

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN  
MUKA SURAT : 20  
RUANGAN : ISU

# Kementerian tak kitar semula ubat

➔ Prosedur khas periksa status bekalan sentiasa dipatuhi pastikan selamat diguna

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**K**ementerian Kesihatan tidak akan sewenang-nangnya mengitar semula bekalan ubat klinik atau hospital kerajaan yang dikembalikan oleh pesakit.

Pengarah Bahagian Perkembangan Perubatannya, Datuk Dr Azman Abu Bakar, berkata, kementerian harus mematuhi prosedur

khas untuk memeriksa status semua jenis bekalan ubat yang dipulangkan bagi menentukan ia selamat untuk digunakan kembali.

## Perlu diperiksa

"Memang kita ada minta (bekalan ubat) dipulangkan apabila tidak digunakan, tapi kita tidak terima begitu sahaja kerana ubat harus diperiksa, sama ada boleh digunakan sebelum diberikan kepada pesakit memerlukan.

"Ada sesetengah ubat yang tidak digunakan, diletakkan di tempat

tidak sepatutnya seperti di tepi tingkap dan terdedah pada cahaya matahari, jadi tidak elok. Itu yang kami perlu pastikan," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian selepas mewakili Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan, Datuk Seri Dr Hilmi Yahaya merasmikan Ekspo Melaka Sihat 2017 di Pusat Perdagangan Antarabangsa Melaka (MITC), di sini, semalam.

Yang turut hadir, Pengarah Kesihatan negeri, Datuk Dr Ghazali Othman mewakili EXCO Kesihatan dan Pembangunan Sukan negeri,

Datuk Ab Rahaman Ab Karim.

## Saran pulangkan ubat kanser

Dr Azman berkata, kebanyakan ubat dipulangkan untuk penyakit seperti kencing manis dan darah tinggi.

"Ubat kanser (morfin), ubat mahal selalunya untuk tahan sakit jika digunakan orang yang tidak patut menggunakannya, boleh jadi dadah. Jadi saya sarankan kepada waris pesakit kanser yang sudah meninggal untuk pulangkan semula kepada kita," katanya.

AKHBAR : HARIAN METRO

MUKA SURAT : 67

RUANGAN : SETEMPAT

## Amal pemeriksaan kesihatan elak diabetes

**Subang Jaya:** Mengabaikan tanggungjawab diri dengan tidak menjalankan pemeriksaan kesihatan, selain tidak mengawal aspek pemakanan membolehkan seorang individu berhadapan dengan diabetes.

Hal ini diakui sendiri Pakar Perunding Perubatan Kesihatan Awam Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) Dr Feisul Idzwan Mustapha disebabkan ramai penghidap diabetes tidak mengetahui mereka menghidap penyakit itu.

“Ia datang dari kesedaran sendiri, bahkan kerajaan menggalakkan masyarakat melakukan pemeriksaan kesihatan di hospital kerajaan dan klinik kesihatan.

“Masyarakat luar bandar, golongan pertengahan (M40) dan rendah (B40) cenderung menghidap diabetes disebabkan gaya hi-

dup kurang aktif dan tidak mengamalkan gaya pemakanan sihat dan seimbang,” katanya pada majlis pelancaran kempen *Start Right Stay Right* anjuran Nestle Health Science.

Hadir sama, Presiden Diabetes Malaysia Profesor Datuk Dr Ikram Shah Ismail, Pegawai Eksekutif Perniagaan Nestle Health Science Emilyn Loo, Ketua Pakar Diet Bahagian Pengajian Diet dan Perkhidmatan Makanan Institut Jantung Negara (IJN) Foong Pui Hing dan Pakar Psikologi Pusat Perubatan Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (PPUKM) Yang Wai Wai.

Kata Dr Feisul, menurut Kajian Kesihatan & Morbiditi Nasional 2015, 3.5 juta orang dewasa atau setiap satu daripada lima rakyat Malaysia didiagnosis dengan penyakit berkenaan.



DARI KANAN, Emilyn, Dr Ikram, Dr Feisul dan Foong melancarkan kempen *Start Right Stay Right*.

