on single-point-in-time tests to protect anyone from infected Covid cases in the long term.

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Covid-19 Immunity Desenort may be based more on faith than on science.

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<u>Date : Sat, Jun 13, 2020 1:00 PM – 2:15 PM CST</u>	
	Dear Members,
	Novo Nordisk is organizing a webinar
	'COVID & Obesity: What's the
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	To register, kindly click the link below.
COVID-19	Link –
	https://register.gotowebinar.com/regis
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June 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2020   1PM Onwards Novo Nordisk Pharma (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	Program Info
Participants: Healthcare Professionals	Thank you.
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Honorary General Secretary	
Malaysian Medical Association	

# Webinars



The Challenges for Private Clinics on Health Screening for Covid-19 and other Obstacles



4th Special webinar on COVID-19 for policy and technology sharing: "Policies & Practices of ROK's Immigration Sector and Quarantine Measures

### 4<sup>th</sup> Special Webinar on COVID-19 for Policy and Technology Sharing

"Policies & Practices of ROK's Immigration Sector and Quarantine Measures"

### □ OVERVIEW

- Purpose: To join the global efforts to curb the COVID-19 pandemic by sharing pandemic response system and related experiences of the Republic of Korea in the immigration sector and quarantine measures
- Organisers & Sponsors: Ministry of Justice (MOJ), Korea Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (KCDC), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)
- Date and Time: <u>3 June 2020, 4pm (UTC+9)</u>

# **Shopee & MMA collaboration**

(The Covid 19 fund raiser initiated by MMA along with MMA Foundation and Shopee raised RM 1 million for Malaysian front liners)



### Tabung Shopee MMA Covid-19 kumpul RM699,830 untuk kakitangan KKM

By Shawaliah Hadir - 30 June 2020



#### Target Achieved! RM1 Million Raised for Our Healthcare Frontliners Fighting COVID-19

The Shopee MMA COVID-19 Fund, launched in April 2020 by the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) and Malaysian Medical Association Foundation (MMAF) in collaboration with Shopee has raised a total of RM699,830 in online donations for frontline healthcare workers building COVID-19. A cheque presentation was held at our MMA Headquatters on 30 June, with YB Dato' Dr Haji Noor Azmi Ghazali – Deputy Minister of Health, Ministry of Health, was our Guest of Honout.

The week before, MMAF President Datuk Doraisingam (along with Dato' Kevin Yong, Dato' Sri Redzuan Mohanan Abdullah, Dato' Prakadeesh Kumar and Mr Thanasekaran' jointly donated RM100.000 towards the fund. Collectively, MMA, MMAF and Shopee had raised a total RM964;881 for the COVID-19 Fund.

We are truly grateful, and wish to thank Datuk Doraisingam for agreeing to contribute the shortfall to achieve a contribution of RMI million. All proceeds from the fond will be channelled via the MMA Foundation rowards the wefface and needs of fromtine healthcare workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

One of the highlights at the cheque presentation was when our Deputy Minister of Health proudly showed media and guests his MMA lifetime membership card. We were indeed pleasantly surprised! MMA once again wishes to thank YBhg Dato' Dr Haj; Noor Azmi for being our guest of honour.

> We also wish to thank Shopee and their team once again for their support, MOH, MMAF President Datuk Doraisingum, Dato' Kevin Yong, Dato' Sri Redzuan Mohanan Ahdullah, Dato' Presidecesh Kumar and Mr V. Thanasekaran and all who have contributed in toward the fund for our frontlinets.

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YB Dato' Dr Haji Noor Azmi Ghazali showing his MMA lifetime membership card



Cheque presentation ceremony for the Shopee-MMA COVID-19 Fund



Cheque presentation to MMA Foundation by Donors





We are also pleased to know that Malaysia will be involved in the "Solidarity" trial – an international effort to test several drugs in treating COVID-19

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