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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

Dear members,

Greetings to all! I am honoured and at the same time truly humbled to serve as the President of Persatuan Dermatologi Malaysia. I was elected as an executive member of this esteemed society in 2010. Dr Koh Chuan Keng was the president at that time and since then I have worked with six eminent and inspiring presidents. I have learned a lot from each and every one of them. Most important of all, they have taught me great teamwork. To quote Helen Keller, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much".

The Covid-19 pandemic has not slowed down at all this year. In fact we were faced with never ending lockdowns and some of us were also infected by the Covid-19 virus. It has been a challenging year for all my team members. PDM was tasked to host the 10th Regional Scientific Meeting of Paediatric Dermatology (RSMPD) in conjunction with our 46th Annual Dermatology Conference. We had planned for a physical meeting at Shangri-la Kuala Lumpur. As the pandemic worsen we had to change the meeting from physical to a hybrid meeting and eventually we were forced to conduct it fully virtual. It was a learning experience for us every step of the way. Amazingly, we have managed to pull off a successful virtual 10th RSMPD from 29th July to 1st August 2021. This would not have been possible without the commitment and hardwork of the scientific committee, PDM EXCO members and secretariat. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my vice-president Dr Sabeera Begum for heading the scientific committee and putting together an impressive scientific programme that had benefitted both dermatologists and paediatricians. We had prominent keynote speakers such as Prof Amy Paller, Prof John McGrath and Prof John Su. All together we had a total of 26 International speakers and 25 local speakers. My utmost gratitude to all those involved for the success of this conference. Congratulations as well to Dr Sabeera for being elected as the President of Asian Society of Paediatric Dermatology for the current term.

Despite all the challenges, the Dermatology Chapter under the stewardship of Dr Henry Foong has been actively conducting numerous dermatology webinars and conferences. The Dermatology Chapter had organised the 3rd Annual Scientific Meeting on the 10-11th April 2021, incorporating PDM Mid-term meeting. Other webinars organised by Dermatology Chapter include Update on Skin Cancer, Management of Pigmentary Disorders, Vascular Workshop, Primary Care Dermatology Review and Paediatric Dermatology Potpourri.

One of our main commitments is training and teaching. Apart from teaching our dermatology trainees, PDM is also actively involved in teaching general practitioners. PDM has also collaborated with The Federation of Private Medical Practitioners' Association Malaysia (FPMPAM). Dr Steven Chow; who is the president of FPMPAM and together with our members have been sacrificing their Sunday afternoons in giving weekly webinars lectures to educate the general practitioners in managing primary care dermatological cases. To date they have conducted 10 modules of 'Head to Toe" series of lectures from Nov 2020 till Sept 2021.

PDM is also committed in raising public awareness regarding skin health and skin diseases. Due to the pandemic, our Project on Adolescent Skin Health (PASH) was suspended for the time being. Despite this, PDM still managed to carry out a virtual Skin Health Day together with the students from Sunway University. This year we will be also be launching an atopic eczema awareness campaign in September 2021. We will be launching a series of webcomics to debunk myths and to share the patients' perspective in coping and living with atopic eczema.

We are almost 2 years into this never ending pandemic and a lot of us are now facing pandemic fatigue especially our frontliners. PDM would like to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all the healthcare workers and all frontliners in fighting the Covid-19 pandemic. PDM has also played our part in fighting this pandemic. Last year PDM has donated PPE sets to Johor, Sabah, Negeri Sembilan and Perak. This year PDM has donated ICU equipment to 2 main hospitals in Sabah. Some of our members have also volunteered in the National Immunisation Program helping out with the Pusat Pemberian Vaksin. #kitajagakita!

Lastly, it is my ardent hope that we will continue to work together in providing the best dermatological services to our people. Together we will work for the advancement of Dermatology for us, for our patients, our community and our nation. On behalf of all the executive committee members, I would like to thank everyone for your continuous support and encouragement throughout this trying and difficult year.

Dato' Dr Noor Zalmy Azizan
President

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FROM THE DESK OF EDITOR

Dear friends and colleagues,

We are in the recovery phase from the long-drawn MCO of Covid-19 pandemic. I hope all friends, colleagues and your family members remain healthy and safe.

