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Message

In 2001, the medical community in Malaysia embarked on the path of community-based treatment for opioid addiction. Today, we clearly see that treating opioid addicts as patients rather than as criminals have brought about immense change to the scenario. For more than forty years, addicts were criminalised and incarcerated using Act 283, Drug Dependents (Treatment and Rehabilitation) Act 1983. Hundreds of thousands would have gone through this system. Evidence have shown that this does not work.

With virtually no funding except for the conviction that addiction is indeed a brain disease, medical doctors have proven that there is now an alternative solution. Policy makers and legislators should now enact and enable specific regulations in the law to legally enable patients and doctors to opt for the option MAT. The evidence is compelling. Since 2002 we have taken in more that 24,000 patients into community-based MAT by a network of more than 300 doctors across the nation. HIV-related death rates and drug-related arrests have fallen significantly since 2014. This trend must be allowed to continue to save future generations of Malaysians from collateral damage of previous policy of the ward on drugs.

The Organising Committee and the Council of AMAM welcomes you to this 9th NatCAM to revisit our mission and vision. You will have the opportunity to share your experiences in this array of topics delivered by our panel of distinguished local and international speakers.

With best wishes for a most fruitful weekend of CME and CPD with us.

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