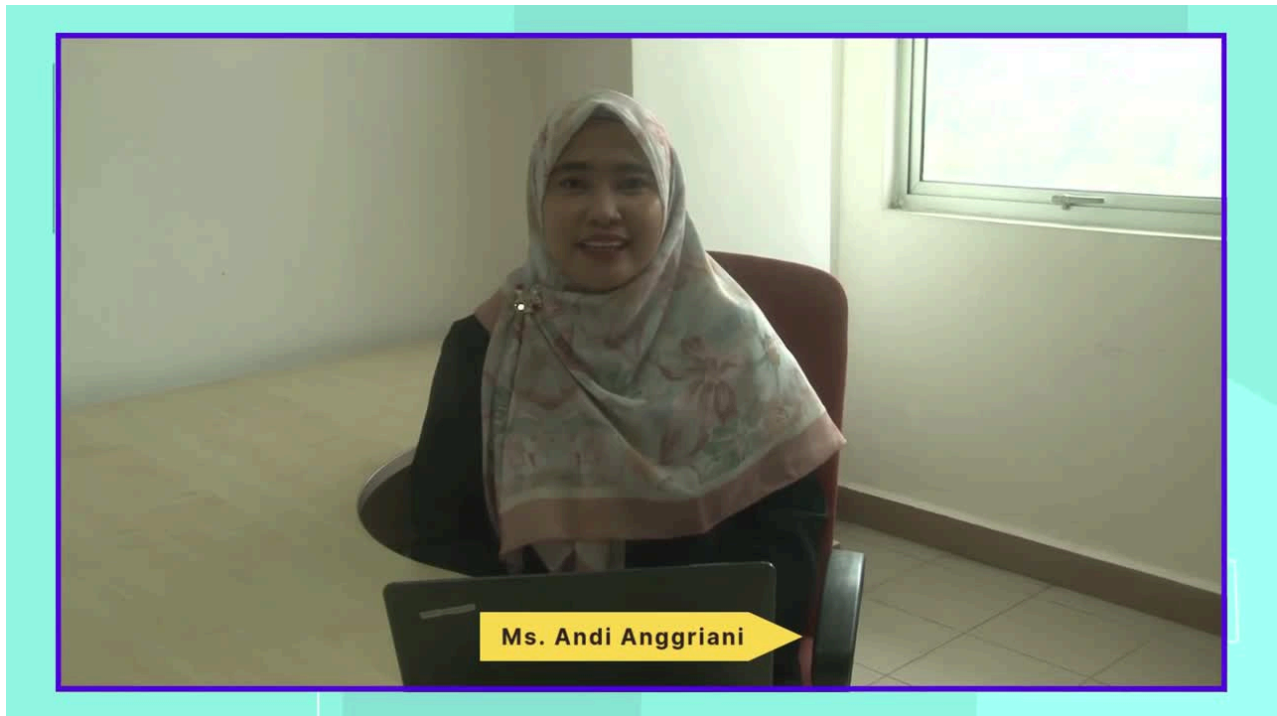




UNHAS-UiTM

Renal pharmacy research collaboration meeting

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From October 14 to October 26, two lecturers from the Faculty of Pharmacy, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) participated in a strategic joint research program with the faculty, aimed at bolstering research capabilities, enhancing manuscript writing skills, and expanding global collaborations. Both Ms. Andi Anggriani and Ms. Nana Juniarti Natsir Djide were selected for this prestigious program, supported by the Joint Research Program funding scheme from UNHAS. Ms. Anggriani, an expert in clinical pharmacy, has a history of successful collaborations with UiTM's Dr. Norkasih Ibrahim, particularly in renal pharmacy research. Ms. Nana, specialising in pharmaceutical microbiology, is at the forefront of establishing a new research partnership with Dr. Norkasih. The program commenced with a focused discussion on the work schedule and the next steps for ongoing manuscript publications. Ms. Andi Anggriani and Ms. Nana Juniarti Natsir Djide write about their experience during their visit here.



On October 16, we had the opportunity to assist Dr. Norkasih in delivering community outreach at Rumah Maahad Tahfiz Ismail, Puncak Alam. Dr. Norkasih led an insightful session on the history of pharmacy, essential components of prescriptions, and the critical importance of proper dosage in medical treatments. Additionally, we shared valuable insights on the types and effective use of Indonesian herbal products. This was followed by an interactive session where we co-facilitated the "Win or Lose" game alongside UiTM staff, an activity that was met with enthusiasm by the students.

On October 17, 2024, the joint research continued with the highly anticipated Centre for Drug Policy and Health Economic Research (CDPHER) research seminar. This event brought together students and faculty from UiTM, National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency (NPRA), and UNHAS. Ms. Anggriani presented research titled "Medication adherence and telepharmacy acceptance among hemodialysis patients: An Indonesian perspective," while Dr. Muhamad Fareed bin Mohamad Saroni from Dept. of ICT NPRA shared innovative insights on "Reengineering healthcare processes: Leveraging digital technologies for improved patient outcomes." and Dr. Norkasih from UiTM rounded off the session with a compelling presentation on "Navigating your research journey: A practical approach." The seminar was not only informative but also a catalyst for thought-provoking discussions, offering fresh perspectives on advancing the pharmaceutical field. It is poised to significantly influence students' academic endeavours.

Following the seminar, we engaged in a productive discussion about the research projects of bachelor's and master's students under the supervision of Dr. Norkasih. Our collective expertise allowed us to offer targeted feedback on research methodologies, ensuring the students' work meets the highest standards.

This marks our third visit to UiTM, and once again, we were deeply impressed by the institution's strong research culture, integrity, and enthusiasm. Our engagement with UiTM continues to inspire fresh ideas and a shared passion for pushing the boundaries of research. We are excited about future collaborations with the Faculty of Pharmacy at UiTM and are confident that these partnerships will lead to even greater achievements.