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Press Statement for International Ipoh Fashion Week (IIFW™)

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The Paediatric Oncology service of the Paediatric Department, at Hospital Raja Permaisuri Bainun Ipoh caters for both out and in patients for Perak and the northern region. Much of the work is done as ambulatory care (daycare) but more seriously ill children (immunosuppressed) are admitted. There is also a follow-up clinic for long term survivors.

On average 65-80 children with a malignancy will present each year in Perak. Around 25 of these will be children with leukaemia, 8-10 with a brain tumour and 8-10 with a lymphoma. The majority (80%) can be effectively treated with chemotherapy and have a full life span.

Although the numbers of new children each year does not look very large, the intensity of care is very high. There are between 2-3,000 visits by these children each year, with 2,500 procedures being conducted (bone marrow examinations, transfusions, central venous line insertions, intrathecal chemotherapy, etc).

Although treatment costs to patients are minimal, with the majority covered by the government, families and their work is disrupted and there is a need for much travel. In the first year of treatment, the care and treatment and visits, are intense. This requires close monitoring and appropriate and adequate equipment, example volumetric perfusors, syringe perfusors, 4-6 channel monitors, and automated blood analysers.

The Paediatric Department, at Hospital Raja Permaisuri Bainun Ipoh welcomes the care of the general public and International Ipoh Fashion Week (IIFW™) in supporting these children and their families.

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