



Short Biography

Professor Doctor Norlijah Binti Othman MBBS (Mal), MRCP (UK)

Is currently a Senior Professor in the Department of Paediatrics of Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Universiti Putra Malaysia. She is also presently a senate member of the university. She completed her MBBS (Mal) at the University of Malaya in 1986. She obtained her MRCP (UK) at the Royal College of Physicians in United Kingdom in 1992. She further pursued her subspecialty training as a fellow in Infectious Diseases in 1996 at the prestigious Great Ormond Street Hospital in London. She was Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, (UPM) from 2010 to 2015. During her deanship, she was instrumental in procuring the RM600 million of the new 400-bedded teaching hospital and, initiating and setting up several new postgraduate program in Medicine and Health Sciences.

Her area of expertise is in pediatric infectious diseases, primarily on respiratory infections. Her inaugural lecture entitled 'Lower Respiratory Infections in Children-New Pathogens, Old Pathogens and The Way Forward', summarizes her work in this area. To date, Professor Norlijah serves on the editorial board of the journal of paediatric infectious diseases and has published numerous publications both international and locally. Her expertise in the field of paediatric infectious diseases has been sought after by many. She has presented many abstracts, lectures, and proceedings in various reputable conferences. Her current research interest includes pneumococcal disease, and respiratory infections in children. Her current academic achievement is securing an international research grant of \$USD100, 000 from Pfizer International LTD, entitled "Nasopharyngeal carriage of *S. pneumoniae* in children under 5 years of age in selected high and low-income states in Malaysia". As a senior professor and consultant in paediatric infectious diseases, she also holds multiple regulatory posts in both the ministry of health and University levels. She was one of the pioneering committee members and has remained as one of the National Specialist Registrar for the subspecialty since it was first established.

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