

# **Epilepsy Council of the Malaysian Society of Neurosciences**

2021-2022 Report

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Officer Election Date: 2 October 2022

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- To promote education, training of health professionals in the care of epilepsy patients
- To promote research in epilepsy
- To continue to improve care in epilepsy management.

## **ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Publishing guidelines and recommendations on epilepsy.
- Organizing professional meetings and conference on epilepsy.
- Constructing curriculum for postgraduate training in epileptology.
- Accrediting epilepsy centers for postgraduate training in epileptology.
- Recognizing or certifying specialists in epileptology.





- Advising the Government on epilepsy and epilepsy-related issues.
- Initiating and coordinating research related to epilepsy to collaborate with MES and other organizations on related epilepsy issues.

#### **EPILEPSY AWARENESS AND FIRST AID**

The Epilepsy Awareness and First Aid was held on 11 September 2021 partnering with Malaysia Red Crescent. It was a full day program live in YouTube. The first half of the program involved educational lectures for primary school students. There were about 1000 participants with live YouTube broadcast. The speakers Professor Fong Choong Yi, Dr. Sumitha Murugesu, and Dr. Sangitha Dharshini Terumalay gave interesting talks with hands on activities. The second half of the program involved lectures for secondary school students by Professor Wong Sau Wei, Dr. Khoo Ching Soong, and Dr. Sherrini Ahmad Bazir. There were break-out sessions and games on epilepsy awareness and seizures type, as well as first aid sharing. The program finished at 5pm with Kahoot quiz and games. There are several challenges of the program including the difficulties in conducting interaction via online with such a huge crowd and the language discrepancy.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Members of the Council must be a member of the Malaysian Society of Neurosciences.

#### **OFFICE BEARERS**

The members shall elect among themselves a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and other office bearers as necessary to administer the affairs of the Council. The term of office of the office bearers shall be two years. The Chairman shall make an annual report to the Council of the Malaysian Society of Neurosciences.

#### **CHANGES TO RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Any changes to the rules and regulations of the Epilepsy Council shall be approved at the AGM of the Malaysian Society of Neurosciences.

#### **MEETINGS**

The Council shall meet at least four times a year. The quorum shall be half of the Committee Members of 5 Council members whichever is lesser.

#### PROFESSOR DATO' DR. RAYMOND AZMAN ALI

- Delivered an online lecture titled Seizures: They are Not Always Epileptic at the Monash Lecture Series no. 2, Asian Medical Students Association Monash University Malaysia Branch, Subang Jaya, Malaysia, 4 December 2021.
- Delivered an online lecture titled Fits, Faints and Funny Turns at the monthly CME meeting of Putrajaya Hospital, 21 February 2022.



- Delivered an online lecture titled Basics of Critical Care EEG at the Neurocritical Care Conference of the Malaysian Society of Neuroanaesthesia and Neurocritical Care, 2 July 2022.
- Delivered a talk titled Not All Seizures are Epileptic as a Guest Lecturer to the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, University Sabah Malaysia, Kota Kinabalu, 6 July 2022.
- Delivered a talk titled Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy: The Importance of AEDs at the Sanofi Lunch Symposium of the East Coast Medical Updates 2022, AC Hotel by Marriott, Kuantan, 24 July 2022.

### **PROFESSOR TAN HUI JAN**

- Delivered a talk titled Facts and Myths in Epilepsy at the International Epilepsy Day HUKM in Conference Hall, Hospital Canselor Tuanku Muhriz, 8 February 2022.
- Delivered a talk titled Focal Epilepsy Challenges in Its Diagnosis and Management in Resource Limited Settings at Eisai Online Symposium, 24 April 2022.
- Delivered a talk titled Seizures and Epilepsy at Rotary Club Petaling Jaya Dinner Meeting and Fellowship in Grand Dorsett Subang, 26 April 2022.

#### DR. AHMAD RITHAUDDIN MOHAMMED

- Delivered a lecture titled Paediatric Epilepsy: Emerging Evidence & New Insights at Virtual Paediatric Neurology Update, 25 September 2021.
- Delivered a lecture titled Long Term Neurodevelopmental Outcome in Tetralogy of Fallot at Malaysian Paediatric Cardiology Online Symposium, 30 October 2021.
- Delivered a lecture titled Red Flags in Epilepsy in Joint AASNS Educational Course and 2nd KL Neurosurgical Emergencies (virtual), 14 November 2021.
- Delivered a lecture titled Seizure presentation in paediatrics: What not to miss in ED at Neuro Emergency Meeting SIG CME (Virtual), 16 April 2022.
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- Delivered a lecture titled Unravelling the Spectrum of Cerebral Malformation in 64th Annual Meeting of Japanese Society of Child Neurology at Takasaki, Japan, 3 June 2022.

#### DR. KHOO CHING SOONG

- Delivered a lecture titled First Aid for Epilepsy in Epilepsy Awareness and First Aid (Virtual), 11 September 2021.
- Delivered a lecture on Management of Epilepsy at the International Epilepsy Day organized by HUKM on 8 February 2022.
- Delivered a lecture at Mind Matters Expert Meeting organized by GSK at Meridien Hotel,
  28 April 2022.
- Delivered a lecture on Focal Epilepsy Challenges in Its Diagnosis and Management in Resource-Limited Setting (FOCUS) organized by DKSH on 23 April 2022.



#### **FONG CHOON YI**

Delivered a lecture titled Epilepsy in Epilepsy Awareness and First Aid (Virtual), 11 September 2021.

#### DR. SHERRINI BAZIR AHMAD

Delivered a lecture titled Epilepsy and Stigma in Epilepsy Awareness and First Aid (Virtual), 11 September 2021

## **DR. SUMITHA MURUGESU**

Delivered a lecture titled First Aid for Epilepsy in Epilepsy Awareness and First Aid (Virtual), 11 September 2021

#### DR. SANGITA DHARSHINI TERUMALAY

Delivered a lecture titled The Brain and Its Waves in Epilepsy Awareness and First Aid (Virtual), 11 September 2021

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