

MALAYSIAN ONCOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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WELCOME, TO MOS 4th EDITION E-NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S Message

Dr M Azrif

**Honorary President,
Malaysian Oncological Society**



The Covid19 pandemic has worsened in Malaysia these past few months with an increasing number of new daily cases and deaths. On behalf of the MOS committee, I wish to convey our deepest condolences to those who have lost loved ones to this disease. To those oncologists and trainees who have to look after Covid19 patients, please accept our thanks and best wishes.

Due to the pandemic, the MOS committee had to take the difficult decision to hold ASCOMOS 2021 on a virtual basis this year. We have decided to waive all registration fees this year and will reimburse in full those who have already paid. Please email us your receipt and bank details and we will arrange the refund accordingly. As MOS has already paid the deposit to KL Hilton, next year's ASCOMOS will be in Kuala Lumpur in November 2022.

The MOS AGM will be held two weeks after ASCOMOS 2021 i.e. on 13th November 2021 at 3pm and it will be over Zoom again this year. The link to the AGM will be emailed a few days beforehand. As it is an election year, please attend the AGM to be updated on our activities, give us your feedback

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and to vote for your new committee to steer MOS forward for the next three years.

MOS had a Clinical Trial section in our website and decided this year to update it regularly. If you have a clinical trial and would like to promote it to our members to help with trial recruitment, please contact MOS so that we can add it to our database. We will email our members whenever we have a new trial added.

MOS is also conducting a review of the MOS constitution so that it is more in align with our vision for the society and to revise/streamline our membership categories so that MOS can offer more benefits tailored to our members' needs. We will email the new draft constitution to all our members one month before the MOS AGM for you to read through before the meeting.

It is my final few months as the President of MOS and I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to the committee members for all their help these past three years. I would also like to thank Elaine and Mohana for their hard work and patience. Thank you also to all our industry partners and NGOs for collaborating with MOS in our activities. Finally, I wish to convey my deepest gratitude to all MOS members for your participation, comments and feedback and for choosing me to be your President for 2018 to 2021.



..... IS COMING TO YOU **VIRTUALLY!!**

Conference Dates :
29th - 31st Oct 2021

The Malaysian Oncological Society's Annual Scientific Congress 2021 (ASCOMOS) will take place from Friday 29/10/2021 to Sunday 31/10/2021.

As we face a severe Covid 19 pandemic at present, all live conferences are not permitted.

The ASCOMOS will therefore be conducted completely virtually this year.

Registration for delegates is free, so please encourage your nurses, radiographers, and physicists to register as well.

The scientific programme and registration details can be found on the Ascomos website: <https://ascomos.com/home/>

The last day for the participants' abstract submissions is 1 August 2021.

MOS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **(AGM), 13 NOV 2021**

MOS AGM will be held virtually again this year on 13th November 2021 (Saturday) at 1500HRS.

A month before the AGM, all members will receive an email with the agenda, minutes, and financial report from the previous year.

The MOS website (banner)/media will be updated weekly with AGM notices.

All members will be provided meeting access details (meeting link) a week and again a day before the AGM.

Members should email malaysianoncologicalsociety@gmail.com of any issues one month prior to the AGM.

This year's AGM is crucial because it's an election year for new office bearers. Remember to update your MOS profile to meet the voting quorum.

MOS CME GRANT

ALL MOS members are encouraged to submit their CME Grants claim before December 31, 2021.

There are two types of CME Grants for individuals interested in applying:

- 1) 2K CME (ONLY for Life Members)
- 2) 1K CME (ONLY for Life MO Members and Trainees)

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### 1) 2K CME (ONLY for Life Members)

- **Life Members of the MOS (Specialist):** To qualify for this 2K CME claim, you must be a member of the Academy of Medicine Malaysia (AMM).
- If you are not yet a member, MOS will contact AMM to process your membership application, which will include an additional RM650 claim on top of the 2K benefit. Your claim will total RM2650. After submitting your application to become an AMM member, you may begin claiming (even though your application is pending approval).
- Gather all receipts quarterly and send them to MOS ([malaysianoncologicalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:malaysianoncologicalsociety@gmail.com)) for reimbursement.
- The RM2000 is a one-time payment valid only for the year 2021 and is available to ONLY Life Members of MOS who joined prior to December 31, 2020.
- **MOS Life Members (New Specialists):** If you received your specialist qualification between January 1, 2018, and December 31, 2020, please submit your new qualifications along with your quarterly claim form.
- This RM2000 can be spent on the following **only**:
  1. [uptodate.com](http://uptodate.com) subscription for 2021 (1-year subscription or equivalent only).
  2. 2021 membership fees for ESMO, ESTRO, ASCO, ASTRO or IASLC (ESMO and ESTRO discounted rates for Malaysia).