**AKHBAR : KOSMO****MUKA SURAT : 7****RUANGAN : PULAU PINANG DILANDA BANJIR TERBURUK**

## Air banjir masuk hospital

**GEORGE TOWN** – Seramai 104 pesakit dan empat bayi yang baru lahir di Hospital Pulau Pinang (HPP) dipindahkan ke wad yang lebih selamat ekoran kejadian banjir kilat yang berlaku sejak petang kelmarin sehingga memasuki ke dalam bangunan hospital berkenaan.

Pengarah Kesihatan Negeri Pulau Pinang, Datuk Dr. Sukumar Mahesan dalam satu kenyataan berkata, bencana yang berlaku telah mengakibatkan beberapa kawasan hospital termasuk di

tingkat bawah Blok C dan Blok D, Unit Pengangkutan, empat wad pesakit dan Wad Rawatan Rapi Neonatal terjejas.

Menurutnya, arahan berpindah telah dikeluarkan oleh Pengarah Hospital dan ia mula dilaksanakan sekitar pukul 2.30 pagi sehingga 5.30 pagi semalam.

Dalam pada itu, jelas Sukumar, perkhidmatan perawatan pesakit luar dan pesakit dalam termasuk perkhidmatan ambulans di HPP masih diteruskan seperti biasa.



**AIR banjir melimpah masuk sehingga ke dalam wad HPP menyebabkan 104 orang pesakit dipindahkan semalam.**



AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 3

RUANGAN : MUSIBAH NOVEMBER

# Hospital *terjejas*

GEORGETOWN - Hujan lebat yang bermula petang Sabtu juga, mengakibatkan banjir kilat di sebahagian Hospital Pulau Pinang.

Pengarah Jabatan Kesihatan Pulau Pinang, Datuk Dr Sukumar Mahesan berkata, antara kawasan yang terlibat ialah Unit Pengangkutan, tingkat bawah Blok C dan Blok D.

"Ini termasuk empat wad pesakit dan Wad Rawatan Rapi Neonatal. Arahan pengungsian telah dikeluarkan pengarah hospital dan ia dilaksanakan sekitar jam 2.30 pagi hingga 5.30 pagi.

"Sebanyak 104 pesakit dan empat bayi yang baru lahir telah dipindahkan ke wad-wad yang lebih selamat," katanya.

Menurutnya, tiada kejadian yang tidak diingini berlaku dan semua pesakit mendapat rawatan yang sewajarnya.

**Ini termasuk empat wad pesakit dan Wad Rawatan Rapi Neonatal."**

- Dr Sukumar

"Kenderaan-kenderaan juga telah dipindahkan ke kawasan yang selamat. Perkhidmatan rawatan pesakit luar dan pesakit dalam termasuk perkhidmatan ambulans di Hospital Pulau Pinang masih diteruskan seperti biasa.

"Pihak Jabatan Kesihatan Pulau Pinang memohon orang ramai agar tidak menyebarkan maklumat yang tidak tepat berkaitan kejadian ini sehingga mencetuskan suasana panik kepada waris pesakit," katanya.



Wad Hospital Pulau Pinang dimasuki air, semalam.

**AKHBAR : UTUSAN MALAYSIA**  
**MUKA SURAT : 3**  
**RUANGAN : DALAM NEGERI**

## Wad Hospital PP diperiksa sebelum beroperasi semula

**ALORSETAR 5 Nov.** - Lima wad termasuk wad Rawatan Rapi Neonatal di Hospital Pulau Pinang yang terjejas akibat banjir kilat hari ini hanya akan beroperasi semula selepas sistem pendawaian elektrik dan mesin rawatan didapati berada dalam keadaan baik dan selamat digunakan.

Menterinya, Datuk Seri Dr. S. Subramaniam berkata, pihaknya kini membuat kerja-kerja pembersihan selepas banjir kilat yang menjejaskan lima wad tersebut pada awal pagi surut sepenuhnya.

"Sekarang air banjir di wad terlibat surut dan kita membuat kerja-kerja pembersihan. Bagaimanapun, kita melihat sama ada sistem elektrik dan mesin-mesin di wad terlibat masih boleh digunakan atau rosak akibat bencana tersebut.

