

## **A SHARING SESSION BY A VISITING RESEARCH FELLOW OF THE OXFORD CENTRE FOR CLINICAL MAGNETIC RESONANCE RESEARCH (OCMR)**

Dr. Shubashini Gnanasan, a senior lecturer from the Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM presented her research experience of being part of a clinical trial team at the University of Oxford. She has been conducting ethnography to understand the facilitators and the challenges of running a clinical trial under the supervision of Professor Masliza Mahmud from University of Oxford. She provides individualised pharmaceutical care to participants in the 'Follow-up, Open-Label, Research Evaluation of Sustained Treatment with Aficamten in Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (FOREST-HCM)'.

**The title of her presentation was “FOREST: A reflection from an ethnographic and clinical perspective.”**

Her presentation covered the practice and clinical aspects of the open-label extension trial. She described the research culture of the clinical trial team as a Fabulously Organised Research culture with Exemplary work ethics, Shared responsibility and Teamwork (FOREST).

She presented some case studies on hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, which is a genetic condition that causes the heart muscle wall to become abnormally thick. This condition can cause sudden cardiac death, especially in young adults.

She explained that aficamten, a small molecule cardiac myosin inhibitor was found to be effective in reducing left ventricular outflow tract obstruction but long-term safety data are needed.

Her talk enriched the knowledge on aficamten which is next-in-class targeting the underlying pathophysiology of the disease. The sharing session was attended by 37 lecturers and 2 students from the Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM.

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