

EDITORIAL

The Malaysian Journal of Pathology is the official journal of the Malaysian Society of Pathologists. The primary purpose of *The Journal* is to publish the results of study and research in Pathology, especially those that have particular relevance to human disease occurring in Malaysia and other countries in this region. The term PATHOLOGY will be interpreted in its broadest sense to include Chemical Pathology, Cytology, Experimental Pathology, Forensic Pathology, Haematology, Histopathology, Immunology, Medical Microbiology and Parasitology. The Journal aims to bring under one cover publications of regional interest embracing the various sub-specialities of Pathology.

It is expected that the articles published would be of value not only to pathologists, but also to medical practitioners in search of a scientific basis for the problems encountered in their practice, and to those with an interest in diseases which occur in the tropics.

This first issue features a symposium on scrub typhus, as well as review articles on complement and on the history of Indonesian pathology. In addition, there are papers on immunological and bacteriological techniques, and original articles on a variety of diseases encountered in Malaysia including systemic lupus erythematosus, influenza, paraquat poisoning, bronchioloalveolar carcinoma and fungal and bacterial infections.

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