We are delighted to share with you the 2021 Newsletter of Persatuan Dermatologi Malaysia. This 5th edition brings you the achievements and contributions of members from the past one year despite the challenges and struggles with Covid-19 pandemic pandemonium since 2020!

This year most conferences, meetings and CME activities remain exclusively virtual and both the Annual Conference of Dermatology and Mid-Term meeting were done virtually to continuously support and update members on the latest advancement and breakthrough in dermatology. Persatuan Dermatologi Malaysia (PDM) had a successful 46th Annual Conference of Dermatology in conjunction with the 10th Regional Scientific Meeting of Paediatric Dermatology (RSMPD) held virtually from 29 July to 1 August 2021. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the organizing committee for organizing an excellent state-of-art virtual conference platform and a comprehensive scientific program.

PDM Mid-Term meeting was done virtually in collaboration with the 3rdAnnual Scientific Meeting of the Dermatology Chapter which was held from 10th -11th April 2021 with an overwhelming attendance.

In December 2020, Advanced Master in Dermatology Programme enrolled twenty-two new trainees and it is the largest batch since the establishment of this programme. PDM has inaugurated "PDM Best Student Award" to recognise and motivate the Advanced Master in Dermatology Students and is proud to announce Dr. How Kang Nien as PDM Best Student for year 2020.
This year one of our members was awarded as President of Asian Society of Paediatric Dermatology. Many of our members are recognized as speakers at international conferences and meetings. Kudos to all.

I would like to thank all for sharing their activities and developments with other members. Persatuan Dermatologi Malaysia applauds all the members who have continuously contributed to the success of our society.

Stay Safe.

Dr Sabeera Begum
Vice President &
Newsletter
Editor

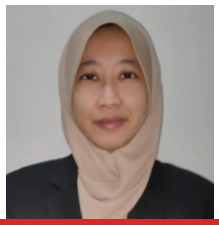
INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS

PDM would like to welcome new members for year 2021 to the society

Kiing Jui Wen

How Kang Nien

Goh Siew Wen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AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS

PERSATUAN DERMATOLOGi MALAYSIA BEST STUDENT AWARD 2020

This year PDM has inaugurated the "PDM Best Student Award" for Advanced Masters in Dermatology Students for excellence academic performance. The objectives are to acknowledge and promote student academic excellence, provide formal recognition of student achievements, motivate other students to perform better hence upgrading standards of excellence and achievement. Congratulations to Dr. How Kang Nien, our Advanced Master in Dermatology Student for his excellence academic performance for year 2020. PDM wish you all the best and success for your future.

PRESIDENT OF ASIAN SOCIETY OF PAEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY (YEAR 2021-2023)

Congratulations to Dr. Sabeera Begum for being elected as the President of Asian Society of Peadiatric Dermatology. It is an honour to have one of our members heading this respected society where its members comprise of esteemed paediatric dermatologists in Asia.

Table 1: Winners for oral free papers and e-posters presentations in RSMPD 2021

Oral Free Paper	Paediatric Dermatology	Adult Dermatology
1st Prize	Dr Asmaa' Hazirah Abdullah (Malaysia)	Dr Ooi Shin Yi (Malaysia)
2nd Prize	Dr Henrietta Albella (Malaysia)	Dr Janet Lee Hoong May (Malaysia)
3rd Prize	Dr Lynette Wee Wei Yi (Singapore)	Dr Darshni Chandrasakaranpillay (Malaysia)
E-Posters	**Paediatric Dermatology**	**Adult Dermatology**
1st Prize	Dr Siti Nuraihan (Malaysia)	Dr Mazliha Mashor (Malaysia)
2nd Prize	Tammy Han Jing Ting (Singapore)	Dr Nor Azila Akil (Malaysia)
3rd Prize	Puan Roskasmini Binti Abdullah (Malaysia)	Dr Lim Yee Ting (Malaysia)

Figure 1

Figure 2

Figure 1 and 2:
Video montage during the opening ceremony, involving our paediatric dermatology patients

Figure 4: CPC session during pre-congress involving dermatolopathologists from Malaysia with Dr Mark Koh Jean Aan and case presentations bypaediatric dermatology and dermatology trainees

Figure 3: Opening speech by Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, Director-General of Health Malaysia

EVENTS

REGIONAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF PAEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY 2021

Prepared by Dr. Wee Ai Leen, Paediatric Dermatologist, Hospital Tunku Azizah Kuala Lumpur

The 10th Regional Scientific Meeting of Paediatric Dermatology (RSMPD), in conjunction with 46th Annual Dermatology Conference Of Dermatological Society of Malaysia successfully took place virtually from the 29th July – 1st August 2021. The theme was "New Advances on Paediatric Dermatology'.

