

**SPEECH TEXT
FOR NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF MALAYSIA (NKF)
18th ANNUAL DIALYSIS CONFERENCE (ADC 2025)**

**By
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**Bismillahirrahmanirrahim
Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh**

Good morning,

Yang Berhormat Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad
Minister of Health,
Ministry of Health Malaysia

Yang Berbahagia Dr Izzuna Mudla binti Ghazali
Timbalan Pengarah Kanan
Cawangan Perkembangan Perkhidmatan Perubatan

Yang Berusaha Dr. Mohamad Zaimi Abdul Wahab
Deputy Head of Nephrology Service, MOH

Yang Berusaha Dr. Thiruventhiran Thilaganathan and
Yang Berusaha Associate Prof Dr. Wan Ahmad Hafiz
Chairpersons of the ADC2025 Scientific Committee

Yang Berusaha Dr Sunita Bavanandan
Former Head of Nephrology service MOH,
Board member NKF

Yang Berusaha Associate Prof Dr. Wan Ahmad Hafiz
Chairperson ADC Scientific Committee

Yang Berusaha Mr. Choo Kok Ming
CEO of the National Kidney Foundation of Malaysia (NKF)

Distinguished guests from the Ministry of Health,
Esteemed guests and participants,
Ladies and gentlemen,

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1. Alhamdulillah, we are gathered here today by the grace and blessings of Allah SWT to convene the **18th Annual Dialysis Conference (ADC 2025)**. It is an honor to welcome each and every one of you to this milestone event in the journey of kidney care in Malaysia.
2. **Since its inception, ADC has evolved significantly.** From the early conferences to this 18th edition, it has grown into a **key platform for learning, innovation, and collaboration**. Each year, ADC inspires dialogue, sparks ideas, and strengthens our collective efforts to improve patient care. This long journey reflects the dedication, expertise, and collaboration of healthcare professionals, researchers, and stakeholders committed to advancing kidney health.
3. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to **Yang Berhormat Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad, Minister of Health Malaysia**, for gracing us with his presence today and for his unwavering support in advancing renal care and innovation in CKD management. Your commitment is truly inspiring.

Ladies and gentlemen,

4. The theme of this year's conference, **"INNOVATE, ELEVATE, TRANSFORM,"** embodies the spirit of ADC 2025 — embracing innovation in dialysis and transplantation, elevating standards of care, and transforming the lives of patients living with kidney disease. Chronic kidney disease remains a serious concern in Malaysia, with over **50,000 patients currently reliant on dialysis**, and the number continues to grow.
5. ADC 2025 serves as an important platform for nephrologists, doctors, nurses, dialysis centre managers, medical assistants, and allied health professionals to exchange knowledge, insights, and best practices. The programme features plenaries, symposia, and forums covering **a broad spectrum of topics**, including the *future of CKD and dialysis care, advances in kidney transplantation, green nephrology, vascular access, peritoneal dialysis, vaccination, and the physical, spiritual, and emotional adjustment of dialysis patients*.
6. This approach ensures a **holistic perspective on renal care**, reflecting NKF's commitment to improving patient outcomes through diverse and multidisciplinary insights.

Ladies and gentlemen,

7. This year, ADC 2025 aligns with a **historic milestone** — the adoption of **World Health Assembly Resolution 78 (WHA78)** in May 2025, which, for the first time, includes kidney disease in the WHO's Non-Communicable Disease agenda. WHA78 emphasizes **prevention, early detection, equitable access to treatment, and global collaboration**, reinforcing NKF's mission to reduce the burden of kidney disease in Malaysia and worldwide.
8. At NKF, our mission extends beyond providing subsidized haemodialysis care. We are deeply committed to **prevention, intervention, education, research, and advocacy**. Through collaboration with healthcare professionals, policymakers, and industry partners, we strive to raise awareness and implement strategies that improve patient outcomes.
9. I extend my appreciation to the **ADC 2025 Chairpersons, Yang Berusaha Dr. Thiruventhiran, and Yang Berusaha Associate Prof Dr. Wan Ahmad Hafiz** as well as the Committee members, for their tireless efforts in ensuring the success of this conference. I also thank our supporting organizations and sponsors, whose generous contributions make this event possible.

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10. Addressing CKD requires a comprehensive, multi-sectoral approach. Collaboration between healthcare practitioners, researchers, NGOs, the government, private sector, industry, and the public is essential. Together, we can make meaningful strides in reducing the burden of kidney disease and improving the lives of patients across Malaysia.
11. Continuous professional development initiatives, such as ADC 2025, play a critical role in enhancing the competence of healthcare professionals. I am confident that the knowledge and insights gained here will contribute to higher standards of care, professional growth, and ultimately, better patient outcomes.
12. In closing, let us continue to work together with dedication, passion, and collaboration toward our shared goal of fostering kidney health for all.

With the invocation of **Bismillahirrahmanirrahim**, I once again welcome you to the **18th Annual Dialysis Conference**.

May our efforts be blessed with success, and may we be guided in all our endeavors.

Thank you

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