



MEDIA STATEMENT
MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

**LAUNCHING OF MALAYSIAN CONFERENCE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE
(MCPM) 2022**
AND
**CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES (CPG) ON MANAGEMENT OF DEMENTIA (THIRD
EDITION) AND MANAGEMENT OF SCHIZOPHRENIA (SECOND EDITION)**

Mental health is an important national agenda. The annual Malaysian Conference of Psychological Medicine (MCPM) 2022 is among platforms to address the importance of mental health for healthcare providers to share new knowledges in psychiatry, improve understanding of various mental health issues and discuss cohesive mental health interventions to tackle them. As highlighted in the theme of MCPM this year, “Embracing Diversity, Empowering Community”, the diverse mental health issues require various healthcare providers to work collaboratively with the community to empower them to take care of the people's mental health and wellbeing in the country.

Clinical practice guidelines (CPG) are statements that include recommendations to optimise patient care by a systematic review of evidence on alternative options. The CPGs on Management of Dementia (Third Edition) and Management of Schizophrenia (Second Edition) have updates of their holistic management which include prevention, screening, early diagnosis, treatment, follow-up and referral in general. Scopes are expended to include among others special population, and legal and social issues pertaining to each mental disorder. Various implementation strategies have also been conducted for better utilisation of the documents. It is hoped that MCPM's participants will benefit from the conference and healthcare providers, both public and private sector, will use the CPGs as their main references in management of the relevant mental disorders.

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