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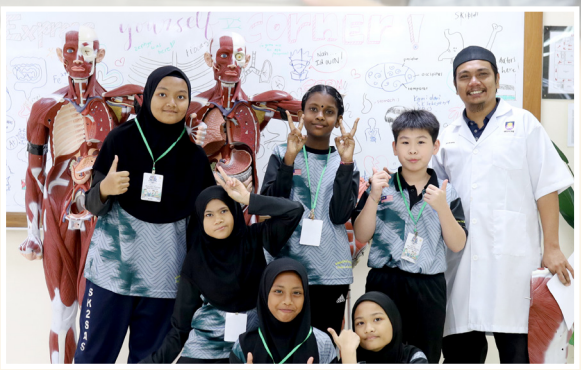
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ASSOC. PROF. DR. AISYA NATASYA and Dr. Am Basheeri facilitating the hands-on training at Station C and interactive session with respiratory fellows.

BRONCHOSCOPY NEXT LEVEL WORKSHOP: ADVANCEMENT IN BRONCHIAL BRANCH TRACING AND RADIAL EBUS

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The Bronchoscopy Next Level Workshop was successfully held on 4 July 2026 at KPJ Damansara Specialist Hospital 2, bringing together respiratory physicians, respiratory fellows and consultant pulmonologists from across Malaysia for a focused programme on advanced diagnostic and interventional bronchoscopy.

The workshop was organised in collaboration with KPJ Damansara Specialist Hospital 2 and KPJ Healthcare University, with endorsement from the Malaysian Thoracic Society (MTS) and the Malaysian Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology (MABIP).

Designed as a small-group workshop, the programme offered participants close interaction with faculty members and ample opportunities for discussion throughout the day. The programme combined expert lectures by local and international speakers with case-based discussions and hands-on simulation sessions, creating an engaging learning experience that emphasised practical application alongside current evidence.

Topics covered included three-dimensional airway anatomy, bronchial branch tracing with computed tomography (CT) correlation, procedural

planning for radial endobronchial ultrasound (EBUS), and recent developments in the field, including the evolving role of robotic-assisted bronchoscopy. During the practical sessions, participants refined their bronchoscopy skills under the guidance of experienced faculty, allowing them to apply newly acquired knowledge in a structured and supportive environment.

The interactive format encouraged participants to share clinical experiences, discuss challenging cases and seek practical tips from experts in interventional pulmonology. The close faculty-to-participant ratio also allowed for individual feedback, helping participants build confidence in airway navigation, bronchial branch tracing and the application of radial EBUS in the assessment of peripheral pulmonary lesions.

Feedback from participants was highly encouraging, with many appreciating the balance between informative lectures and hands-on training, particularly the small-group setting, which they described as one of the workshop's greatest strengths. Participants also reported greater confidence in interpreting CT airway anatomy, performing bronchial branch tracing and understanding the practical aspects of radial EBUS in routine clinical practice.

The Bronchoscopy Next Level Workshop reaffirmed the value of focused, hands-on training in advancing bronchoscopy practice. Beyond strengthening technical skills, the workshop also fostered professional networking and collaboration among respiratory physicians with a shared interest in interventional pulmonology. Such initiatives continue to play an important role in supporting high-quality respiratory care and the ongoing development of bronchoscopy services in Malaysia.



DR. WONG YEN SHEN facilitating a hands-on session on radial EBUS preparation.



ASSOC. PROF. DR. AISYA NATASYA PROFESSOR DATUK DR. HANAFIAH, Chief Medical Director of KPJ Healthcare, with Dr. Wong Yen Shen and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aisya Natasya ahead of the opening ceremony of the Bronchoscopy Next Level Workshop.