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UROGYNAECOLOGY WEBINAR SERIES

It is a course of many firsts. Born during the highs of a pandemic and debuting onto the virtual stage at a time when virtual fatigue had well and truly set in, it was a course that went against all odds.

Gone were the conventional in-person course held at our beautiful Faculty of Medicine Campus in UiTM Sungai Buloh, where participants and speakers would mingle and gossip about the latest day-to-day happenings at work while listening to the esteemed speakers invited. The rapid departure from the traditional mode of delivery to a truly online course proved a challenge like no other to our department.

Organized by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Faculty of Medicine UiTM jointly with the Malaysian Urogynaecological Society, the Urogynaecology Webinar Series consists of 10 webinars conducted on Friday afternoons on the first week of each month since March 2021 on the Zoom platform.



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The faculty featured esteemed speakers from various local universities, including our Malaysian Ministry of Health hospitals and other private hospitals.

The scientific program of the webinar consisted of up-to-date topics relevant to the field of urogynaecology – which is a specialized field of gynaecology and obstetrics that deals with female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery. The speakers, each expert in urogynaecology, exposed participants to the most current medical and surgical treatment options.



At the end of the two-hour webinar, participants were allowed to interact with the speakers, thus exchanging ideas and questions. Quiz's with attractive prizes were also on offer. Undoubtedly, the pandemic has placed curbs on formal clinical gynaecological teaching, especially on subspecialty urogynaecological training.

This webinar has allowed the department to provide a good platform for urogynaecology teaching especially postgraduate training and strengthening sub-specialization education in times of a pandemic. With almost seven out of ten webinars completed, we reached nearly 800 local and international participants. It is with this that we hope to be able to cement our place in this niche area.

Transitioning from a traditional course to an entirely virtual one, we expected difficulties navigating the complexities of the world-wide-web and its connectivity. Despite this, the organizing committee headed by Chairperson Associate Professor Suzana Daud remained steadfast in its approach, tackling each problem head-on as it came. Thus, it is no surprise that the participant numbers remain high for each webinar, but feedback is also positive.

We wish to thank the Faculty of Medicine, UiTM, course advisor Associate Professor Dr Bahiyah Abdullah, our excellent committee members, speakers, and our sponsors for the unwavering support and good teamwork in organizing the course and making it a success.

We sincerely hope that we will see a return to normal by next year and hopefully be able to conduct a physical course. Till then, stay safe.