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FROM THE EDITOR

"Reassurance that brings Smiles • 我们专业. 您安心"

You may already be familiar with Alpro Pharmacy, but did you know that Alpro is much more than that? Allow us to introduce you to the broader Alpro healthcare ecosystem, which includes Alpro Clinic, Alpro Physio, Alpro Sugi, Alpro Baby, Alpro OptiSaver, and Alpro Audiologi. These names may be less familiar, but together they form a comprehensive and interconnected network designed to bridge healthcare gaps and provide seamless, holistic care to the communities you are in.

Our ecosystem is crafted to meet the diverse needs of individuals and families. From pharmacies and clinics to physiotherapy centres, audiology services, optical shops, baby stores, and homecare, each component plays an essential role in delivering care that is both preventive and specialised. All with one focus-providing Reassurance that brings Smiles 我们专业您安心, meaning that we only focus on one thing, providing you with a peace of mind through our expertise.

In this edition of Health Matters, we are proud to reintroduce the indispensable role of the Alpro family doctor within this ecosystem. Often the first point of contact for healthcare needs, our Alpro family doctors are partners who understand your health history, address your concerns, and help you achieve your health goals. At Alpro, you can rest assured that you are in trusted hands, as our family doctors collaborate closely with pharmacists to optimise medication management, work with physiotherapists to create personalised rehabilitation plans, partner with audiologists and opticians to care for your sensory health needs, and

As we navigate the complexities of modern healthcare, the family doctor remains at the heart of our commitment to create a healthy & vibrant world. We are proud to highlight their role in this issue and invite you to explore how our combined efforts enhance lives across our community.

On behalf of all Alproeans,

We want to reassure you that our entire healthcare ecosystem is designed to support you every step of the way. From your first visit to our pharmacy to consultations at our clinics, and through the specialised care provided by our physiotherapists, audiologists, optometrists, and more, we are committed to being with you throughout your health journey.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue of Health Matters and find the insights we share valuable to your health and wellbeing.

Together, let us continue to build a healthier and more vibrant world.

Terima Kasih, Xie Xie Ni

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Tackling Child Malnutrition

Alpro Eat Programme

This year, Alpro Pharmacy is tackling child malnutrition with Alpro Eats Programme, which begins in Negeri Sembilan. This initiative aims to improve children's eating habits and school canteen menus. The programme includes expert evaluations of canteen menus, interactive school talks on healthy eating, and personalized nutrition plans for students. The Alpro Eats e-book details a Five-Step Guide for promoting healthy eating and has positively impacted over 10,000 individuals in its first phase. The programme, praised by educators and supported by health officials, reflects Alpro's commitment to enhancing child nutrition and fostering healthier future generations.



Supporting Pharmacy Education and Opportunities

Apotek Alpro Partners With Indonesia Universities

On 29 June 2024, Apotek Alpro proudly signed an MoU with 21 universities led by Asosiasi Perguruan Tinggi Farmasi Muhammadiyah Aisyiyah (APTFMA) to improve pharmacy education and opportunities for industrial experience in Indonesia. This MoU represents the start of an exciting journey to advance academic and healthcare excellence in Indonesia. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to gain international experience at Alpro Pharmacy in Malaysia.



Enhancing Healthcare Accessibility In Malaysia

Alpro OncoHelp Partners With DKSH

On August 28, 2024, Alpro Pharmacy announced an exciting partnership with DKSH to enhance healthcare accessibility in Malaysia. This collaboration will strengthen Alpro's ONCOHelp Program, which supports cancer patients by improving access to essential medications through DKSH's Patient Access Programme. The partnership also addresses affordability issues and supports Thalassemia patients, making a positive impact on Malaysia's healthcare landscape. Together with DKSH, we are committed to a healthier and more vibrant world.





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MEDICATION SAFETY, OUR PRIORITY

Alpro Pharmacy, a healthcare community center dedicated to serve our community. Starting off as a modest pharmacy in Port Dickson until becoming the largest prescription pharmacy in Malaysia, our vision is to create a healthy and vibrant world where individuals have access to the quality healthcare they deserve. We have our professional team of Pharmacists, Physiotherapists, Nutritionists and Dietitians on board that are ready to serve the community. Additionally, we have teams under Silvercare focused on elderly care, while mamabe provides expert advice for pregnancy, ensuring comprehensive support for all stages of life.