The conference started with a pre-congress, held on the 29th July 2021 comprises of "Masterclass and Advanced class of Atopic Dermatitis" in the morning targeting basic knowledge for the junior doctors and "Paediatric Dermatology Clinicopathological Conference (CPC)" in the afternoon targeting pathologist and dermatologists. The CPC session, moderated by Dr Leong Kin Fon began with a short talk by Dr Mark Koh from Singapore followed by 16 interesting case presentations by dermatology trainees (paediatric and adult) and discussions with 4 renowned local dermatopathologists, Dr Dawn Ambrose, Dr Lee Bang Rom, Dr Zuliatul Faizah and Dr Ikmal Hisyam.

The conference which stretched over 2 and a half days from 30th July 2021 till 1st August 2021, was officiated with an opening speech by Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, Director-General of Health Malaysia. The programme consists of two parallel sessions for paediatricians and dermatologists respectively, highlighting the basics and new dimensions of Paediatric Dermatology. There was a total of 3 plenaries and 14 symposiums and 66 lectures. We were privileged to have with us a panel of esteemed experts in the field of paediatric dermatology from all corners of the world, both locally and internationally. It was a great opportunity to gain valuable knowledge from our eminent keynote speakers, Professor Amy Paller from USA, Professor John McGrath from UK and Professor John Su from Australia. Others distinguished speakers hailed from Singapore, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia, Hong Kong, India, Taiwan, New Zealand, Germany and Canada. This conference would not have been a great success without the support from our line-up of esteemed local speakers. We were also grateful to have the support from pharmaceutical companies sponsoring lunch and tea symposiums.

We had a total of 785 delegates from all over the world participated in this conference. We had received a total of 107 good quality studies, comprising of 16 oral presentations and 91 e-posters presentations. The winners for oral free papers and e-posters presentations were as in Table 1.

The organising committee and Dermatological Society of Malaysia had received many praises, appreciation and positive feedback from both the international and local delegates reflecting the great success of RSMPD 2021. Warm appreciation to the Organising Committee chaired by Dr. Sabeera Begum and everyone who are involved in making RSMPD 2021 a great success.

DERMATOLOGY CHAPTER COLLEGE OF PHYSICIAN ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

VIRTUAL 3RD ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF THE DERMATOLOGY CHAPTER IN COLLABORATION WITH MIDTERM MEETING OF DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF MALAYSIA 10TH TO 11TH APRIL 2021

Report by Dr Henry Foong Boon Bee MBBS, FRCP, FAMM and Dr Latha Selvarajah MBBS, MRCP, Adv M Derm, AM

The Dermatology Chapter was officially inaugurated on 12th September 2018 by the Council of the College of Physicians, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia. The Academy is dedicated to promote the highest standards of specialist healthcare in the country.

The Dermatology Chapter has been actively involved in numerous lectures, workshops, seminars and conferences throughout the last one year to promote education on various aspects in dermatology, as well as provide the latest updates in this exciting field. The Covid-19 pandemic did not dampen our efforts, and all the CME activities were converted to virtual platform in keeping with the "new normal" era.

The highlight of our events was the Virtual 3rdAnnual Scientific Meeting of the Dermatology Chapter in collaboration with the Dermatological Society of Malaysia, which was held from 10th-11th April 2021. The theme was "New Advances in Dermatology" incorporating PDM Mid-term Meeting. The organising chairman for the event was Dr Henry Foong, Chairman of Dermatology Chapter while the scientific chairman was Dr Leong Kin Fon. The virtual event was well attended by more than 300 local and overseas delegates with 32 speakers involved.

Our guest speaker was Thomas E Rohrer, Associate Professor, Department of Dermatology, Brown University, Providence, USA, and dermatologic surgeon at Skincare Physicians of Chestnut Hill, Boston, USA and also America's leading expert in both cosmetic and surgical dermatology. We also had many outstanding speakers from USA and Singapore to share their expertise. At the same time, our local experts spoke on various interesting topics, including on pediatric dermatology. A total of 6 symposiums were held throughout the two day event ending with three case-sharing sessions.

