

# MALAYSIAN SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY NEWSLETTER 2024

**A YEAR OF ADVANCEMENTS,  
COLLABORATION, AND  
COMMITMENT**

**As we close the chapter on 2024,  
the Malaysian Society of  
Nephrology reflects on a year  
filled with growth and significant  
contributions to the field of  
nephrology in Malaysia.**

**Our collective efforts have once  
again underscored the  
importance of collaboration,  
education, and patient-centered  
care in advancing kidney health.**

**Let us celebrate this milestone  
and relive the cherished  
memories that have shaped our  
journey.**



MALAYSIAN SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Prof. Dr. Lim Soo Kun*

**Dear Members and Friends,**

It is with great enthusiasm that I present this update on the activities and initiatives of the Malaysian Society of Nephrology (MSN). Since the current council assumed office on 27th July 2024, we have been steadfast in setting a clear direction for the society. A council retreat, held on 1st September 2024, laid the foundation for our strategic plans over the next two years.

## MSN COUNCIL 2024-2026

### VICE PRESIDENT

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Mushahan*

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Lim*

*Dr. Wan Hazlina Wan  
Mohamad*

*Dr. Loh Chek Loong*

*Prof Dr Nor Fadhlina  
Zakaria*

Guided by the vision of MyKidney Health 2030, we have introduced several initiatives that focus on key areas of development:

#### **A. Continuous Medical Education**

National CKD Roadshow – This initiative empowers primary care physicians to confidently manage patients living with chronic kidney disease (CKD). Launching on 15th February 2025, it will span 35 locations nationwide throughout the year.

#### **B. Sustainability**

Green Nephrology Initiative – Aiming to integrate environmentally sustainable practices into nephrology, this initiative seeks to benefit both patient care and environmental health. The first workgroup meeting, held on 5th December 2024, set the stage for the creation of a position statement and practical guide on green nephrology.

#### **C. Collaboration**

1. ADPKD Casebook – In collaboration with the Singapore Society of Nephrology, this project focuses on developing a comprehensive casebook on managing autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease (ADPKD). We hope this partnership serves as a foundation for future cross-border collaborations.

2. Meeting with renal pathologists to explore opportunities for further collaboration between nephrologists and renal pathologists, including increase access to electron microscopy.

#### **D. Advocacy**

1. Patient Advocacy Group – Strengthening support for patients with kidney disease is a priority. During World Kidney Day 2025, we will host a patient forum to foster dialogue and exchange ideas among existing patient support groups.

2. Malaysia Rare Kidney Disease Registry – This registry aims to systematically collect data on rare kidney diseases, accelerating research and improving care. A pilot project has been launched, with the first meeting held on 16th December 2024 to assess its feasibility and sustainability.

We believe that collaboration within the nephrology community is vital to advancing kidney health in Malaysia. As we move forward into 2025, I look forward to working closely with all of you in making these goals a reality.



# 2024 AT A GLANCE..

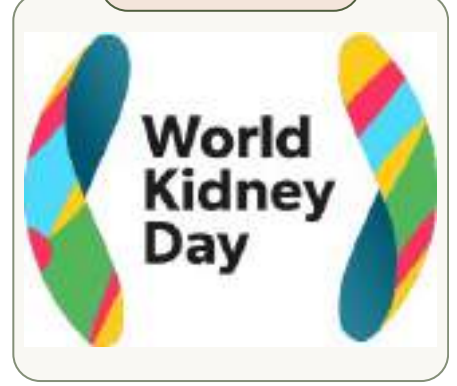
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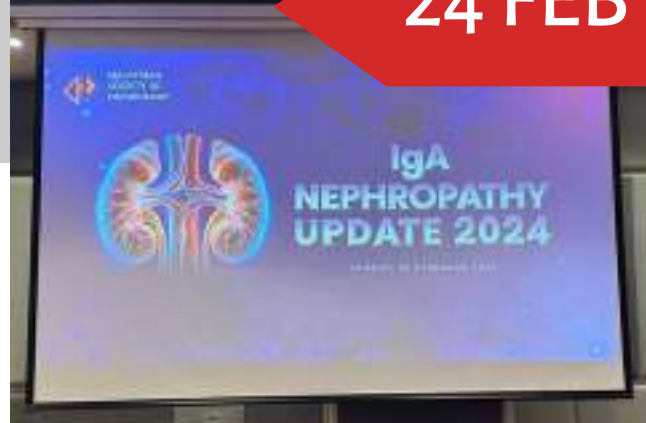
**We are thrilled to share the success of three events:**

