Malaysia National ASTHMA COPD Preceptorship Conference (MACPC)

Date: 15th – 16th November 2024

Venue: Hotel Zecon, Hospital Canselor Tuanku Muhriz UKM (HCTM)

1. Executive Summary

The Malaysia National ASTHMA COPD Preceptorship Conference (MACPC) 2024 was successfully held on 15th – 16th November 2024 at Hotel Zecon, Hospital Canselor Tuanku Muhriz UKM. Building on the success of the inaugural Severe Asthma Preceptorship Conference in 2023, this year's event expanded its scope to include Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), reflecting a strategic shift to comprehensively address obstructive airway diseases. The 2024 edition aimed to enhance clinical knowledge in Asthma and COPD, foster interdisciplinary collaboration, and strengthen engagement with the pharmaceutical industry to advance respiratory care. The conference exceeded expectations by attracting 133 participants and securing sponsorship from 18 pharmaceutical and device companies, generating income. This growth underscores the increasing demand for evidence-based updates and integrated care approaches in the management of asthma and COPD.

2. Key Highlights

- Total Participants: 133 healthcare professionals, including respiratory physicians, fellows, medical officers, general practitioners, and family medicine specialists.
- Industry Engagement: 18 pharmaceutical and device companies participated via symposium sponsorships and exhibition booths.
- Income Generated: RM 110,000.00 through symposium slots and exhibitor booths.
- Educational Components:
 - o 4 industry-sponsored symposia
 - o 12 expert speaker sessions
 - o 6 interactive case-based discussions
 - o Dedicated networking and exhibition hours

3. Scientific & Educational Impact

The MACPC program successfully delivered cutting-edge updates on asthma and COPD management, covering:

- Biologic therapies and personalised medicine
- Latest guidelines and real-world data
- Challenging case discussions in severe asthma and COPD
- Cross-talk between asthma and COPD pathways

The conference also featured an outstanding panel of speakers, including renowned national and international experts such as Prof. Dr. Simon Couillard (Canada), Dato' Dr. Mat Zuki Mat Jaeb, Dr. Irfan Ali, Dr. Azza Omar, Dr. Nurhayati Marzuki, Datin Dr. Zuhanis, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Andrea Ban Yu Lin, Dr. Jaya Muneswarao, Dr. Nur Azila Mohd Isa, Prof. Dato' Dr.

Prepageran, and Dr. Mariana Daud, who shared their valuable insights and clinical experience.

Feedback from participants highlighted the high relevance and practical applicability of the sessions, with several expressing interest in expanded preceptorship formats in future editions.

4. Conclusion

The MACPC 2024 made significant progress in improving clinical standards for asthma and COPD, while also fostering valuable partnerships between academia and industry. Strong attendance and a favourable financial result highlight the importance of ongoing medical education in respiratory medicine. There are now efforts underway to make MACPC a regular national preceptorship conference.