We also had 36 e-poster abstracts from all the various hospitals in the country. The event was made successful by the support of pharmacological companies who participated in the virtual booths. The event received excellent feedbacks from the delegates. The delegates were allowed to view the lectures again online for 30 days following the virtual conference.

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Figure 5, 6 and 7: Various plenaries and symposiums delivered by 3 of our keynote speakers, Professor Amy Paller from USA, Professor John McGrath from UK and Professor John Su from Australia.

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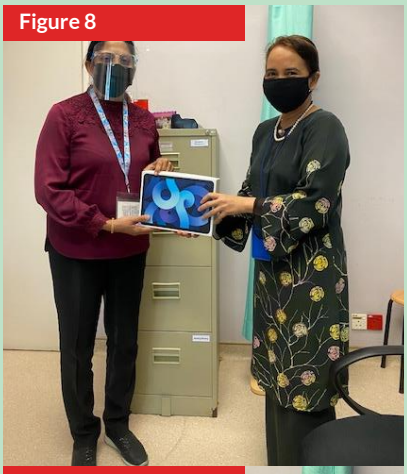

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Figure 8 & 9: Lucky Draw Winner 1st price and 2nd price winner were Dr. Lalitha Pillay and Dr. Muhammad Noor Azmi Ramli respectively

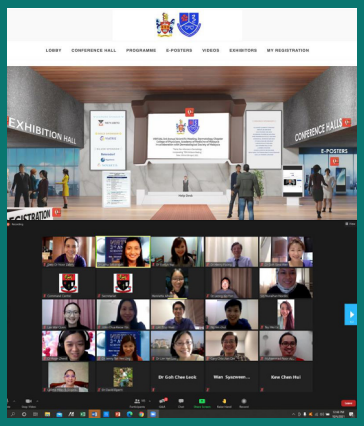


Figure 1 & 2: Virtual 3rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Dermatology Chapter in collaboration with Dermatological Society of Malaysia virtual landing page and the participants on zoom platform

Other scientific meetings organized by the Dermatology Chapter are as follows:

Date	Event / Title	Venue
6.9.2020	2nd Northern Regional Scientific Meeting: Management of Psoriasis	Weil Hotel, Ipoh
4.10.2020	1st Central Regional Scientific Meeting: All About Eczema	One World Hotel, KL
3.11.2020	3rd Northern Regional Scientific Meeting: Inflammatory Skin Diseases	Weil Hotel, Ipoh
20.12.2020	1st Eastern Regional Scientific Meeting: Management of Pigmentary Disorders	Copthorne Hotel, Cameron Highlands
14.3.2021	Update on Skin Cancer Management Webinar	Virtual
10 - 11.4.2021	3rd ASM / PDM Mid term	Virtual
30.5.2021	Vascular Workshop Webinar: Recognizing and Managing Vascular Anomalies	Virtual
4.7.2021	Primary Care Dermatology Webinar	Virtual
22.8.2021	Pediatric Dermatology Potpourri Webinar	Virtual

Among other activities, the Dermatology Chapter, College of Physicians has also conducted a community outreach program jointly with the Malaysian Society of Geriatric Medicine to contribute medical equipment such as ECG machine, pulse oximeters and glucometers with consumables to Hospital Sandakan during this Covid-19 pandemic in Sandakan on 17 November 2020. There was also a research grant awarded to a local dermatology trainee to boost the area of research in Dermatology. The grant was for an observational study of the changes in skin thickness among children with atopic dermatitis who are treated with topical mometasone furoate 0.1% cream conducted at Hospital Tunku Azizah, KL.

TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

REPORT OF ADVANCED MASTER IN DERMATOLOGY 2020/2021
Prepared by Dr. Norazirah Md Nor

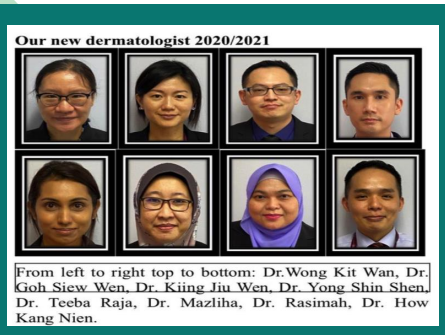
In November 2020, eight more dermatology trainees had passed their final exam and had proudly joined our national fleet of dermatologist. They are Dr. How Kang Nien, Dr. Yong Shin Shen, Dr. Rasimah Ismail, Dr. Goh Siew Wen, Dr. Teeba Raja, Dr. Mazliha Mashor, Dr Wong Kit Wan and Dr. Kiing Jiu Wen. Dr. How Kang Nien and Dr. Rasimah Ismail are now back in University Putra Malaysia (UPM) and International Islamic University Of Malaysia (IIUM in Kuantan). They are currently the Head of Dermatology at their respective universities. Dr. Yong Shin Shen is now working at University Malaya Medical Centre. The other five dermatologists are back to serve at Ministry of Health(MOH) hospitals where Dr. Goh Siew Wen is now in Serdang hospital, Dr. Teeba Raja in Selayang hospital, Dr. Mazliha in Hospital Kuala Lumpur, Dr. Wong Kit Wan in Hospital Sultanah Aminah, Johor Bahru and Dr. Kiing Jui Wen is back in Hospital Umum Sarawak.

In December 2020, we also admitted the largest intake of new trainees in the advanced master in dermatology programme, with 23 new trainees. This is the largest intake in the history of the programme since it was established.

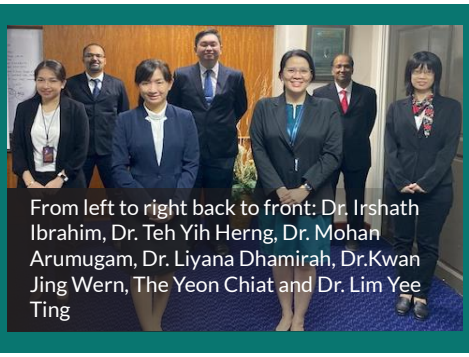
In May 2021, five more of our trainees passed their final exam and now providing their services in MOH hospitals throughout the country. They are Dr. Lim Yee Ting, Dr. Kwan Jing Wern, Dr. Irshath Ibrahim, Dr. Teh Yeon Chiat and Dr.Teh Yih Herng. The next examination this year will be in November 2021 and we have 9 candidates. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the next intake of new trainees will be delayed to June 2022, as a result of limitation in resources from the Ministry of Health.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

We have also started new teaching activities to our trainees this year, which include the aesthetic module lecture series and psoriasis masterclass. These teaching activities are a collaborative effort between UKM, PDM and pharmaceutical industry.



From left to right top to bottom: Dr.Wong Kit Wan, Dr. Goh Siew Wen, Dr. Kiing Jiu Wen, Dr. Yong Shin Shen, Dr. Teeba Raja, Dr. Mazliha, Dr. Rasimah, Dr. How Kang Nien.


From left to right back to front: Dr. Irshath Ibrahim, Dr. Teh Yih Herng, Dr. Mohan Arumugam, Dr. Liyana Dhamirah, Dr.Kwan Jing Wern, The Yeon Chiat and Dr. Lim Yee Ting

Examiners on front row from left to right: Dr. Norazirah Md Nor, Dr. Chang Choong Chor Dr. Dawn Ambrose, AP Adawiyah Jamil

Bedside teaching and demonstration on topical therapy

POST BASIC DERMATOLOGY CARE

Prepared by Dr. Sharifah Rosnizah

This programme started in 2018 but unfortunately due to the Covid 19 pandemic, it has been suspended until further notice. The last intake was in March 2020 consisting of 13 students from all over the country. However, their training was interrupted due to their deployment to provide care during this pandemic. Consequently, their expected 6 months training period was extended and they finally completed their training in February 2021. Although the lectures were delivered face to face, the examination had to be conducted virtually. Regardless of the challenges faced, all the students successfully completed their training. It is hoped that this programme continues to provide the necessary knowledge and skills to the nurses and medical assistants in caring for patients with acute and chronic skin diseases.