- **Dialysis Townhall**
- **MyKAS Update**
- **IgA Nephropathy Update**

**This was the first event organised in 2024. Each event was a vibrant hub of insightful discussions, brimming with knowledge, hope, and progress, all aimed at enhancing patient care.**

**Our heartfelt gratitude goes to the esteemed speakers and enthusiastic participants who traveled across Malaysia to make these events truly impactful.**

**A special thank you to our dedicated organizing committee, whose unwavering commitment and hard work served as the cornerstone of these events remarkable success. Your efforts are deeply appreciated and celebrated.**







**9 MARCH**



# WORLD KIDNEY DAY 2024

*Taman Tasik Titiwangsa*







# MyCKD CPG Mobile & Web Application

7 MAY



The launch of the MyCKD CPG Mobile & Web Application, initiated by the Malaysian Society of Nephrology and supported by AstraZeneca, marks a significant leap forward in the fight against Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD).

This innovative platform emphasizes early intervention and comprehensive care, setting a new benchmark for proactive CKD management.

Our deepest gratitude goes to all our laboratory partners for their invaluable support in making this initiative a reality.

Together, we are shaping a brighter future for CKD care in Malaysia. Let's continue to collaborate and strive towards combating CKD!

DOWNLOAD NOW



# SCAN

# ME







# 38<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONGRESS OF MALAYSIAN SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY

BREAKING BOUNDARIES IN NEPHROLOGY



ORGANISED BY:



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SOCIETY OF  
NEPHROLOGY

ENDORSED BY:



The Malaysian Society of Nephrology (MSN) Congress 2024 offers a comprehensive program designed to advance nephrology practice and research. The event features a diverse range of sessions, including keynote lectures, interactive workshops, and panel discussions led by esteemed experts in the field. The MSN Annual General Meeting was also held, serving as a key platform for members to review the year's activities, discuss important issues, and elect new council members to steer the society forward.

**Congratulations to all newly appointed council members!**

**26-28 JULY**







**CRITICAL CARE NEPHROLOGY Masterclass**

Register now to secure your spot. We will bring you a remarkable experience as we engage in enlightening discussions.

**Our Spotlight:**

- Original Case Talk
- Case Based Discussion
- Personalized Patient Care
- Live Panel on Critical Care Nephrology

**5 & 6 October 2024**

**Putrajaya Marriott Hotel**



Organized by: **MSD**

Endorsed by: **CPD**

**2024 15TH MSN PD MASTERCLASS**

From Fundamentals to Practice

**14-15th Dec 2024**  
Element by Westin, KL



# More MSN Activities 2024



**MSD IN**

**15TH ANNUAL DIAGNOSTIC AND INTERVENTIONAL NEPHROLOGY MEETING**

Innovations in Renal Care: Redefining Dialysis Access Care and Interventions with Cutting Edge Technologies

**20-22nd December 2024**

**Key Topics:**

- Evolving safety with endovascular and
- Principles of vascular access monitoring
- Emerging therapies and interventional technologies
- Managing the vascular access complications
- Advances in hemodialysis and ultrafiltration
- Live cases of interventional nephrology
- Latest on the use of AI in dialysis care
- The evolution of dialysis care
- The evolution of dialysis care

