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ADVANCING GYNECOLOGIC SURGERY: vNOTES LIVE SURGERY WORKSHOP DEBUTS AT HOSPITAL AL-SULTAN ABDULLAH

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On 10 July 2025, Hospital Al-Sultan Abdullah (HASA) hosted its first Live Surgery Workshop on vNOTES (vaginal Natural Orifice Transluminal Endoscopic Surgery), led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bahiyah Abdullah from the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Faculty of



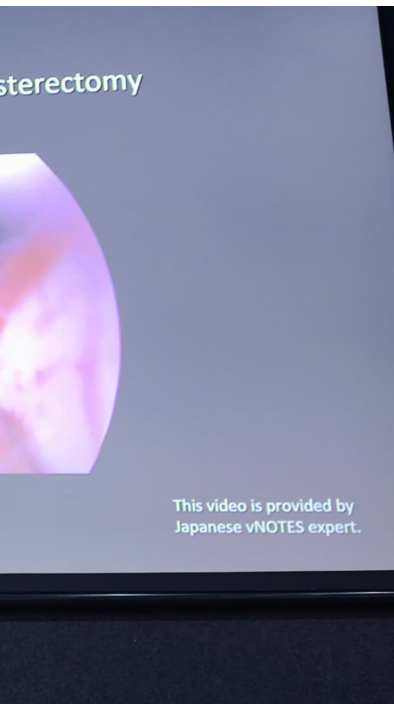
DR. JIMMY NOMURA delivered an engaging lecture on vNOTES hysterectomy.

Medicine UiTM. This groundbreaking event marked an important milestone for HASA in advancing surgical education and innovation within the field of minimally invasive gynecologic surgery.

The workshop featured internationally renowned vNOTES expert Dr. Masayoshi

LIVE-SURGERY of vNOTES hysterectomy was conducted.





SOME of the workshop participants with our invited speaker, Dr Jimmy Nomura.

Jimmy Nomura, who shared invaluable insights through two lectures: an overview of minimally invasive gynaecological surgery and surgical techniques with tips and tricks. These sessions offered participants a comprehensive introduction to vNOTES, detailing both the clinical rationale behind the approach and practical surgical techniques.

Following the lectures, the audience was treated to two live surgical demonstrations. These were conducted with real-time, step-by-step commentary by Dr. Nomura himself, who explained each stage of the procedures. The interactive format allowed for active Q&A sessions, enabling

participants to seek clarifications throughout the surgeries. This hands-on, immersive experience was particularly appreciated and cited by many as the highlight of the workshop.

A total of 30 participants, including gynaecologists, trainees, and medical officers, attended the event. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many describing the workshop as “eye-opening,” “highly beneficial,” and “an excellent platform to learn a new and promising technique.” Given that vNOTES is still relatively new in Malaysia, this initiative played a crucial role in building local awareness and confidence in its application.

Throughout the day, participants enjoyed a well-curated spread of refreshments, contributing to a welcoming and collegial atmosphere. The workshop’s success was a team effort, with the organising committee showing outstanding commitment and attention to detail.

This successful event was made possible by our sponsoring companies, whose support reflects a shared commitment to advancing medical education and patient care in Malaysia. The vNOTES Live Surgery Workshop has set a strong precedent at HASA, and we look forward to hosting future events that continue to foster professional development, innovation, and surgical excellence.