



MAA-MEDICARE
Kidney Charity Fund

PRESS RELEASE

GENEROUS MALAYSIANS CONTRIBUTE RM 1.4 MILLION TO KIDNEY PATIENTS



Kuala Lumpur, Monday, 25th April, 2011 – Prof Emeritus Datin Dr Norella Kong thanked the public for their generous donation towards the Fund. In its Direct Mailer Appeal Project (DMA), a personalized mail appealing for support and donation was sent to 130,000 Malaysians last December. A generous amount of **RM1, 476,824** was raised in 3 months.

“We thank all donors for their generosity towards our cause for the past 17 years. Our first centre was at Jalan Ipoh with 7 machines and 20 patients. Now we care for over 700 patients with 178 dialysis machines nationwide. All this has been made possible with the support from the generous public, NGOs, state government and affiliated hospitals such as HUKM, corporations and government agencies like Perkeso and JPA.” said Datin Norella Kong as the Medical Advisor and Board of Trustee member for Medicare, who was the first consultant and had a hand in the setting up Medicares’ first dialysis centre back in 1994.

New Centres

“To-date we have relocated our centre in **Kuching** to serve **240 patients** at full capacity. Our Sungai Besi, Jalan Ipoh and Johor Bharu 1 patients were all moved into new ‘homes’ with bigger, better facilities.

7 other centres in **Kota Kinabalu, Kajang, Kota Bharu, Butterworth, Teluk Intan, Johor Bahru 2 and Mentakab** were refurbished, with proper segregation for hepatitis B and C patients. New medical equipments were also purchased.

Datin Dr Norella Kong then toured the new dialysis centre in Sungai Besi, which was previously relocated from Taman Maluri Cheras. The centre previously could only care for 48 patients. Now this centre can cater up to 132 patients with a maximum of 22 machines.

Also present was Madam Shirley Gomez, who raised RM 50,000 for the past 2 years to donate a dialysis machine to the centre.

“We have also received a RM 85,000 donation for 2 machines, which we utilized and replaced old machines in Kota Kinabalu and Johor Bahru-2, however the donor wished to remain anonymous – our special thanks goes to everyone who continuously support us” added ‘Aliyah Karen, Vice President of Medicare.

Enclosed:

Profile of Medicare and statistics on its patients.

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