Post Basic Dermatology Care students March 2020 Intake

PERSATUAN DERMATOLOGI MALAYSIA COLLABORATION WITH FEDERATION OF PRIVATE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' ASSOCIATIONS MALAYSIA AND INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONERS HEALTHCARE

Due to the pandemic Covid-19 lockdown where physical conference is not feasible, the Federation of Private Medical Practitioners' Associations, Malaysia (FPMPAM), in collaboration with Persatuan Dermatologi Malaysia (PDM) and Independent Practitioners Healthcare (IPH) have initiated the virtual CPD dermatology "Head to Toe" series to the private medical practitioners in Malaysia. This dermatology series was offered on a monthly basis with different topics related to skin to the private medical practitioners.

The first module was launched on the 8th of November 2020 with the topic titled "Acne & Facial Dermatoses" had garnered 156 attendees amongst the general practitioners in Malaysia. Since the launch, the series has received a lot of positive feedbacks and is rising in its popularity with the highest attended module with 476 delegates in Feb 2021.

Many private medical practitioners have found that the speakers and topics in the lectures offered, provides them with clear and practical tips, in which they can immediately use in managing their patients intheir primary care clinics.

The list of modules of the dermatology series offered from Nov 2020 to Aug 2021 as per below:

Date	Virtual CPD	Hour	Attendees
8 Nov 21	Module 1: Acne & Facial Dermatoses	2 hours	156
6 Dec 21	Module 2: The Sun & Skin	2 hours	175
10 Jan 21	Module 3: Scalp & Hair Diseases	2 hours	173
7 Feb 21	Module 4: Recalcitrant itchy skin	2 hours	476
7 Mar 21	Module 5: Skin Infection	2 hours	316
18 Apr 21	Module 6: Immune-mediated inflammatory skin diseases – IMIDs	2 hours	188
9 May 21	Module 7: Addressing Common Skin Maladies - Tips & Treat	2 hours	262
11 Jul 21	Module 8: Probiotics & Skin Therapy - An Update	2 hours	450
8 Aug 21	Module 9 : Managing Cutaneous Inflammation & Itch	2 hours	308

PAEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY TRAINING UPDATE

PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY TRAINING EXPERIENCES FROM THE LAND OF THE MAPLE LEAF

Dr Wong Hoi Ling (Mimi), Hospital Tunku Azizah Kuala Lumpur

I was fortunate to be granted the opportunity to further my training in Pediatric Dermatology at the Hospital For Sick Children, Toronto from July 2019- June 2021. Affiliated with the University of Toronto, "SickKids" as the hospital is fondly known, is the largest tertiary referral center for Pediatric Dermatology in Canada, offering a Fellowship in Pediatric Dermatology to both Canadian and international dermatologists and pediatricians.

As a clinical fellow, I had an immersive and enriching experience throughout my stay, working with a dedicated bunch of professionals and staff, who strive to provide the best care for the patients. I was given the chance to be "hands-on" in the management of patients from various dermatology sub-speciality clinics under the tutelage of the consultant pediatric dermatologists. These clinics include genodermatosis, morphoea, eczema, psoriasis, Epidermolysis Bullosa(EB), vascular anomalies, cutaneous T-cell lymphoma, Alopecia and Laser. It was indeed an eye-opening and humbling experience for me, especially being treated as part of the team and allowed to participate in the care of children on targeted therapies. I was also uniquely positioned to be involved in the management of children presenting with Covid-19 related skin conditions during the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic in Canada.

Besides clinical work, participating in research and teaching activities were some of my fellowship goals. As SickKids is one of the most research-intensive hospitals in Canada, I was involved in various research projects throughout my fellowship, some of which have been accepted for publication. I also designed the EB Policy & Procedural Guidelines for the neonatal unit at SickKids Hospital, which aims to provide good practices for basic nursing and wound care for neonates born with skin fragility. I was given the responsibility of and completed updating the hospital patient education website (AboutKidsHealth) on "Infantile Hemangioma".

Lastly but not certainly the least, I would not have had this opportunity without the generous scholarship afforded by the Ministry of Health, Malaysia. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to my amazing mentors, Dr Sabeera Begum and Dr Leong Kin Fon who have given me abundance of blessings and support throughout my training period. I am excited to be back home and to share what I have learnt with my team and my patients.