"Jika selamat, kita akan benarkan wad-wad terjejas akibat banjir tersebut beroperasi semula," katanya selepas merasmikan Pusat

Bersalin Berisiko Rendah di sini hari ini.

Beliau berkata demikian kepada pemberita selepas diminta mengulas mengenai banjir kilat yang melanda Pulau Pinang yang turut menjejaskan lima wad hingga menyebabkan 104 pesakit dan empat bayi dipindahkan ke wad lebih selamat pada awal pagi ini.

Yang hadir sama, Pengarah Kesihatan negeri, Datuk Dr. Norhizan Ismail.

Menurut Subramaniam, pihaknya prosedur operasi standard (SOP) dalam menghadapi banjir selain mempunyai pengalaman luas dalam mengendalikan bencana tersebut.

"Kita sentiasa bersedia menghadapi bencana ini misalnya pada hari ini, banjir di Pulau Pinang tidak menjejaskan operasi kita malah semua kemudahan kita boleh berfungsi dengan optimum," ujarinya.



**S. SUBRAMANIAM**



**AKHBAR : NEW STRAITS TIMES**  
**MUKA SURAT : B4**  
**RUANGAN : BUSSINESS/NEWS**

## MEDICAL TOURISM

# 'REVENUE EXPECTED TO EXCEED RM2B'

Vital to target sub-sectors such as IVF and cardiology to get more mileage, says MHTC

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**M**ALAYSIA Healthcare Travel Council (MHTC) expects revenue contribution from the medical tourism to surpass RM2 billion annually, with a multiplier contribution worth RM10 billion to the country's economy by 2020.

MHTC chief executive officer Sherene Azli said medical tourism was one of the biggest contributors to Malaysia's overall tourism sector.

Revenue is derived from more than 200 private hospitals, mainly elite hospitals actively involved in promoting medical tourism. Among the elite hospitals are Pantai Hospital Kuala Lumpur, Prince Court Medical Centre, Sunway Medical Centre and Tropicana Medical Centre.

"Hopefully, with the increase in

revenue, hospitals can re-invest and give better healthcare services. Hence, we can unburden public hospitals when we have better quality private hospitals, which leads to cost-effectiveness," she told NST Business.

Sherene said for every RM1 spent by patients in the hospitals, it would generate a multiplier effect of RM3 to RM4 from auxiliary services such as transport, food and beverage as well as hotels.

MHTC is upbeat that Malaysia can position itself as an internationally recognised healthcare service provider amid stiff competition in Asia.

"We have to be focused on promoting Malaysia. It is important for us to drive medical tourism and target sub-sectors such as in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) and cardiology treatments to get additional mileage."

She said there was encouraging demand for fertility and cardi-

ology treatments in Malaysia, citing that the country had the capacity to handle them and they were the key selling propositions.

"For example, in developing Malaysia as a fertility hub for Asia, we need to look at what's available when it comes to our hospitals and the specialists as well as facilities.

"We are encouraged as Malaysia has been recording one of the highest success rates in the world for fertility treatment, averaging 66 per cent compared to a global average about 50 per cent last year."

With the removal of the one-child policy in China, Sherene said there were 90 million couples looking to have their second child.

"Of the 90 million couples, 40 million couples aged above 40 are looking at fertility treatment. We have been working with our partners in China to tap the different markets and hope we can see tremendous growth from fertility treatment."

Malaysia has also been recognised by the International Living of United States for its healthcare system.

"The recognition has put Malaysia on the world map as a destination for healthcare treatment," she said, adding that

Malaysia won the "medical destination travel of the year" award in 2015, last year and this year from the International Medical Travel Journal in London.

She said according to MHTC estimates, there would be 1.1 million to 1.2 million medical tourist arrivals in Malaysia by 2020.

"We have done our service capacity study among private hospitals to see whether they can handle the influx of medical travellers."

Sherene said it would be to the advantage of private hospitals to optimise their capacity by improving expertise and facilities.

"On average, we grow about 16 per cent annually in medical tourism. We target to achieve an increase of 30 per cent by 2020. Currently, patients come to Malaysia for cosmetic, orthopaedic, oncology, neurology and health screening treatments."

