Second Malaysia National ASTHMA COPD Preceptorship Conference (MACPC)

Date: 23rd – 24th May 2025

Venue: Impiana KLCC Hotel, Kuala Lumpur **Participants:** ~200 healthcare professionals

Overview

The Malaysia National ASTHMA COPD Preceptorship Conference (MACPC) 2025 was successfully conducted over two days, drawing participation from more than 193 healthcare professionals across the country. The event provided a comprehensive platform for clinicians, academicians, and industry partners to advance their understanding and practice in asthma and COPD care.

Key Highlights

Launch of Clinical Practice Guidelines on Asthma in Adults (Second Edition): The conference marked the official launch of the updated *Clinical Practice Guidelines on the Management of Asthma in Adults (Second Edition)*, officiated by Dato' Dr Azman Yacob, Director of Medical Services, Ministry of Health Malaysia (*Ketua Pengarah Perubatan, Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia*).

The updated CPG was developed by a multidisciplinary team of 16 members, chaired by Associate Professor Dr Andrea Ban Yu-Lin. The development process was supported by the Clinical Practice Guidelines Unit, MaHTAS, Ministry of Health Malaysia, and included rigorous external review by both national and international experts.

External reviewers included:

- Professor Dr Ahmad Izuanuddin Ismail, Deputy Clinical Director of Hospital Al-Sultan Abdullah UiTM and President of the Malaysian Thoracic Society
- Dato Dr Mat Zuki Mat Jaeb, Consultant Respiratory Physician Hospital Raja Perempuan Zainab II and Head of Respiratory Medicine Services Malaysia
- Dr Simon Couillard-Vastoguay, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Research Chair in Respiratory Medicine, University of Sherbrooke, Canada
- Dr Toby Capstick, Consultant Pharmacist in Respiratory Medicine, St. James's University Hospital, Leeds

The guideline reflects the latest evidence-based best practices in asthma care, with key updates including:

- Emphasis on accurate diagnosis using spirometry
- Prioritisation of inhaled corticosteroid (ICS)-containing therapy over shortacting beta-agonist (SABA) monotherapy
- Clear step-up and step-down strategies for treatment
- Importance of personalised asthma action plans and inhaler technique

 Defined criteria for specialist referral and guidance on biologic therapies for severe asthma



Dato' Azman, Director of the Medical Development Division, Ministry of Health Malaysia and Dato' Mat Zuki, Head of Respiratory Service Malaysia with Asthma CPG Development Group (DG) committee members and participants of the 2nd MNACPC after launching of the Asthma CPG.



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1. Scientific Programme and Engagement:

The event featured an enriching scientific agenda, including:

- Keynote lectures by distinguished national and international speakers
- Interactive preceptorship workshops
- Case-based discussions on complex clinical scenarios

Robust networking opportunities for cross-disciplinary collaboration

2. Sponsorship and Industry Support:

MACPC 2025 secured the support of **17 and pharmaceutical and device companies**, contributing a total sponsorship of **RM 268,500**. All exhibitor booths were fully occupied, and sponsored symposia were successfully delivered, reflecting strong industry commitment to advancing respiratory care.

Organizing and Scientific Committee Acknowledgement

We extend our deepest appreciation to the following committee members whose dedication and hard work made the event a success:

Congress Advisors:

- o Assoc Prof Dr Izuanuddin Ismail
- Dato' Dr Mat Zuki Mat Jaeb

Conference Chairpersons:

- Assoc Prof Dr Andrea Ban Yu Lin
- Dr Azza Omar

Scientific Chairpersons:

- Dr Aisya Natasha Musa
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- Prof Madya Dr Ng Boon Hau

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- Abdul Wafi Zakaria
- Mohd Anas Farhan Halim

A special note of thanks to the Malaysian Thoracic Society (MTS) and especially Dr Hooi, for their continuous support and guidance throughout the preparation and execution of MACPC 2025.

Summary of Achievements

- Successful participation of over 193 delegates
- Official launch of the updated national Asthma CPG
- Secured RM 268500 in sponsorship from 17 sponsor partners
- · Delivered high-quality scientific content and hands-on learning
- Strengthened national and international collaboration in respiratory medicine

Conclusion

MACPC 2025 stands as a landmark event in the respiratory care calendar. It has contributed meaningfully to knowledge enhancement, clinical practice improvement, and collaborative networking within Malaysia's respiratory healthcare community. The organizing team is confident this momentum will continue to elevate the standard of asthma and COPD management in the years to come.



Conference 2025

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CPG MANAGEMENT OF ASTHMA IN ADULTS **2ND EDITION**



Pengarah Bahagian Perkembangan Perubatan

Key Speakers



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Dr. Wong Chee Kuan Prof. Dr. Ahmad Izuaniddin University Malaya Medical Centre Hosp, Al-Sultan Abdull



23 - 24 May, 2025 Friday to Saturday



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