OBAT TEPAT, HATI TENANG

Medication safety is our top priority, guiding every aspect of our operations, now extending to Indonesia. Our expansion includes over 200 new locations in Jakarta, Bandung, and beyond. These key cities are central to Indonesia's healthcare, and we are committed to enhancing accessibility and inclusivity. Our pharmacies will offer a full range of medications, health products, and

professional services, all maintaining the highest standards of safety and quality. We look forward to bringing reliable healthcare to the people of Indonesia.



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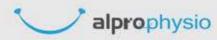
Established in 2023, we are proud to offer Japanese Drugstores for the first time in Malaysia, one in Starling Mall, one in Paradigm mall and it is expanding to East Malaysia. Opened with the collaboration of Sugi Holdings Co., Ltd, a leading Japanese pharmacy chain with 1,600 stores, we strive to deliver a new dimension of healthcare services that transcends traditional pharmacy settings to provide better health support towards the local community. We believe that everyone deserves access to high-quality and affordable healthcare options.

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BRINGING CARE TO THE COMMUNITY

Alpro Clinic is a primary care clinic committed to make healthcare accessible to all. Established in 2018 at Negeri Sembilan, our mission is to bring care to the community. The clinic places a strong emphasis on prevention, education and awareness. Led by our team of family doctors, we offer comprehensive support for families, maintaining detailed medical histories for each patient. We also extended towards Home Care Services to ensure no one was left behind in receiving the quality care they deserve.





EMPOWERING MOVEMENT, ENHANCING LIVES



In 2017, Alpro Physio set out on a mission to help people who relied on painkillers for their chronic pain or injuries. Starting off in Seremban 2 until having more than 10 outlets in Malaysia, we do not just treat symptoms, we look at the issue as a whole and offer specialised care for conditions like pediatric, sports injuries and even neurological challenges such as stroke and Parkinson's disease.

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HEARING SOLUTION FOR A VIBRANT WORLD



Alpro Audiologi is dedicated to enhancing the lives of those grappling with hearing challenges, which includes individuals of all ages. We now have our first audiologist center in Senawang, where we are able to provide exceptional audiological care for individuals experiencing hearing difficulties. We also offer Mobile Audiometric Testing to provide convenient access to hearing assessments, where we aim to create a better quality of hearing for all.



WHERE DREAMS FOR LITTLE ONES BEGIN

Created to celebrate the joy of new beginnings in life, this place is dedicated to expectant parents and growing families. Besides providing baby essential products, we are also here to provide guidance, support and a sense of community. We also offer safety car seats for babies to ensure safe traveling along the road. Not only this, Breastfeeding Consultation Services offered for new parents too provide professional knowledge in terms of navigating parenthood.







OptiSaver is dedicated to delivering high-quality eyewear and eye care at transparent prices. By streamlining our supply chain, reducing costs, and sourcing directly from factories, we ensure both quality and affordability. With a focus on professional optometrists, we provide thorough eye checks and personalised solutions. Our commitment to transparency and value is transforming the industry, making quality eye care accessible to everyone.





Reward for Alpro Fans: Ladini Hansoo



At Alpro, we continually seek meaningful ways to express our gratitude to the valued members who make our community thrive. This year, we are proud to introduce our latest redemption program featuring the elegant Ladini Hansoo Cast Aluminium Wok.

Running from 15th August 2024 to 15th February 2025, the program allows Alpro members to earn 1 sticker for every RM30 spent. Through this journey of collecting stickers, members engage more deeply with the Alpro experience. Upon completing their collection, members can redeem the exquisite Ladini Hansoo.

Feedback from our customers highlights the elegance of Ladini Hansoo, authentically made in Korea. For us, this initiative reflects our commitment to giving back to the loyal members who continue to support and engage with Alpro Pharmacy.

