

Sabah Respiratory Update 2024

The Sabah Respiratory Update 2024 was held as a hybrid event from July 18th to 19th, 2024, at the Marriott Hotel in Kota Kinabalu. Organized by the Respiratory Department and Medical Society of Queen Elizabeth Hospital, the event was endorsed by the Malaysian Thoracic Society (MTS) and the Malaysian Association of Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology (MABIP).

This year's theme was "NIV in Depth," and the organizing chairperson for this event was Dr. Lo Shan Min. A total of 120 participants attended, including specialists, medical officers, and paramedics from Kota Kinabalu, surrounding district hospitals, health clinics in Sabah, and virtual participants from across the country. Forty-two of these participants engaged in a hands-on NIV (Non-Invasive Ventilation) workshop.

The event was structured into two main days. Day 1 featured lectures on NIV, followed by a practical workshop. The workshop included stations on NIV in critical care settings, high flow nasal cannula, home NIV, and NIV circuit and settings. On Day 2, key topics covered included tuberculosis (TB), asthma, bronchiectasis, lung cancer, interventional pulmonology, and interstitial lung disease.

Dr. Jamalul Azizi from Hospital Serdang delivered the keynote lecture on "Interventional Pulmonology in Malaysia: The Past, Present, and Future." In addition to pulmonologists and respiratory fellows from Sabah, notable speakers included Dr. Tan Geak Poh from Singapore, Dr. Muhammad Redzwan from Johor, Dr. Ng Khai Lip from Melaka, and Ms. Charlene Adrienne Chin, a lawyer from KL, who presented a session on medicolegal issues.

In conclusion, the Sabah Respiratory Update 2024 successfully brought together health care professionals to discuss and learn about advancements in respiratory medicine, with a particular focus on Non-Invasive Ventilation.

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