

# QUALITY CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH DIABETES PROGRAMME

## INITIATIVE #1: 'NADI ADVOCATE' FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

### 1. Objectives

'NADI Advocate' Initiative hopes to help healthcare professionals specifically the general practitioners to further improve the quality of diabetes care for people with diabetes and achieve conformity of standards in diabetes care in Malaysia.

### 2. Preamble

The rising prevalence of diabetes globally (Malaysia included) is an urgent indication that more needs to be done to combat this presently incurable disease.

At the health care level, the National Diabetes Institute (NADI) has been actively conducting programmes to further enhance the medical practice standards among healthcare professionals involved in the management of diabetes. These include the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Series with annual Diabetes Asia Conference and the Diabetes Complications Conference & Grand Rounds Recently, NADI also started the intensive Diabetic Footcare Course and the Managing Diabetes Course at its Diabetes Resource Centre (D' Centers) in Klang, Selangor. All of these educational activities aim to keep healthcare professionals updated on practical aspects of management of diabetes, its complications and related diseases, as well as the latest advancements in diabetes care.

This year, NADI will embark on 'Quality Care for People with Diabetes' Programme with an initiative called 'NADI Advocate for General Practitioners'. This '**NADI Advocate**' is a new initiative for healthcare professionals comprising a series of courses (lectures/case discussions) that will be held regionally throughout the country.

Through 'NADI Advocate', NADI hopes to help healthcare professionals specifically the general practitioners to **further improve the quality of diabetes care and achieve conformity of standards in diabetes care in Malaysia.**

### **3. NADI Advocate Regional Diabetes Course (NADI RDC)**

- NADI Regional Diabetes Course is a refresher course for healthcare professionals on the basic aspects of diabetes management.
- The 2-day lectures/case discussions will be delivered by experts in diabetes and will emphasise the practical aspects of diabetes care to achieve a minimum standard.
- **Attendees will receive a certificate of attendance and be eligible to enter a programme for accreditation as 'NADI Advocate'.**
- **Three (3) Regional Diabetes Courses will be conducted every year** (subject to availability of funding).
- **About 100 to 150 participants are expected to attend a Regional Diabetes Course initially.** The number is expected to increase once the course and 'Quality Care for People with Diabetes' Programme is more established.

**Outline of NADI RDC is in Appendix #1.**