Receiving end of fellowship certificate from program director, Dr Irene Lara-Corrales

Taking a group photo with the Head of Paediatric Dermatology Unit at Sickkids, Dr Elena Pope and her team during my last day at work

PATIENT EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN BY
PDM MEMBERS

ATOPIC ECZEMA WORKSHOP – IN CONJUNCTION WITH WORLD ECZEMA WEEK 2020
11-12th September 2020
Day 1 – Parent workshop
Day 2 – Medical officer masterclass/workshop
Venue: Auditorium, Paediatric Institute Hospital Kuala Lumpur.
Organized by: Paediatric Dermatology Unit, Hospital Tunku Azizah (WCHKL), Kuala Lumpur.

Dr Lalitha Pillay
Paediatrician and Paediatric Dermatology Trainee
Paediatric Dermatology Unit
Hospital Tunku Azizah, Kuala Lumpur

This is the first ever atopic eczema workshop of its kind was successfully held on the 11th and 12th September 2020 in conjunction with World Eczema Week 2020. It was organized by the Paediatric Dermatology Unit of Hospital Tunku Azizah, and was led by Dr Leong Kin Fon and Dr Sabeera Begum. The workshop was held over 2 days, the first day being the parent workshop and the second day was the masterclass for the medical officers. There was a total of 31 parents participating on day 1 and 36 medical officers attended the workshop on day 2. Due to the pandemic, participation was limited, and SOPs were strictly adhered to.

The parent workshop was a huge success and consisted of a series of lectures given by our paediatric dermatology team led by Dr Leong Kin Fon, Dr Wee Ai Leen, Dr Nirmala Ponnuthurai and the paediatric dermatology trainees. While the parents were occupied with the workshop, the children were entertained with games, balloon art and a splendid clown who performed magic, and they had a blast. The parents were given a pre-test prior to the workshop and a post test at the end, to assess their understanding, and there was a significant increase in the post-test average scores. Two of our older patients and their parents also gave heartfelt testimonials on their difficult journey of dealing with atopic eczema and their speeches provided insight and hope to most of the other parents listening, with quite a few of them moved to tears.

Day 2 was the medical officers' workshop, which consisted of a series of lectures given by Dr Leong Kin Fon, Dr Wee Ai Leen and Dr Nirmala Ponnuthurai. The MOs were also given pre-tests and post-tests. At the end of the day, there was a 60% improvement in the average scores for the post-test compared to the pre-test, signifying better understanding of atopic eczema and its management. All in all, the workshop was a roaring success.

Day 1 of workshop: Dr. Sabeera Begum with parents and children

Day 2 of workshop - Medical officers listening to lectures attentively

Testimonials from parents and children

Children being entertained by Wan the clown

Parents and children at end of successful workshop

OTHER PATIENT EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGNS

Dr. Wan Noor Hasbee Wan Abdullah from Dermatology Department Hospital Raja Perempuan Zainab II Kota Baru Kelantan had organised educational programmes for both at community and school levels. These programmes were conducted in collaboration with Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Kelantan and Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri Kelantan and include Program LAKAR done on 5 September 2020 at Sekolah Kebangsaan Tok Sangkut, Pasir Mas Kelantan. Dr. Hasbee delivered lectures on leprosy to the villagers and how to do self-examination of skin. She also had a virtual forum for adolescents and teenagers from Sekolah Kebangsaan Tapang, Kota Bharu on Skincare entitled "Beauty Conscious: Cool or Fool".

Our specialist in full PPE managing the Covid wards

Dr Zalmy and **Dr. Dawn** at KLCC PPV gearing up to start the day

Donation of ICU equipment to Sabah hospitals

PDM DOING OUR PART FOR THE PANDEMIC

The COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging, and it has put significant pressure on our healthcare system. Our healthcare workers continue to devote their time and energy to contain this pandemic. A few hospitals in the Klang Valley have turned into fully Covid hospitals and training was put on halt in these hospitals. As a result some of our young specialists are rostered to manage the Covid wards together with our medical colleagues.

PDM has also donated equipment such as high flow nasal cannula machine and air-purifying respirators to the ICU units at Hospital Sandakan and Hospital Labuan.

Some of our members even volunteered to help out with the National Immunization Programme. Whilst **Dr Zalmy** and **Dr Dawn** were at KLCC, **Dr Priya** volunteered at The Setia City Convention Centre from June to July 2021 on most Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays. Together, we will win this battle against COVID-19.

Dr. Priya briefing participants on post covid-19 vaccine symptoms