

7th UKM Hands-On Pleural Workshop: A Prestigious Gathering of Experts

Hospital Canselor Tuanku Muhriz (HCTM) and the Faculty of Medicine, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), proudly organized the **7th UKM Hands-On Pleural Workshop** on **February 20 & 21, 2025**, at the **Zecon Hotel Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur**. This workshop serves as a vital platform for enhancing knowledge and skills in the management of pleural and lung diseases for healthcare professionals.

The opening ceremony was officiated by **Prof. Datin Dr. Marina, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, UKM**, who emphasized the importance of this workshop in bridging the gap between theory and clinical practice. The event was introduced by **Prof. Dr. Mohamed Faisal, Chairman of the 7th UKM Hands-On Pleural Workshop and Head of the Endoscopy Centre, HCTM UKM**, who has been working since 2017 to develop this workshop into a highly anticipated annual event.

We are proud to announce that the 7th UKM Hands-On Pleural Workshop has reached new heights, gaining prestigious endorsements from the **World Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology (WABIP)**, the **Malaysian Thoracic Society (MTS)**, and the **Malaysian Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology (MABIP)** making it an internationally recognized program that brings together pulmonologists, thoracic surgeons, and researchers from both local and international institutions.

Throughout the two-day program, participants had the opportunity to attend expert lectures from specialists from **UKM, Sunway Hospital, University of Malaya Medical Centre (PPUM), and UiTM**, covering topics such as:

- **Optimizing Antibiotic Therapy for Pleural Infections**
- **Pleural Infection – Surgical Management, What's New?**
- **Enhancing Diagnosis with Ultrasound in Lung and Pleural Diseases**

In addition, practical sessions through the **Hands-On Training Stations (HOTS)** allowed participants to practice various essential clinical procedures in pleural disease management, including **Chest Drain Insertion, Bronchoscopy, and Pleuroscopy**.

As a comprehensive learning platform, this workshop not only enhances participants' clinical skills but also fosters collaboration and knowledge sharing among experts in pulmonology. Notably, participants also received **12 MMA CPD points** in recognition of their learning throughout the program.

Congratulations to the organizing committee, invited speakers, and sponsors for successfully hosting this high-impact program. May the knowledge and skills gained be beneficial in improving patient care quality.