

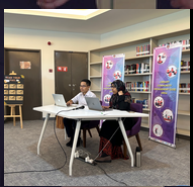


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FROM CLASSROOM TO EXAMINATION HALL: ANATOMY CLINIC BOOSTS CONFIDENCE AMONG YEAR 1 MEDICAL STUDENTS

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The Department of Anatomy recently hosted a successful Anatomy Clinic for the MBBS Year 1 students at the UiTM Sungai Buloh on February 22, 2024. This event was designed to prepare students for their Semester 1 examination, with an impressive turnout of 180 participants.

With the guidance of eight lecturers and ten Anatomy staff, the clinic aimed to help students gain confidence and excel in their pre-clinical examinations. The focus was on familiarising students with the examination components, which include Objective Structured Practical Examination (OSPE), Short Essay questions (SEQ), and Problem-based questions (PBQ).

The event was officiated by Associate Professor Dr Hazlyna Baharudin, Deputy Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Medicine. She delivered an inspiring speech to motivate the students for their upcoming exams. The Anatomy Clinic was divided into two main sections: a mock OSPE and an intensive course. The students were divided into 40 small groups; each had 5 - 6 members. This ensures personalized and effective learning for each participant throughout

the clinic.

The mock OSPE held in the Multidisciplinary Laboratory gave students a realistic preview of the actual examination. All participants rotated through six stations – four with questions and two rest stations. This hands-on experience was crucial for helping students to understand the exam's format and flow.



Simultaneously, the intensive course took place in Seminar Rooms 1 and 2, focusing on SEQ and PBQ. The students worked on two sets of questions, one for each type. Upon completion, the facilitators led the discussions on the answer and shared tips and techniques for tackling these questions, which involved two modules for Semester 1: General and Musculoskeletal modules.

The intensive course emphasized critical thinking and problem-solving skills, essential for medical examinations. By engaging with different question formats, students learned how to approach and dissect complex problems that will enhance their overall academic performance.

The program was successful and received overwhelming positive feedback. About 98.3% of the students rated the clinic as good or very good. Many expressed appreciation for the opportunity to boost their confidence and requested that the clinic become an annual event.

Through this program, UiTM Sungai Buloh continues to support the academic and professional growth of the students, ensuring they are well-prepared for the challenges of their medical education and future careers.

