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GREETINGS!

Dear Friends,

May is here and we are back again with our 2nd Donor Digest! It's always a joy to be able to share how your support and contributions are being translated into tangible impact and resulting in transformed lives. For supporting us and making possibilities possible, THANK YOU!

In this 2nd edition, we will share the progress we've made one year into our MaGiC study and celebrate one of our longest serving nurse in conjunction with International Nurses Day. Finally, in line with World Ovarian Cancer Day, we'll be sharing 2 facts about ovarian cancer that could save you or your loved one's.

One of the many great things about writing a digest is that we get to celebrate and rejoice twice - once when we receive your support and now as we remember it in writing. You'll be celebrating too when you read about the difference you have made and are making.

From all of us at Cancer Research Malaysia, thank you for enabling impactful research and for saving precious lives! We are glad we get to partner together on this meaningful journey.

THE CANCER RESEARCH MALAYSIA TEAM

SAVING LIVES THROUGH TELECONSULTATION



Did you know that 1 in 9 ovarian cancer patients developed the disease because of a gene they inherited from their mother or their father? We now know that **genetic testing for ovarian cancer patients can help patients choose more effective treatment and enable family members to access screening and prevention**, but sadly, most Malaysians don't know and very few have access to genetic counselling and genetic testing services.

Because of your support, we has changed that. **We trained doctors from 23 hospitals all over the country to provide genetic counselling and this increased access to life saving information from only 2% of patients accessing these services to a whopping 58%!**

Here's what one doctor had to say....

In the past, such technology is only available in major cities, but through the efforts of Cancer Research Malaysia, we have democratized access to genetic counselling, enabling access to patients in rural locations through teleconsultation"

- Dr Mohamad Faiz, Consultant O&G, Hospital Tunku Jaafar, Seremban

There is still more to do! To read more about how we are continually seeking to increase access for all Malaysian ovarian cancer patients, head to our blog [HERE!](#)

WHEN PASSION MEETS COMPASSION

“It isn’t only us helping patients, but we are also learning from them – their values of life, kindness, humility, and perseverance.” – Mahes

This International Nurses Day, we celebrate our nurses who work tirelessly and give sacrificially to make a difference in countless lives.

MEET MAHES.

A nurse by training, Mahes always had an earnest desire to provide care and help to those in need. But what really drives Mahes is helping the poor and the disadvantaged. Combining the art and heart of nursing, Mahes leads our Patient Navigation Programme (PNP) which guides low income patients through their cancer journey - assisting them with medical treatment and decisions, emotional support, financial aid and patient recovery.

Over the past 7 years, more than 2300 women have benefited from the care of our nurses like Mahes in our centres in Klang, Seremban, Kota Kinabalu and Kuching. Your donations empower nurses like Mahes to support more low income women to attain access and continue life-saving treatment!

Read Mahes’ full story [HERE!](#)



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I CAN-CER VIVE!

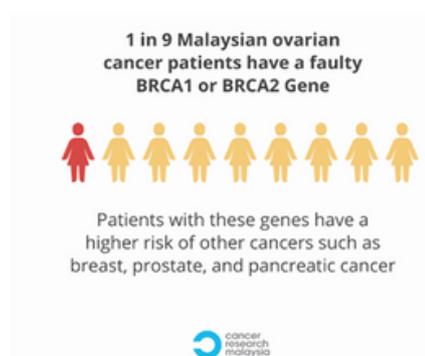
We beat cancer by how we live, why we live, and in the manner in which we live.
– Stuart Scott.

Ovarian cancer is the least common but most lethal female cancer. In conjunction with World Ovarian Cancer Day this May 8th, **here are 2 facts about ovarian cancer that could save your life and the lives of your loved ones!** #kitajagakita

#1 - Ovarian cancer is often called a silent killer – this is because the symptoms are not specific, there is no effective screening tool and most patients are diagnosed at a late stage. Here are some signs and symptoms you should be aware of:



#2 - One in 9 ovarian cancer patients developed the disease because of a gene they inherited from their mother or their father. If you have a close relative (e.g. mother, sister, daughter) who developed ovarian cancer, it may be helpful to find out more about your risk of inheriting an altered gene and what you can do to prevent cancer



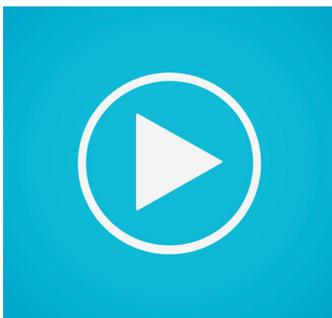
For more informative visuals about ovarian cancer, follow us our social media! You can find us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#) and share these life-saving tips with somebody today!

CONCLUSION

We have come to the conclusion of our 2nd Donor Digest. For all that you have done to support cancer research in Asians and for saving precious lives,
THANK YOU!

Your contribution and support is crucial in ensuring we continue to accelerate treatment and prevention for cancers in Asians, and close the care gap on the ground.

Until the next time, here are more ways to keep informed and further advance the fight against cancer



We recognize that sustainable impact is created through collaborative networks. On the 16th of April this year, our Chief Scientific Officer, Professor Dr Teo Soo Hwang, collaborated with Pink Ribbon Wellness Association to give a talk on Precision Medicine in Asians, addressing what we now know from the Malaysian Breast Cancer Genetic Study conducted by Cancer Research Malaysia.

Watch the recording [HERE](#)



Know of other organizations or individuals that would be interested to advance the fight against cancer?

Make recommendations [HERE](#)

Take care and stay safe!



***We thank you for your continued support!
Towards A Future Free of The Fear of Cancer***

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