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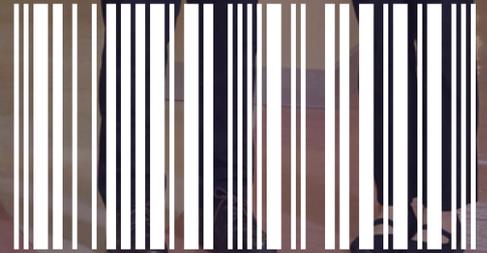
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# ANAESTHESIA BOOTCAMP 2024: PRIMARY EXAMINATION EDITION I (WRITTEN)

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On the 24th and 25th of February 2024, the Department of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) organised an educational program called the Anaesthesia Bootcamp 2024: Primary Exam Edition I (Written) at UiTM Sungai Buloh Campus. This program was an initiative to provide comprehensive preparation for candidates of the MMed Primary Examination in anaesthesia to excel in the written component of the exam by integrating practical exam experience with expert guidance.

This was the first of a two-part Anaesthesia Bootcamp series, with the second part focused on the viva voce (oral) component of the exam, held in March 2024. Building on the success of previous internal mock exams, this year's Anaesthesia Bootcamp was expanded to a larger scale, benefiting participants from outside of UiTM. The program drew in 96 anaesthesia postgraduate students from UiTM and other healthcare institutions nationwide.



## Program Overview and Goals

The program was designed to replicate the actual exam conditions and provide participants with a realistic test-taking experience to evaluate their knowledge and ability to perform under pressure. It was aimed to enable candidates to identify their strengths and weaknesses, improve their time management skills, and better prepare for the upcoming examination.

## Content and Structure

The two-day program was structured to cover key topics in basic anaesthesiology, with the first day dedicated to pharmacology topics and the second day focused on physiology and clinical measurements. Dr. Vimal Varma and Dr. Isqandar Adnan led an introductory briefing on the exam format, followed by mock exam sessions, which were the program's highlights. Each mock exam included Single Best Answer (SBA) and Short Answer Questions (SAQs). Participants received their marked answer papers after the exam on the same day. This immediate feedback was essential for self-assessment and targeted learning.



## Expert-Led Discussions

Following the mock exams, participants were actively involved in interactive discussions of answers led by the esteemed Prof. Dr. Karis Misiran, experienced examiners, and lecturers from the department. The feedback and advice during these discussions offered invaluable insights into effective exam strategies and performance enhancement, helping the participants understand which areas to focus on and how to improve their performance in future exams.

## Participant Feedback and Future Prospects

The participants' responses were overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing appreciation for the valuable experience that not only helped them in the current exam but also provided them with better insights on how to excel in future examinations. The positive feedback reflects a strong interest in and recognition of the value of such preparatory programs. The success of this program has encouraged the department to continue conducting it annually to enhance the competency and confidence of future anesthesiologists, thereby shaping the future of anaesthesiology.

