

Kidney foundation taking steps to safeguard frontliners' wellbeing

KUALA LUMPUR: The National Kidney Foundation of Malaysia (NKF) has taken universal precautions to ensure all of its doctors and nurses are safe from the Covid-19 pandemic.

In a statement yesterday, its chairman, Datuk Dr Zaki Morad Mohamad Zaher, said this includes following the infection control and prevention protocols, as well as providing full personal protective equipment (PPE), when required by the healthcare personnel at the foundation's dialysis centre.

"On behalf of NKF, we are grateful for the generosity of the

caring corporates and citizens - providing us with much-needed support.

"We will ensure that the medical supplies and cash contributions towards the NKF Covid-19 Fund totalling more than RM300,000 will be used prudently to protect the respiratory health of our healthcare personnel across the nation - giving us the encouragement and motivation to continuously carry out our duties for our patients," it said.

The foundation's dialysis centre will continue to operate as usual throughout the MCO.

NKF has 28 dialysis centres running nationwide and to date, the foundation supports over 1,700 registered patients who visit the centre three times a week for a four-hour dialysis session.

Members of the public who are interested in contributing to purchase PPE and other medical equipment for NKF's frontliners and patients can channel their donations to the foundation Covid-19 Fund at 014011450041 (Maybank), visit <https://nkf.org.my/support-us/nkf-covid-19-fund> or call 016-230 1072. — Bernama