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EXTRACORPOREAL MEMBRANE OXYGENATOR THERAPY (ECMO) TRAINING FOR UiTM 1.0 WITH THEME: SHOOTING FOR STARS

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From January 20th to 21st, 2022, the Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery Department collaborates with Anaesthesia & Intensive Care and Eternity Healthcare Sdn. Bhd had successfully organised the first ECMO training workshop at Auditorium 3 Faculty of Medicine, Universiti Teknologi MARA Sungai Buloh. The event took a theme 'Shooting for Stars' that fostered hope and industry possibilities in this exciting yet challenging therapy. The article was based on a book entitled 'Le Petit France' by Antoine de-Sainte Exupery about (i) creating no boundaries for our potential and creativity, (ii) being the light of others, (iii) keeping doing good things, (iv) going the extra mile, while still having fun in the process.

The program focused on integrated situational preparedness for any possible ECMO scenes. The unique integrated simulated case-based scenarios appeal made this ECMO training program a critical factor in its success. Preparation began weeks before, where a series of discussions, meetings, dry runs and wet runs were done to ensure optimum effectiveness of the event.



Keynote speakers were Dato' Dr. Suneta Ismail (Consultant Intensivist from IJN), Madam Faridah (nurse educator of IJN) and Encik Ridzwan (Senior Perfusionist of Pantai Hospital Melaka). Each had the opportunity to discuss topics and concerns about this highly specialized and advanced support therapy. Despite the impact of financial, health, and economic constraints, many participants pointed out that the ECLS should be actively propagated to further Malaysia's growth, especially at UiTM. This workshop was intended to do just that and be a catalyst for further development of ECMO and other MCS therapy with more collaborations.

