

UMS holds mass circumcision ceremony

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PITAS: The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FPSK) of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) jointly held a circumcision ceremony at the Outpatients Department, Pitas Hospital, recently.

The programme, organised by Pitas Hospital in collaboration with the Sabah Medical Welfare Association (Perkips), is an annual event. This year, it involved specialists and medical officers from the General Surgery Department, Queen Elizabeth Hospital (HQE) and FPSK.

According to the FPSK Deputy Dean (Research and Postgraduate) UMS, Assoc

Prof Dr Mohd Firdaus Mohd Hayati, who is one of the representatives of the FPSK, through the programme, it provides community service through activities such as free circumcision, especially to school students.

"The programme also included Continuous Medical Education (CME) talk and Credential and Priviledging (C&P) activities with medical officers and assistant medical officers at hospitals and health clinics around the Pitas area, aimed at providing accurate information on circumcision techniques based on the line the

guidelines set by the Ministry of Health Malaysia.

"Most complications such as bleeding and germ infections are due to techniques and procedures that do not meet the guidelines. We expect officers in the Pitas area to be able to perform the procedure safely and prevent the complications of circumcision," said Dr Mohd Firdaus.

The circumcision ceremony was attended by 60 children of all ages. Also present were Pitas Hospital Director Dr Gerald Marcus and Pitas Perkips Chairman Awang Nasran Harun.