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- This RM2000 can be spent on the following **only**:
  - 3. Registration fees for meetings/conferences (virtual/live) on oncology or cancer care held in 2021 only.
- \*\*\*This RM2000 is the total per member and **not for each of the three** items above so please choose wisely.
- Quarterly reimbursement dates are as follows:
  - March 31, 2021
  - June 30, 2021
  - September 30, 2021
  - December 31, 2021
- **All claim forms must be received by MOS by email one (1) week prior to the refund date.** If you miss the deadline, you will receive your compensation at the end of the next month.
- Those who are eligible should contact the Malaysian Oncological Society at **malaysianoncologicalsociety@gmail.com** to obtain a '**MOS Quarterly Claim Form**' and further enquiries on **RM2K CME BENEFIT**.

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2) 1K CME (ONLY for Life MO Members and Trainees)

- **The RM1000 is a one-time payment valid only for the year 2021 and is available to MO Life Members who joined before 31 December 2020 and MOS Trainee Members.**
- Gather all receipts quarterly and send them to MOS (**malaysianoncologicalsociety@gmail.com**) for reimbursement. The date of spending (date on receipt) is from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.

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- This RM1000 can be spent on the following **only**:
 1. **uptodate.com** subscription for 2021 (1-year subscription or equivalent (USD149) only)
 2. 2021 membership fees for ESMO, ESTRO, ASTRO or IASLC (ESMO and ESTRO discounted rates & trainee rate for Malaysia).
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MOS CLINICAL REGISTRY

The Malaysian Oncological Society is actively contacting hospitals (public and private) around Malaysia to collect data on all ongoing clinical studies and to make them available on the MOS website below the clinical trials section (<https://mymos.my/research-and-clinical-trials/>).

This data will be updated every three to four months and made readily available to all MOS members and other oncologists in order to assist them in recruiting patients for their trials.

If you are interested in submitting or updating information about ongoing clinical trials, please send an email to the MOS Research Liaison Officer at msianoncological@gmail.com or mohanavijayaraj@yahoo.com.

REMINDER TO ALL MOS MEMBERS...

**" TO UPDATE YOUR PROFILE ON
THE MOS WEBSITE
(MAINLY YOUR EMAIL
ADDRESSES/CONTACT DETAILS)
SO WE CAN REACH OUT TO YOU
ON TIME AND SO YOU DON'T
MISS OUT ON ANY IMPORTANT
UPDATES..."**

MOS **ENDORSED EVENTS**

If there is an upcoming event or activity planned in the year 2021/2022 that you would like to disseminate to all members, please email us at **malaysianoncologicalsociety@gmail.com**.

Below is a list of MOS endorsed events (1/8/2021 - 31/12/2021)

1) Best of Asco 2021

31 July - 1 August 2021

Registration: <https://malaysia.bestofoncology.org/>

2) ESMO Virtual Preceptorship on Head and Neck Cancer

24 - 25 September 2021

(Online Application deadline: 4 August 2021)

Registration: <https://www.esmo.org/meetings/esmo-virtual-preceptorship-on-head-and-neck-cancer-2021>

3) ESMO Virtual Preceptorship on Gastric Cancer

17 - 18 November 2021

(Online Application deadline: 22 September 2021)

Registration: <https://www.esmo.org/meetings/esmo-virtual-preceptorship-on-gastric-cancer-2021-november>

4) ESMO Virtual Advanced Course on Biomarkers for Precision Medicine

13 - 14 September 2021

Registration: <https://www.esmo.org/meetings/esmo-virtual-advanced-course-on-biomarkers-for-precision-medicine-2021>

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5) ESMO Virtual Advanced Course on Liquid Biopsy for Cancer Management

14 - 15 October 2021

Registration: <https://www.esmo.org/meetings/esmo-virtual-advanced-course-on-liquid-biopsy-for-cancer-management-2021-october>

6) ESMO Virtual Preceptorship on Breast Cancer

22 - 23 November 2021

Registration: <https://www.esmo.org/meetings/esmo-virtual-preceptorship-on-breast-cancer-2021-november>

7) ESMO Virtual Advanced Course on Clinical Questions in Prostate Cancer

9 - 10 December 2021

Registration: <https://www.esmo.org/meetings/esmo-virtual-advanced-course-on-clinical-questions-in-prostate-cancer-2021-december>

8) ESMO Virtual Preceptorship on Immuno-Oncology

22 - 23 November 2021

Registration: <https://www.esmo.org/meetings/esmo-virtual-preceptorship-on-immuno-oncology-2021>

MALAYSIAN ONCOLOGICAL SOCIETY

(M.O.S)

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