Corporate Client Engagement: A day as a Pharmacy Manager



As the largest panel pharmacy in Malaysia, Alpro Pharmacy offers medication services that help corporate clients reduce costs and provide easy refills for employees. With over 300 corporate partners, we are dedicated to exceptional service.

In August 2024, we had the pleasure of launching a new program at Alpro Sugi Starling with the participation of Ms. Joyce and Mr. Boey. Ms. Joyce and Mr. Boey had the opportunity to experience a day as pharmacy managers, gaining insights into its intricate operations and the crucial role in public health. This initiative allowed us to demonstrate the vital role our community pharmacy plays in providing quality primary care and outpatient services to both community members and corporate clients alike.





Family doctors are often the first point of contact for individuals seeking medical advice, whether it's for an acute or minor illness, chronic condition, or simply a wellness check. Their role is vital in providing comprehensive, continuous, and compassionate care for patients of all ages. But what exactly does a family doctor do, and how is the care at Alpro Clinic different from other family doctor clinics?

The Essential Role of a Family Doctor

Family doctors build long-term relationships with their patients, often seeing multiple generations of a family. This continuity allows family doctors to provide personalised care tailored to the specific needs of each individual. They are responsible for diagnosing a wide range of conditions, managing chronic illnesses, and providing preventive care like vaccinations, health screenings, and advice on healthy living.

Beyond treating illnesses, family doctors help patients understand the importance of lifestyle choices and preventive measures.

But here's where Alpro Clinic takes this essential role a step further—by creating a truly holistic and patient-centred approach to healthcare. Your doctor are available at any moment notice even via direct phone contact or app messenger.

How Alpro Clinic Differs from Other Family Doctor Clinics

At Alpro Clinic, we believe in offering more than just routine medical care. Our focus is on providing an exceptional healthcare experience, with an emphasis on wellness, preventive care, and comprehensive support. Here are the unique ways we stand out:

1. We Don't Work Alone — An Ecosystem of Healthcare Professionals

One of the things that make Alpro Clinic special is that we work in an ecosystem of healthcare professionals, including pharmacists, nutritionists, dietitians, physiotherapists, and optometrists. This allows us to provide truly holistic care through timely professional referrals.

For instance, if a patient has a chronic condition like diabetes, our doctors will work closely with a nutritionist and a pharmacist to tailor the best care plan, ensuring that dietary needs and medications are aligned. Annual eye screening to pick up any early signs of diabetic retinopathy can be done under one roof. What about a patient who experiences back pain? Apart from treating with pain medication, they will be referred to a physiotherapist within the same ecosystem. These collaborations offer you peace of mind knowing that every professional involved in your care is communicating and working together for your best interest.

2. Continuous Care Through a Detailed Health Record System

We understand how frustrating it can be to retell your medical history every time you visit a clinic. At Alpro Clinic, we eliminate that burden by keeping a detailed health record system that follows you from visit to visit. This means that whether you visit us in a different location or see a different doctor within our network, your complete medical history is available at the touch of a button.

3. Focus on Health Care, Not Sick Care

Many clinics focus on treating illnesses once they arise, but at Alpro Clinic, we believe in the importance of health care, not sick care. We strive to offer affordable, accessible, and reliable health advisory services that prioritise health maintenance, disease prevention, and wellness enhancement.

Our goal is to improve your overall quality of life by helping you stay healthy, not just treating you when you're sick. Whether it's regular health check-ups, personalised fitness advice, or guidance on maintaining a balanced diet and even how to plan for your year end holidays in medication preparation and vaccinations, our team is here to help you. In short, leave your health worries to us. We take care of your well-being so that you can focus on what matters most in life—your family, work, and passions.

4. Health Is a Family Matter

At Alpro Clinic, we recognise that your family's health is interdependent. That's why we treat health as a shared responsibility, emphasising the importance of ensuring that every family member is at their optimal health. Whether it's your child, spouse, or elderly parent, we take it as our duty to provide them with the best care possible.

We aim to create a supportive environment where families feel confident in our ability to manage their health. From preventive vaccinations for children to wellness checks for adults and chronic disease management for seniors, we offer a full spectrum of care to keep your family healthy and thriving.

