

HANDS-ON ERCP WORKSHOP & 1ST LIVER CANCER UPDATE

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Mr Nik
delivering the
welcome
speech

KEEN TO START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT, Hepatopancreatobiliary Surgery Unit & Gastroenterology and Hepatology Unit, Sarawak General Hospital once again have combined forces to organize not 1 but 2 events back-to-back – Sarawak Hands-On ERCP Workshop & 1st Liver Cancer Update on the 12th and 13th January 2024 respectively.

Sarawak Hands-On ERCP Workshop was the first of its kind for us. The workshop was initially conceived in mind to introduce ERCP basic handlings and techniques to the local general surgeons and gastroenterology fellows. We were pleasantly surprised with the overwhelming responses from participants; not only from all over Sarawak but also from Kedah, Pahang and Kelantan. The full-day workshop was held at Endoscopy Suite, Daycare Centre, Sarawak General Hospital with the generous support of several industry partners who provided most of the much-needed consumables.

Keeping in mind the long day ahead, Mr Nik Azim Nik Abdullah commenced the event with a brief welcome speech.

**SARAWAK
ERCP HANDS-ON
WORKSHOP**

12TH JANUARY 2024
FRIDAY
ENDOSCOPY SUITE, DAYCARE CENTRE
SARAWAK GENERAL HOSPITAL

8 CPD POINTS

PROGRAMME

- 8.30-8.45AM
REGISTRATION
- 8.45-9.00AM
WELCOME SPEECH
- 9.00-9.45AM
TIPS & TRICKS ON DIFFICULT BILIARY CANNULATION
BY DR LEOW VOOH MENG
- 9.45-10.45AM
LIVE DEMONSTRATION
BY DR BALRAJ SINGH & DR JASJIT SINGH
- 10.45AM-13.00PM
HANDS-ON BY PARTICIPANTS
- 13.00-14.00PM
LUNCH & FRIDAY PRAYER
- 14.00-16.30PM
HANDS-ON BY PARTICIPANTS
- 16.30-17.00PM
CLOSING REMARK & GROUP PHOTO

ERCP SIMULATOR AVAILABLE ON-SITE

FACILITATORS

- DR LEOW VOOH MENG
SENIOR CONSULTANT HPB SURGEON
HOSPITAL SRI TANGGA SARAWAK
- DR BALRAJ SINGH
SENIOR CONSULTANT HPB SURGEON
HOSPITAL SELAYANG
- DR JASJIT SINGH
SENIOR CONSULTANT HPB SURGEON
GENEHALES PENANG

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SARAWAK GENERAL HOSPITAL
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This was followed by a comprehensive lecture titled *'Tips & Tricks On Difficult Biliary Cannulation'* delivered by Mr Leow Voon Meng. The baton was then passed to Mr Jasjit Singh as he masterfully demonstrated step-by-step the first case to the participants. Subsequently, in total 11 participants then took turns to perform ERCP under the supervision of 3 experienced facilitators – Mr Leow Voon Meng, Mr Balraj Singh and Mr Jasjit Singh. We also stationed several ERCP simulators on-site for the participants to practice on which greatly helped them to get a feel of navigating a side-viewing scope.



Navigating a side-viewing scope using a simulator

Supervising participants performing ERCP

The majority of the selected 16 cases were biliary stent removal with a few relatively straightforward biliary stone diseases. We managed to complete all the listed cases and wrapped up the workshop in the nick of time for all to enjoy the faculty dinner.

THE NEXT DAY,

the faculty converged at Waterfront Hotel, Kuching for the 1st Borneo Liver Cancer Update. The 1-day conference was officiated by YBhg. Datuk Dr Hajah Nor Fariza Ngah, Deputy Director General (Research & Technical Support), Ministry of Health Malaysia.

The opening ceremony



In her opening speech, she highlighted the indispensable role of integrated approach that combines all - medical, surgical, radiological, oncological, pathological, and palliative care, in the management of patients with liver cancer. This was reflected in the selection of topics – there was something for everyone as the presenters included gastroenterologists & hepatologists, hepatopancreatobiliary surgeons, interventional radiologist, oncologists, pathologist and palliative medicine physician.

Among the highlights of the conference were the symposia. The morning symposium was on ***'The Role of SIRT In The Multimodality Treatment Of Hepatocellular Carcinoma And Its Synergy With Immunotherapy'*** presented by Professor Pierce Chow Kah Hoe from Singapore. The lunch symposium was titled ***'Navigating The Treatment Landscape In Unresectable Hepatocellular Carcinoma'*** and was delivered via Zoom by Professor Kao Jia-Horng from Taiwan. Both international speakers expertly captured the audience's attention and paired with the convenience of using the Slido app, this generated an interesting question & answer session.

The faculty





ANOTHER ENGAGING SESSION WAS THE MDT PANEL DISCUSSION.

Moderated by Dr Izzati Wan Maharuddin (oncologist), the lineup of panelists - Professor Kao Jia-Horng (hepatologist), Mr Balraj Singh (HPB surgeon), Dr Lim Chun Sen (oncologist), and Dr Dhayal Balakrishnan (interventional radiologist) took center stage to discuss several selected real-life cases. This echoes the standard practice at our center where MDT meetings are carried out bimonthly.



MDT panel discussion



The evening session saw the fraternity being represented by our 2 speakers – Mr Balraj Singh on *‘Liver Transplantation For Hepatocellular Carcinoma In Malaysia: Where Are We Now?’* and Mr Leow Voon Meng on *‘Surgical Options For Hepatocellular Carcinoma’*.



All in all, the full-day conference saw 9 lectures, 3 symposia and 1 panel discussion presented to a full house of delegates who hopefully benefited from our collective commitment to advancing and sharing experts' knowledge and experience on the management of liver cancer.