**MSD IN**

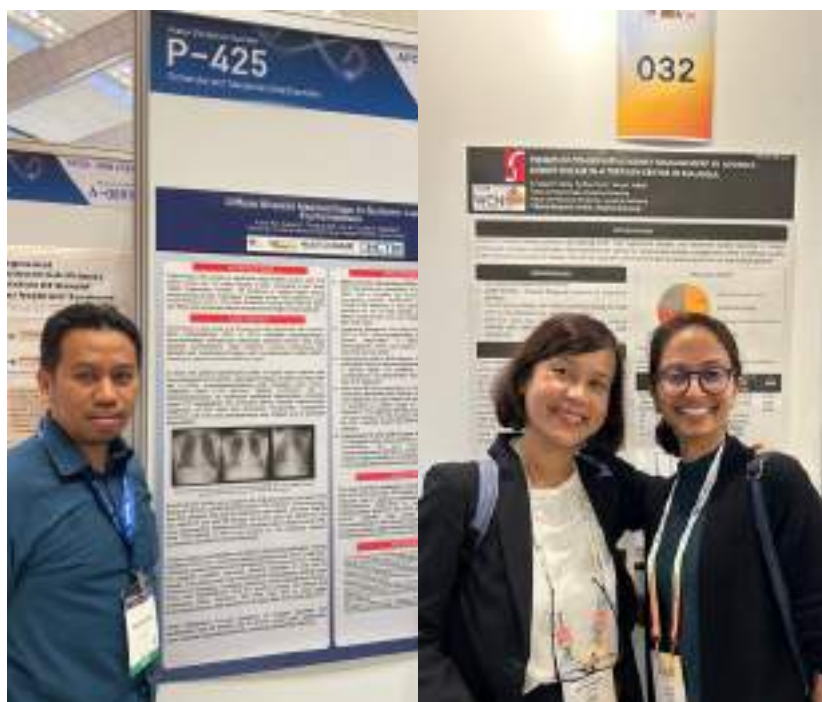
in collaboration with **CPD**



# EXPANSION OF EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE



In 2024, the Malaysian Society of Nephrology elevated its educational initiatives by collaborating with esteemed international organizations such as the Asia Pacific Congress of Nephrology (APCN), the World Congress of Nephrology (WCN), and the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis (ISPD). These partnerships have significantly enhanced opportunities for knowledge sharing and skill development, fostering growth among nephrologists and trainees.



Through these collaborations, MSN has facilitated access to specialized training programs and workshops designed to address emerging trends and challenges in nephrology. Highlights include:

- **APSN Training Programs:** Focused on regional advancements and innovations in nephrology, offering hands-on sessions for trainees.
- **WCN Engagement:** Provided a global platform for nephrologists and trainees to gain insights into cutting-edge research and multidisciplinary approaches to kidney care.
- **ISPD Workshops:** Delivered expert-led training on peritoneal dialysis, emphasizing practical skills and evidence-based practices.



# Nephrology Fellowship: UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

## Dr Tan Min Hui: A Journey To The West



Having completed my Nephrology subspecialty training in 2021, I developed a strong interest in glomerulonephritis and critical care. Managing patients with complex autoimmune disease often involves costly renal therapies such as dialysis and plasmapheresis, alongside intricate immunosuppression regimens. In August 2023, I embarked on a transformative journey to the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, under the International Society of Nephrology fellowship.

### Consultants and Nephro Fellows in Cambridge



### With Prof David Jayne



Overcoming initial bureaucratic hurdles, I am deeply grateful to Dr Sunita Bavanandan and my colleagues at Hospital Kuala Lumpur for their guidance and support. This opportunity allowed me to work under the esteemed Professor David Jayne.

Working with the world-renowned vasculitis team was an eye-opening experience. Transitioning to a new role as a visiting researcher and clinical fellow was thankfully smooth. I gained valuable insights from the renal ward, vasculitis clinic, multidisciplinary team meetings, research updates, and clinical seminars.

My enthusiasm for research led me to take courses on statistics and data analysis, conduct several clinical audits, and present the audit findings at the 21st International Vasculitis Workshop in Barcelona, Spain. Additionally, I also successfully published a review article on vasculitis management and initiated a clinical trial emulation project, further broadening my academic and research expertise.

Outside clinical duties, my family's support was invaluable. Together, we explored Cambridge's historic colleges and natural attractions along the River Cam. These moments, along with friendships formed during this period, will remain cherished memories.

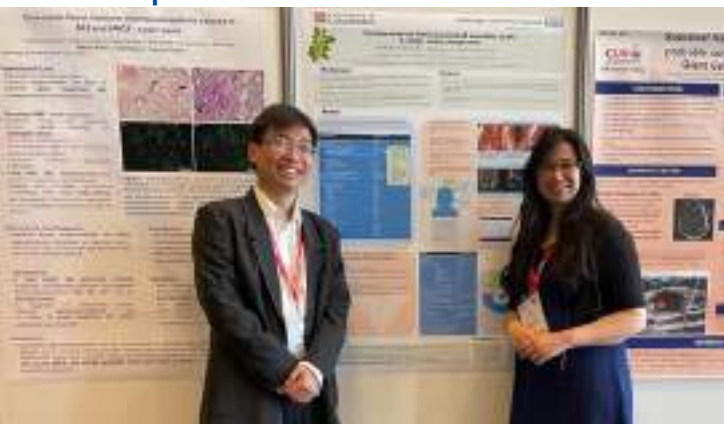
As I concluded the fellowship in August 2024, I reflected on the goals I had set. Under Professor Jayne's mentorship, I built a solid foundation in vasculitis and lupus and cultivated relationships with an inspiring network of professionals.

I hope that my journey can inspire fellow nephrologists to pursue further studies and training. Stepping out of our comfort zones in new environments and learn from global experts not only enhances our clinical and research skills but also broadens our perspectives. The challenges I faced and the experiences I gained have been invaluable in shaping my growth as a nephrologist.

I now look forward returning home to Malaysia and contributing to improved renal care in my beloved Tanah Air.