5. Your Health Partner for Life

At Alpro Clinic, we don't just treat symptoms—we care for the whole person, focusing on long-term health, prevention, and well-being. Our team of family doctors, supported by a wide range of healthcare professionals, ensures that you receive holistic care tailored to your needs.

In conclusion, whether you are dealing with an acute illness, managing a chronic condition, or simply looking for ways to stay healthy, you can trust Alpro Clinic to be your partner in health. After all, your health is our priority—let us take care of it for you.



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Influenza **MORE THAN JUST A** SEASONAL INCONVENIENCE



By: Ph. Yi Ling Alpro Pharmacy Headquarters

Influenza is often misunderstood in Malaysia Many perceive it as a "cold weather disease," viewing it as a mere inconvenience rather than the serious health threat it truly is. But hidden from public view are the life-threatening complications, costly medical bills, and the heavy burden of caring for those who fall seriously ill due to the flu.

Influenza occurs more frequently than we think. Annually, it affects up to 15% of the population-meaning every 1-2 out of 10 people will experience influenza in a year. In our country, cases peak between December and March and again between May and August, especially during the rainy seasons.

Unlike the common cold, influenza is a more serious illness. It typically begins with fever, sore throat, headache, body aches, and extreme fatigue, often followed by a runny nose and dry cough.

A Real Case Study: Influenza in the Elderly

The COVID-19 pandemic has made us acutely aware of how viral infections can lead to serious complications. The same is true for influenza.

A recent story shared by one of my regular customers brings this into sharp focus. His grandmother, Mdm Tan, passed away due to complications from influenza. Mdm Tan was living with pulmonary fibrosis, a condition where the lungs become scarred over time. Despite her health challenges, she remained optimistic and had a daily routine of checking her blood sugar and blood pressure before enjoying breakfast at the Kopitiam next to our pharmacy.

Earlier this year, she was admitted to the hospital with influenza, which severely complicated her existing condition. She was placed on an oxygen concentrator to help her breathe. Despite her positive outlook and determination to improve her health, Mdm Tan was readmitted a few months later with another bout of influenza. Tragically, her lung function declined, and she passed away on the third day of her hospital stay.

This heartbreaking case underscores that older adults are at higher risk for serious flu-related complications, including pneumonia and hospitalization. Moreover, influenza increases the risk of heart attack by 3-5 times and stroke by 2-3 times within the first two weeks of infection for those aged 65 and above.

"I Am Healthy and Fit as a Fiddle— Why Do I Need the Flu Vaccine?"

During Mdm Tan's first hospital admission, I reached out to her family, encouraging them to get their annual flu vaccination. Like many others, they felt they didn't need it because they were healthy.

You might be surprised to learn that less than 3% of Malaysians receive their flu vaccination annually, and those who do often do so in preparation for travel. However, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone aged 6 months and older get vaccinated annually against the flu. The vaccine not only reduces the risk of flurelated complications but also protects our family members-especially those most vulnerable, such as newborns, pregnant mothers, senior citizens, and individuals with weakened immune systems.

It's also important to note that influenza patients are contagious one day before symptoms appear and up to seven days after-much like COVID-19. We unintentionally spread the virus to our loved ones without even knowing it.

"Where Can I Get My Annual Flu Vaccination, and Why Every Year?"

Fortunately, most clinics, including Alpro Clinic, as well as hospitals, offer flu vaccination services.

It's crucial to get the flu vaccine annually because the influenza virus mutates each year. This means flu vaccines are updated seasonally to protect against the strains that research predicts will be prevalent in the upcoming flu season. Additionally, the immune protection provided by the flu vaccine diminishes over time, making an annual flu shot the best way to protect both ourselves and our loved ones.

Key Takeaways

The best way to prevent influenza is by getting the annual flu vaccine. It significantly reduces the risk of influenza-related illness and serious complications that could lead to hospitalization

We have the means to protect ourselves and the most vulnerable among us from influenza. It is imperative that we do so. Don't wait until it's too late-visit your nearest clinic or pharmacy, including Alpro Clinic, to get your annual flu vaccination. By protecting yourself, you're also safeguarding your loved ones and contributing to the overall health of our community.

