
PIONEERING VETERINARY PHARMACY IN MALAYSIA: UiTM HOSTS THE 1ST NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VETERINARY PHARMACY

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July 16, 2026, marked a significant milestone for veterinary pharmacy in Malaysia as the Faculty of Pharmacy, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Puncak Alam Campus, successfully hosted the 1st National Conference on Veterinary Pharmacy (INCVP 2026). The inaugural conference, themed "One Health in Action: The Expanding Role of Veterinary Pharmacy," brought together pharmacists, veterinarians, academics, regulators and researchers to explore the growing contribution of pharmacy to animal healthcare and the One Health agenda.

The conference opened with a welcome address by Professor Dato' Dr. Abu Bakar Abdul Majeed, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM, who highlighted the strategic role of pharmacy in veterinary medicine. This was followed by a keynote address from Datuk Dr. Mohd Noor Hisham Mohd Haron, Director General of the Department of Veterinary Services Malaysia.



The scientific programme featured distinguished speakers representing academia, regulatory perspectives and professional practice. Professor Dato' Dr. Mohd Azmi Mohd Lila shared emerging innovations in veterinary pharmaceuticals, while Datin Zahura Mohamed@Ismail discussed the regulatory framework governing veterinary medicinal products in Malaysia. Additionally, Dr. Manikam Kumarasamy provided valuable clinical perspectives on veterinary compounding, dose optimisation and medication safety.



Adding an important collaborative dimension, Associate Professor Dr. John Shia Kwong Siew highlighted interprofessional partnership in veterinary pharmaceutical care, emphasising that pharmacists can complement veterinarians through medicines optimisation, compounding expertise, antimicrobial stewardship, medication safety and owner counselling. Such teamwork enables different professionals to contribute their expertise towards a shared goal: safer, more effective and patient-centred care for animals.



A key highlight was the forum “The Future of Veterinary Pharmacy in Malaysia,” which brought professional leaders together to discuss workforce needs, regulation and national readiness. The afternoon programme further showcased emerging research through oral and poster presentations, culminating in awards presented to outstanding contributors.

More than just a scientific meeting, INCVP 2026 sparked an important national conversation. By creating a platform where veterinary and pharmacy professionals could exchange perspectives, UiTM has helped lay the foundation for stronger interprofessional collaboration and the continued development of veterinary pharmacy in Malaysia.

One Health. One collaborative healthcare team. Better outcomes for every animal.