

## **Obituary**

### **Dr Teo Wee Sin**

### **1950-2013**

On the morning of 6th April 2013, we, the medical fraternity was saddened with the untimely loss of a great colleague and friend, a talented orthopaedic surgeon in his own right. One who was dedicated with a genuine desire to seek perfection in all his endeavours.

The late Clinical Associate Professor Dr. Teo Wee Sin had an uncompromising work ethic. His reputation a legacy as he would like to be remembered outlives to a new era.

With his never ending passion for imparting his knowledge to the next generation of doctors, he accepted the request of assistance of UTAR (Universiti Tunku Abdul Razak) despite his busy schedule. He graduated from Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh in 1980 after achieving his MBBS from UM (University Malaya) 1975.

Teo attained post graduate working experience as a House Officer at General Hospital, Malacca between 1975 – 1976. He was Medical Officer at the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, UHKL (University Hospital Kuala Lumpur) as of 1976 – 1980. Our learned colleague imparted his knowledge

as a lecturer at UM from 1980 – 1985 and during the same years worked as a Specialist at UHKL (University Hospital Kuala Lumpur) as well. Teo served as Honorary Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon at Tung Shin Hospital from June 1983 and SDMC (Sime Darby Medical Centre) since August 1985.

Most colleagues, students and friends knew Teo as a kind and soft spoken person who took the issues of medicine seriously. His life philosophy and practices demonstrated the love of humanity without any boundary. Teo was a simple man and that simplicity was his ultimate sophistication. The lessons we learned from him are far beyond his medical experience. A man as humble and undemanding as Teo will always be remembered by those who knew him. He will be sadly missed by all of us, including his many loyal patients, friends and colleagues.

Teo is survived by his wife Pat, his daughters Karen and Hooi Hoon and son Henry.

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### **Dr. Baskaran Subramaniam**

### **1969-2013**

Our colleague Dr. Baskaran Subramaniam passed away at the Intensive Care Unit of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kota Kinabalu on the 17th. of April 2013. Dr. Baskaran was born in Kuala Kangsar in 1969 to a humble family. He obtained his MBBS from University Malaya in 1992 and did his internship in Ipoh General Hospital. He came to Sabah on his own accord and was posted to Beaufort. Two years later he was transferred to the Orthopaedic department of Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kota Kinabalu. He passed his Royal College of Surgeon (Edinburgh) Fellowship examination in 2001 and was gazetted as an Orthopaedic surgeon in 2003. He pursued his interest in joint replacement surgery by doing a one year fellowship in Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Singapore.

Dr. Baskaran was passionate of his work and through determination and hard work made available arthroplasty services throughout Sabah. He had established clinics and did arthroplasty surgery in places like Keningau, Lahad Datu, Sandakan, Tawau and Labuan. He helped start a Back to Work clinic with PERKESO in order to rehabilitate workers who had sustained work place injury to return to gainful employment. Dr. Baskaran was also actively involved as a member of the medical team for Sabah Rugby Association.

He was well respected by his colleagues and subordinates and much liked by his patients because of his soft spoken and compassionate nature. His demise is a loss for the Orthopaedic services in Sabah. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.