Stay informed, get vaccinated, and help prevent the spread of influenza.

Advise From Family Doctor

Influenza is a serious illness that can lead to severe complications like pneumonia, heart attacks, and strokes. Annual flu vaccinations are crucial, as they protect against the most common strains each year. Consult your family doctor about vaccination and encourage loved ones to do the same to prevent the spread of the virus.

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Journey milestones Alpro June 2023 106 2027 oncohelp

As a community pharmacy, we see countless of worried patients and stressed families when knowing themselves or their loved ones suffer from cancer. It is not only about the physical pain, but the financial burden is also

Alpro Pharmacy has a bold thought, is that possible to help patients with 0% profit, faster accessibility and easier payment method via 0% interest?

With the strong support of many in this journey, we made some crazy decisions that we are very proud of. Not only that, but we also managed to meet our promise on 0% profit (customer pay exact cost that we get) and 0% interest rate on easy payment plan, we partner with many who believed in doing good to make oncology medication more accessible and safe. Alpro ePharmacy team is a strong arm in this project to provide free consultation every day, 9am - 10pm with thorough guide plan to patient and their

The journey in treatment and rehabilitation is tough and rough. Alpro oncohelp strives to be your biggest support. Our careline (010-2621923), be it for Metabolic Basic milk formula donation or getting access to medicine, you have us, Alpro Pharmacy in this journey.

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Alpro x Hong Leong Bank Program (a collaboration that eases the financial nedication and simplifies cost management)



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13.06.2023 - Alpro Pharmacy and the National Cancer Society of Malaysia (NCSM), have come together to mprove the lives of cancer atients and survivors





Alpro Pharmacy and MSD Malaysia partner to Broaden the access of Oncology Care. The partnership aims to expand access to oncology medications, raise cancer awareness, and strengthen the availability of oncology reatments, culminating in he establishment of Alpro oncohelp. a dedicated one-stop center for cancer patients and their families



28.8.2024

we are excited to announce a significant partnership with DKSH. imed at furthering our shared commitment to enhancing healthcare accessibility across Malaysia. This strategic collaboration is poised to

strengthen Alpro Pharmacy's oncoheip Program, a dedicated initiative designed to support cancer patients by improving access to essential medications. Through DKSH's Patient Access Programme (PAP), we are addressing affordability challenges, ensuring that life-saving treatments are accessible to all patients nationwide. This partnership also supports the well-being of Thalassemia patients and positively impacts Malaysia's healthcare landscape

癌症战士(alpro)



oncohelp

一人病倒, 全家吃草





亚人会有1名在一生

在医学昌明、科技发达的今天、人们依旧"闻癌色变"。 在马来西亚, 2020年, 全马新增的癌症病例有48,639 宗, 这个数目被推测在2040年将翻倍。平均, 每10 名马来西亚人会有1名在一生中被诊断出癌症。其 中,在马来西亚最普遍的癌症为乳癌、大肠癌、肺癌、 鼻咽癌和肝癌。











古代,癌症似乎是死亡的代名词,因为它不仅会转移扩 散,治疗上以前也没有太多的选择。现今,医学体系比 较完善, 筛查的程序和成本都相对的较低, 所以更多 人在初期时被诊断,其实是件好事。

癌症可以被治疗, 但另外一个问题来了, 治疗癌症可 以倾家荡产, 尤其是靶向药物。靶向药物可以精准找 到致癌位点,在不伤害周围正常组织的同时治疗癌症。 在政府医院, 因为有限的资源, 如果已经超过预算, 那 么病人就需要在外面购买。从好几万到上百千,这时, 我看过有些病人会自己放弃. 尤其是晚期患者。我曾 听过这样的一段话"倾家荡产也只能多活几年,我已 经继续治疗吗?"

