

HPB JOURNAL CLUB

Exploring **Liver Transplant** in Historical City of Malacca

8-9th June 2024

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As part of our continuous medical education, the hepato-pancreatico-biliary (HPB) fraternity of the Ministry of Health (MOH) organises its regular journal club event in various locations. To be more inclusive, this event is held in collaboration with Malaysian HPB Surgeons (MyHPBS) Society. The event involved HPB surgeons from MOH, MOHE and the private sector as well as HPB trainees.

This year's journal club was organised by the HPB unit of Malacca General Hospital and Hospital Tuanku Jaafar. The event was held on the 8th and 9th of June 2024 at Rotunda, Malacca Club. Rather than discussing research articles, we decided to go along a more didactic approach by choosing transplant as the topic of discussion. The presentations ranged from science of immunosuppression, peri transplant management and post transplant issues.

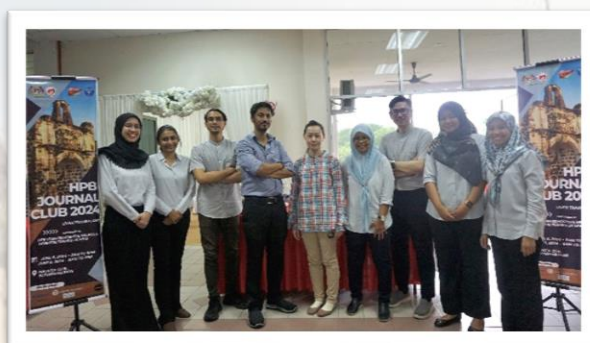


Figure 1: Organizing committee lead by Mr Padmaan and Ms I Vern



Figure 2 Presentation by trainee



Figure 3 Participation from industrial partners

Despite being a topic not familiar to many of us especially the trainees, many of them were able to grasp the topic and prepare an interesting and captivating presentation. The HPB consultants were able to share their personal experience from their foreign attachment and work locally.

The event was graciously assisted by generous sponsors from our industry friends; Medtronic, Healthcon, Sirtex, Schmidt Biomed Tech, Johnson and Johnson and Apoqlar. There were 5 product booths on display as well as 3 sponsored talks.

The event began on the 8th of June with registrations at 8am. This was followed by an opening speech by Mr Manisekar Subramaniam as our head of HPB and transplant. Addressing the crowd, he expressed his joy seeing the

fraternity come together as a family and trust that this cooperation will continue in years to come. The new trainees introduced themselves and their year 1 disposition was announced.

The presentations followed smoothly. One of particular interest was given by Ms Sonya of HTAR Klang. Her topic on deceased brain death vs circulatory death was of particular interest among many of us as DCD is not a practise in Malaysia but one we are interested in commencing. Despite being new to the fraternity, her presentation was easy to digest and very informative showing her clear understanding of the topic. Good job Sonya!

During the lunch break a sponsored talk by Sirtex was given by Dr Boey, Nuclear Physician of Hospital Kuala Lumpur on Selective Internal Radiation Therapy. Her presentation summarised the principles of SIRT and include some case based discussions. She also welcomed referrals to her unit for SIRT consideration for unresectable HCC.

Dr Norhafizah, interventional radiologist from Hospital Sultanah Aminah, Johor Bharu presented a talk during lunch break on microwave ablation. This was a sponsored talk by Healthcon.

After freshening up at the hotel we proceeded to have dinner at Atlantic Nyonya restaurant, Malim Jaya. The menu included fragrant nasi pandan, signature nyonya ayam ponteh, ikan nyonya asam, sambal petai udang sotong, udang lemak nenas, ulam bendi and terung lada, it was a hearty meal after a long day. The dinner was packaged with mouth watering Nyonya cendol as dessert.



Figure 4 Opening speech by Mr Mani



Figure 5 Sponsored talk by Dr Boey on SIRT



Figure 6 Refreshing dinner at authentic nyonya restaurant

Day 2 started at 9am to conclude the remainder topics. We also had a sponsored talk by Apoqlar on hologram medicine. The talks were given by Prof Sridhar Iyer from National University Hospital Singapore and the CEO of Apoqlar, Mr Sirko Pelzi. We concluded the day with a closing address by Mr Manisekar and tokens of appreciation to our industrial sponsors followed by lunch.



Figure 7 Exploring surgery with hologram medicine

Despite some hiccoughs, the event was a success. It not only presented a valuable experience to the Melaka HPB unit to organise a national event for the fraternity but stands as an entity for continuous education and friendly gathering. We would like to thank members of the fraternity, Mr Manisekar Subramaniam, My HPBS and our beloved sponsors in helping to make this event possible.



Figure 8 Group photo of HPB Fraternity



PROGRAM

HPB Journal Club 2024

Saturday, June 8, 2024 | 08:00 AM

Malacca Club, Rotunda Klebang

DAY
1

8:00AM **Registration**

8:30 AM **Welcoming Address**
Mr Manisekar K. Subramaniam

9:00 AM **Basic Immunology in Transplant**
Dr Anuradha Valan

9:30 AM **Recipient Pre-Operative Workup**
Dr Muhammad Ezzra bin Rahman

COFFEE BREAK & BOOTH VISIT

10:30 AM **Donor Selection**
Dr Mazwan bin Mohamad

11:00 AM **Donor Selection in LDLT**
Dr Azem Fathi Mohammad Azmi

11:30 AM **Cadaveric Organ Donation:
Brain Death vs Circulatory Death**
Dr Sonya Kaur Sidhu

12:00 PM **Future Liver Remnant Calculation &
Assessment**
Dr Balakumaran Balaravi Pillai

12:30 PM **Sponsor Talk - SIRTEX**
Dr Boey Ching Yeen, Nuclear Medicine
Physician Hospital Kuala Lumpur

LUNCH & BOOTH VISIT

02:00 PM **Hepatocellular Carcinoma Transplant**
Dr Fahrol Fahmy Bin Jaafar

02:30 PM **Immunosuppression in Transplant**
Dr Ong Guang Hong

03:00 PM **Colorectal Liver Metastasis Transplant**
Dr Firman bin Hariri

03:30 PM **Sponsor Talk - Healthcon**
Dr Nur Hafizah
Consultant Intervention Radiologist
Hospital Sultanah Aminah JB

04:00 PM **Mesyuarat Hala Tuju Perkhidmatan**

TEA BREAK & GROUP PHOTO



DINNER at 7PM

PROGRAM

HPB Journal Club 2024

Sunday, June 9, 2024 | 08:30 AM

Malacca Club, Rotunda Klebang

DAY
2

- 8:30 AM **Neuroendocrine Tumour Transplant**
Dr Jonathan Seak Chen Ken
- 9:00 AM **Machine Perfusion in Transplant**
Dr Asraf Haslam bin Jasmani
- 9:30 AM **ABO Incompatible Transplant**
Dr Shaiful Amir Bin Abdul Manap
- 10:00 AM **Sponsor Talk - apoQlar**
Speaker 1: A/Prof Shridhar Iyer
Senior Consultant HPB Surgery
National University Hospital
Speaker 2: Sirko Pelzi
CEO and Chairman of the Board of apoQlar

COFFEE BREAK & BOOTH VISIT

- 11:30 AM **Post Transplant Complications**
Dr Lee Yeong Sing
- 12:00 AM **Management of Post Transplant Infection**
Dr Jonathan Tan Khee Ghee
- 12:30 PM **Q&A Session**
- 12:45 PM **Closing Remarks**

LUNCH & BOOTH VISIT

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