



Press Statement: Paediatric Oncology Services, Paediatric Department, HRPB Ipoh

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 70-80 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 would like to thank and International Ipoh Fashion Week (IIFW™) and the general public in supporting these children and their families. We are especially grateful to Mr Louis Sebastian & Ms Adeline Khan from Ipoh International Fashion Week for their persistence and perseverance in getting funds to support our services. Today we received 5 items amounting to RM 50,000. They include:

1. One 4 channel patient monitor that can help to closely observe ill patients as well as free nurses to do more nursing care.
2. Two syringe perfusors that can assist in delivering precise, small volumes of chemotherapy drugs in a controlled fashion.
3. Two volumetric perfusors that accurately deliver drugs and fluids over a longer period of time.

All these will enhance our services and improve care delivered to children with cancer. Our blessing to the organisers of International Ipoh Fashion Week (IIFW™) and the general public who made these gifts happen.

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