

Tuberculosis – Prehistoric to present

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ABSTRACT

Tuberculosis continues to plague humankind from ancient times up to today. The disease, caused by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* is spreading at an alarming rate and more worryingly, the rates of drug-resistant TB (DRTB) are also on the rise. The Covid-19 pandemic further worsened the TB control globally. Malaysia has not been spared from the spread of the disease as it continues to burden our health system, causing both mortality and morbidity to our patients. Despite the increasing cases, there have been great advancements in TB diagnosis and treatment. These updates are emphasized in the Management of Tuberculosis CPG launched in 2022. New developments in TB management including latent TB infection management, newer drugs for DRTB and other aspects will be covered during this talk. It is hoped that with adequate knowledge and by working together at all levels of health care, we can stem the rise in tuberculosis in Malaysia.