She said MHTC had identified Indonesia, Vietnam, China and India as core markets based on

the volume of healthcare travellers with growth potential.

"Malaysia received more than 921,500 health travellers last year, with the actual contribution from healthcare travel to the economy at RM4 billion to RM5 billion," she said.

On the government's RM30 million budget allocation for MHTC, she said: "When the government invests in something, it expects to have a return on investment. Malaysia's medical tourism industry has been growing between 10 and 17 per cent on a yearly basis in the past five years."

"The government has seen the potential of the sector. We are excited and encouraged with the funding of RM30 mil-

lion. We have to ensure that we use it effectively."

Sherene said the budget allocation would be used to promote Malaysia as fertility and cardiology hubs in the region as well as grow flagship hospitals in the country.



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**SHERENE AZLI**  
 Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council chief executive officer



AKHBAR : THE STAR

MUKA SURAT : 3

RUANGAN : NATION

## Penang Hospital not spared from massive floods

GEORGE TOWN: Firzan Helmi used to consider Penang Hospital as one of the safest places in the state, but even this was not spared from the floods that struck the city.

The 25-year-old government health officer said his wife rang him up at around 3am yesterday to tell him that their five-month-old son would have to be evacuated to a ward on the higher floors.

The hospital administration had expected the place to be flooded.

"I was worried as I was at my mother's home in Sungai Petani while my wife was alone in the hospital to accompany our son, who was hospitalised due to breathing difficulties.

"We heard about the storm and the heavy rains which hit Penang but I had not expected the hospital to be affected as flooding there was unheard of," said Firzan, who dashed over to be with his wife and son.

Medical officers, he said, had woken his wife up to tell her to

quickly move their son to the upper floor before the floodwaters reached the ward.

"I am grateful that the hospital acted quickly because when my wife went down to the ground floor later to collect her belongings, it was already flooded," he said, adding that the water was about ankle deep then.

A sales executive, whose wife gave birth to their first son on Friday, said he received a call at around 3pm from his spouse.

"She was in Block D but had to be

moved to the gynaecology ward.

"Our son remains on the second floor of Block C as he has slight indications of jaundice," said the man who declined to be named.

Penang Health director Datuk Dr M. Sukumar said all patients received the necessary treatment, urging the public not to spread inaccurate information about the incident.

"No untoward incident took place.

"Immediate action was carried out to move 104 patients and four

newborns to a safer place between 2.30am and 5.30am.

"The areas affected include the transport unit, the lower floors of Block C and D as well as four patient wards and the neonatal intensive care unit," he said in a statement yesterday.

Dr Sukumar said both outpatient and inpatient care services, including ambulance services, were operating as usual.

He said those with enquiries could contact the hospital at 04-222 5620.



AKHBAR : THE SUN

MUKA SURAT : 4

RUANGAN : NEWS WITHOUT BORDERS

# Penang Hospital still running

**> 104 patients, newborns moved to flood-free wards**

**GEORGE TOWN:** The Penang Hospital continues to function as usual despite being partially hit by floods.

Penang health director Datuk Dr M. Sukumar said 104 patients and several newborns were moved to flood-free wards where they are continuing their treatment.

"The flood-affected areas included the Transport Unit on the ground floor of Blocks C and D, four patient wards and the neo-natal intensive care ward.

"An evacuation order was issued and the movement of people was carried out between 2.30am and 5.30am.

"Vehicles were also moved to safe areas," he said in a statement.

Penang experienced strong winds and heavy rain since 2pm on Saturday, causing unprecedented floods in several areas which resulted in three deaths and the evacuation of

more than 2,000 people.

The bad weather also uprooted trees.

The military has been mobilised in the state following an appeal for federal assistance from Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng, who telephoned Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi at about 3.30am.

Sukumar said the hospital in-patient and out-patient services, as well as the ambulance service, were operating as usual.

He advised the people against spreading false information on the floods at the hospital, saying nothing should be done to cause panic for the next-of-kin of patients.

"All inconveniences experienced is deeply regretted," he said.

Almost the whole of Penang was struck by floods, with floodwaters rising to between 0.2m and 1m in several areas.

It is feared that the situation may only worsen as more rain has been forecast over the next two days. - Bernama