**Dr Tan is currently working as Consultant Nephrologist in Hospital Kuala Lumpur**

### Poster presentation at International Vasculitis Workshop in Barcelona



### Beloved family at King's College





# MSN- Young Nephrologist Committee (MSN-YNC)



## INTRODUCTION

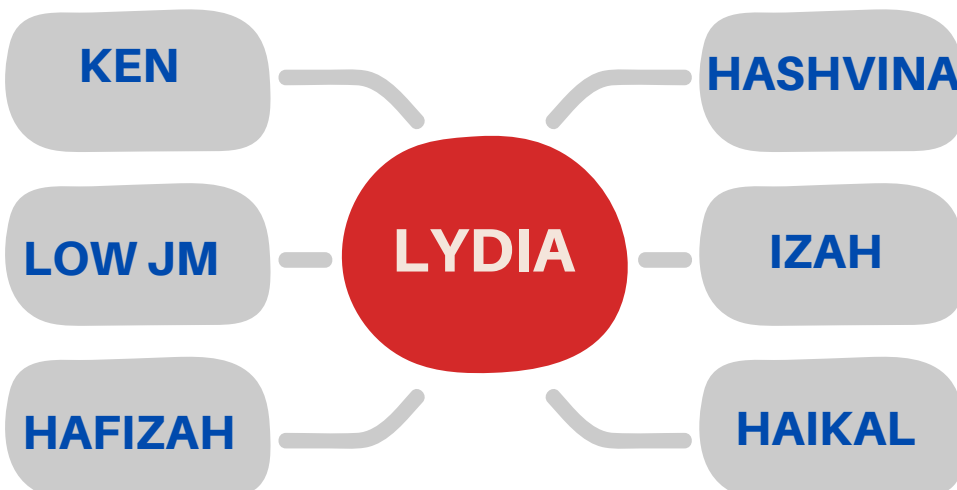
The Young Nephrologists Committee (YNC) is an established committee within the Malaysian Society of Nephrology and reports directly to the Council of MSN.

The young nephrologist is defined as any qualified nephrologist below the age of 45 who is a full member of MSN.

## OBJECTIVE

- Promoting personal development in leadership and scientific knowledge.
- Facilitating regional and international collaboration in research and networking.
- The MSN-YNC supports Continuing Medical Education initiatives and educational programs
- Contributing to community awareness activities, ensuring a well-rounded approach to professional growth and societal impact.

## THE TEAM





# Looking Ahead: 2025 and Beyond



To achieve the goals outlined in the MSN Strategic Plan 2024-2030, we have planned the following initiatives:



MSN  
Green  
Nephrology  
Initiative

5<sup>th</sup> December 2024



**Combat Kidney Disease NOW**

NATIONAL CKD ROADSHOW  
KL/01/2025

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CPD POINTS  
Available

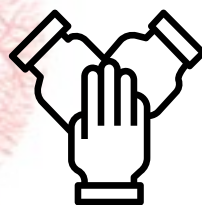
MORE THAN 50 LOCATIONS NATIONWIDE

Date : 15 February 2025 (Saturday)  
Time : 0800 - 1700  
Venue : Clinical Auditorium,  
Faculty of Medicine,  
Universiti Malaya,  
Kuala Lumpur.



Rare Kidney Disease  
Registry Pilot Study

16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024



COLLABORATION





# FUTURE EVENTS



**MSN RESEARCH GRANT 2025**  
PERIOD OF APPLICATION:  
5 DECEMBER 2024 TILL 31 JANUARY 2025

**MSN**  
**EXIT EXAMINATION**  
**13 FEB 2025**

**11<sup>TH</sup> APCM-ISPD 2025**  
in conjunction with  
**39<sup>TH</sup> MSN**  
ANNUAL CONGRESS

**TRANSFORMING & EMPOWERING  
SUCCESS IN PD**

**3 - 6 SEPT 2025**  
11th Asia Pacific Chapter  
Meeting of the International  
Society of Peritoneal Dialysis

**6 - 7 SEPT 2025**  
39th Annual Congress of the  
Malaysia Society of Nephrology



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# WELCOME

# 2025

It has been a tremendous honor to serve as the 2024 Newsletter Editor for the Malaysian Society of Nephrology (MSN). This year's newsletter is a reflection of the dedication, passion, and collaborative spirit of our nephrology community. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who contributed their time writing articles and sharing photos. Your efforts have made this publication not just informative but also a keepsake that we can cherish for years to come.

Thank you for an incredible 2024, and see you next year!  
Warm regards,

**DR. NURUL IZAH BINTI AHMAD**  
MSN Newsletter Editor  
Member, MSN-Young Nephrologist Committee

