



PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 1

Mental Capacity Assessment Across All Ages: From Childhood to Elderly Care – A Psychiatric Perspective

Date: Friday 24th October 2025

Venue: Le Meridien Hotel, Petaling Jaya

Time: 0900-1200 hours

Mental capacity assessment is no easy task.

As psychiatrists, clinicians, or allied health professionals, you're often running a tight schedule. Yet some clients stay on your mind; you can't help but wonder:

- What's the best course of action?
- I need to assess their decision-making capacity; did I do it correctly?

These are not just clinical questions; they're responsibilities that impact patient care, autonomy, and safety.

That's where **this workshop** comes in.

Join us for an in-depth and practical exploration of **mental capacity assessment**, from **children** navigating developmental decisions to **older adults** facing complex health and cognitive challenges.

What You'll Gain

- Clear, practical frameworks for assessing capacity across different age groups.
- Real-world case discussions to sharpen your clinical judgment.
- Guidance on making and justifying referrals.

Speakers:



Dr Emmanuel Joseph Pereira

Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist
Department of Psychiatry & Mental Health
Hospital Pulau Pinang



Dr Nurulwafa binti Hussain

Head of Department and Consultant Child &
Adolescent Psychiatrist
Department of Psychiatry & Mental Health
Hospital Melaka

**Dr Sapini binti Yacob**

Consultant Consultation-Liaison Psychiatrist
Department of Psychiatry & Mental Health
Hospital Kuala Lumpur

**Dr Surina binti Zaman Huri**

Medical Lecturer & Geriatric Psychiatrist
Department of Psychological Medicine
University Malaya Medical Centre

**Dr Muhammad Hanif Bin Abd Latif**

Medical Lecturer & Psychiatrist
Department of Psychiatry
Hospital Canselor Tuanku Muhriz Universiti
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**Dr Tan Khai Pin (Coordinator)**

Psychiatrist
Department of Psychiatry & Mental Health
Hospital Selaya



Time	Programme	Speaker
0830-0900	Registration	
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0900-0915	Introduction	Dr Muhammad Hanif Abd Latif
0915-0945	Incompetent or Incapacitated: Navigating Through Legal and Other Dilemmas in Capacity Assessment	Dr Emmanuel Joseph Pereira
0945-1015	Understanding Capacity in Children and Adolescents: Too Young to Decide?	Dr Nurulwafa binti Hussain
1015-1045	Capacity in Crisis: Navigating Mental Capacity in the General Hospital	Dr Sapini binti Yacob
1045-1115	Golden Years, Sharp Minds: Unpacking Mental Capacity in Older Adults	Dr Surina binti Zaman Huri
1115-1145	Q&A Forum	All speakers
1145-1200	Closing Remarks & Key Takeaways	Dr Muhammad Hanif Abd Latif
1200-1400	Lunch and Friday prayer	



PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 2

Responding with Clarity: Suicide Inquiry, Intervention and Postvention for Clinicians & Mental Health Professionals

Date: Friday 24th October 2025

Venue: Le Meridien Hotel, Petaling Jaya

Time: 1430-1730 hours

Helping individuals feeling worthless and hopeless: Enhancing Skills and Self-Care.

Self-harm and suicidality are rising clinical challenges. Clients often present with feelings of hopelessness and despair, or families reach out fearful for their loved ones' safety. These individuals frequently present in outpatient settings, be it hospitals, universities, private clinics, or community centres, where clinicians are often called to respond amidst the demands of a busy schedule.

The need for timely, compassionate, and effective intervention is critical, despite constraints on time and resources. This interactive workshop equips mental health professionals with **practical skills, systemic insights, and strategies for self-care** so that you can manage high-risk presentations with clarity, confidence, and compassion.

Key Learning Components

1. **Core Clinical Skills in Suicide Assessment**
 - How to conduct a suicide inquiry under time constraints
 - Identifying risk & protective factors
 - Developing person-centred crisis interventions and safety plans
2. **Systemic Lens on Suicide and Self-Harm**
 - How to conduct a suicide inquiry under time constraints
 - Identifying risk & protective factors
 - Developing person-centred crisis interventions and safety plans
3. **Postvention for Professionals**
 - Addressing the emotional impact of suicide work on clinicians
 - Tools for debriefing & reflective practice
 - Building resilience through self-care and supportive organisations

Why This Workshop Matters

Participants will leave with strengthened clinical competence, greater confidence in managing high-risk presentations, and renewed clarity about their role in suicide prevention and response. Beyond clinical skills, the workshop acknowledges the emotional toll of this work and provides participants with strategies to care for themselves and their teams.

Ultimately, this workshop aims to prepare mental health professionals not just to survive the storm of suicidality but to navigate it with clarity, courage, and compassion.

**Speakers:****Pheh Kai Shuen**

Lecturer and Clinical Psychologist
Department of Psychology and Counselling
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**Dr Ng Boon Seng**

Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist
Department of Psychiatry & Mental Health
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1430-1440	Introduction	Dr Ng Boon Seng
1440-1500	CASE VIGNETTE	Dr Yuen Wai Chong
1500-1545	Conducting a suicide inquiry in a busy clinic: 1) assessment of self-harming patients 2) brief crisis intervention safety planning	Mr Pheh Kai Shuen
1545-1615	Suicide and self-harm through the systemic lens	Dr Ng Boon Seng
1615-1645	Postvention for Professionals	Dr Nur Iwana binti Abdul Taib
1645-1730	Case Discussions & Interactive Q&A	All speakers
1730	Closing Remarks & Key Takeaways	TBC

FEES

EARLY BIRD / Life Ordinary Member	Full-day Workshop	RM 500.00
	Half-day Workshop (morning OR afternoon workshop)	RM 380.00
REGULAR / Non-member	Full-day Workshop	RM 750.00
	Half-day Workshop (morning OR afternoon workshop)	RM 500.00

Special Rates Available!

We're pleased to offer **exclusive discounted rates** for psychiatric trainees and other mental health professionals in training. Group pricing options are also available.

For further details or to register under these special categories, don't hesitate to get in touch with us at:

secretariat@psychiatry-malaysia.org

For more information regarding the conference, please visit our website:

<https://conference.psychiatry-malaysia.com>

Warm regards and see you soon!

The 29th MCPM Organising and Scientific Team