

## Malaysia to host 5th National Hepatitis Conference NHCMY 2020

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**37 national & international subject matter expert and 2 high-level plenary address sessions aiming towards eliminating Viral hepatitis**



Malaysia's official viral hepatitis conference will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 11th and 12th March 2020, supported by the Malaysian Health Ministry, aiming towards eliminating Viral hepatitis.

With over 20 thought-provoking sessions led by experts, 37 national & international subject matter expert and 2 high-level plenary address sessions, the Malaysian National Hepatitis Conference serves as an important professional knowledge and thought exchange platform that unites diverse multi-stakeholder groups to address concerns and strategize ways to achieve the elimination of hepatitis.

This conference spans geographical boundaries via international collaborations from 9 different countries that also seeks to highlight compelling research & studies from the region.

Hepatitis is an inflammation of the liver. The condition can be self-limiting or can progress to fibrosis (scarring), cirrhosis or

liver cancer. Hepatitis viruses are the most common cause of hepatitis in the world but other infections, toxic substances (e.g. alcohol, certain drugs), and autoimmune diseases can also cause hepatitis. Globally, over 300 million people are living with viral hepatitis with approximately 1.3 million deaths per year. In 2016, World Health Assembly adopted the Global Health Sector Strategy on viral hepatitis to eliminate hepatitis by 2030. Different World Health Organization member countries are working on hepatitis control strategies to achieve hepatitis elimination.