



GUARDIAN OF PUBLIC HEALTH COVID19 RESPONSE ICON

TAN SRI DR NOOR HISHAM ABDULLAH IS A SENIOR CONSULTANT SURGEON IN BREAST AND ENDOCRINE SURGERY, PUTRAJAYA HOSPITAL. HE WAS THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HEALTH MALAYSIA FOR 10 YEARS BETWEEN MARCH 2013 AND APRIL 2023. PRIOR TO THAT, HE WAS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HEALTH (MEDICAL) BETWEEN JANUARY 2008 AND FEBRUARY 2013. IN THE YEAR 2023, HE ASSUMES THE ROLE OF CHANCELLOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CYBERJAYA AND TAKES ON THE POSITION OF CHAIRMAN AT UCSI HEALTHCARE GROUP

Specializing in breast and endocrine cancers, Dr Noor Hisham has contributed significantly to the field, publishing numerous papers and textbook chapters in endocrine surgery. His expertise was honed through training in breast and endocrine surgery under the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Fellowship training programme and obtained his Master of Surgery and Medical Degrees from the National University of Malaysia (UKM).



Furthermore, he chairs multiple medical professional councils and national-level technical committees and is actively involved as a policymaker in global organisations such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi). He is also a Councillor-at-Large (2017-2021) in the Executive Board of the International Society of Surgery (ISS) and chairs the Global Surgery Committee of ISS. In March 2020, he was elected as the Chairman of the Asian Association of Endocrine Surgeons. Since December 2022, he serves as the Chair of the World Health Organization's Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (SCHEPPR) on behalf of Malaysia.

NATIONAL HERO

Dr Noor Hisham has been conferred numerous local and international awards including the prestigious Fellowship Ad Hominem of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 2018 for his contributions toward healthcare. In 2019, he was given the honour to deliver the distinguished Martin Allgöwer Lecture at the 48th World Congress of Surgery in Krakow, Poland.



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His special interest lies in enhancing universal healthcare coverage to marginalised communities and bringing personalised healthcare back to the community and home through digital technology and creative innovation.