Alpro OncoHELP 立志全方位改善癌症 患者生活,为健康带来希望与支持

大专药剂的顾客, 如同我们的粉丝, 他们的担心亦是 我们让我们揪心的点。我们的观点是, 过程很苦, 但 我们应该和时间赛跑, 把握每一个治疗的机会。就这 样,一个不太理智,但最后实现的癌症患者辅助计划 (Alpro OncoHELP) 诞生了。



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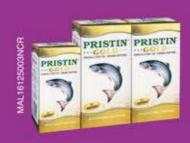


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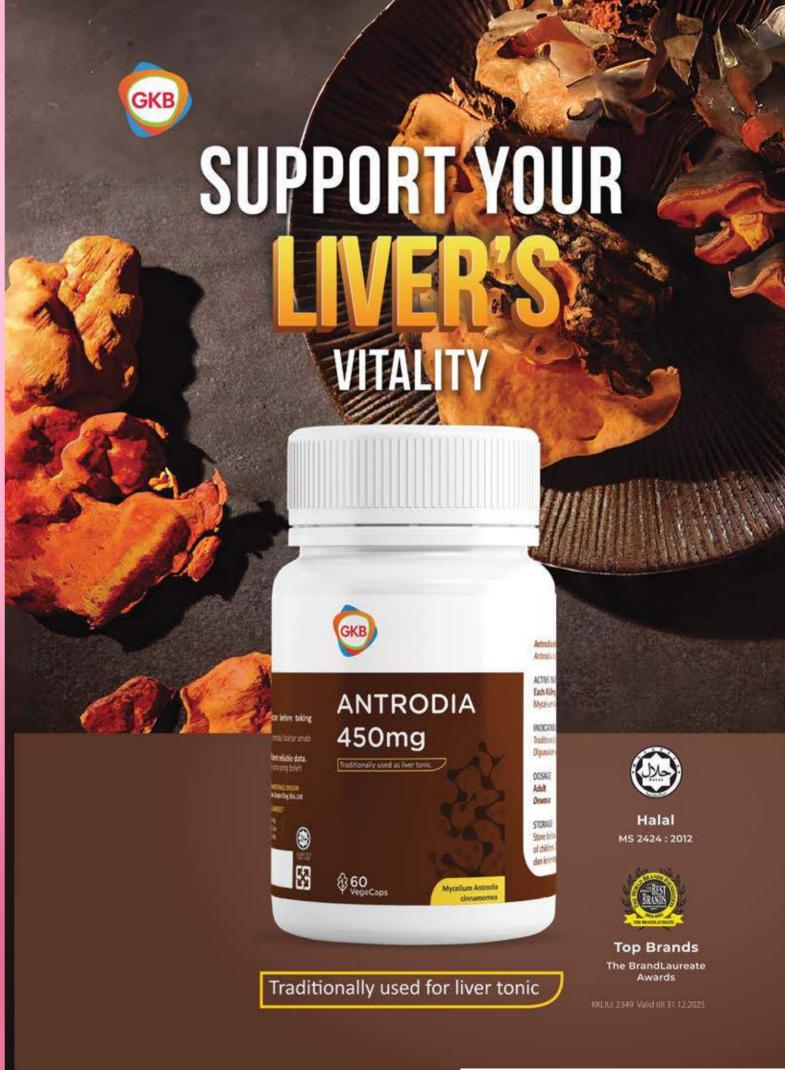
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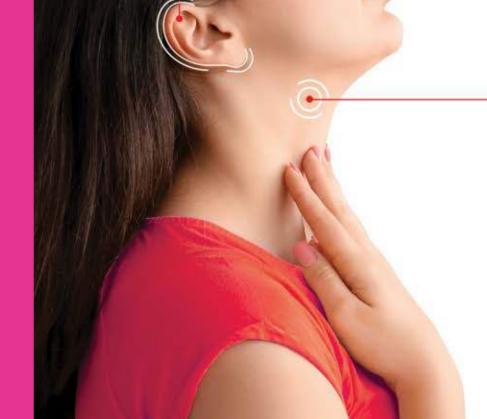
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Salida Munira Johari¹, Nurul Huda Razalli², Kai Jia Chua¹ and Suzana Shahar²

Background The aim of this study was to determine the effect of a Self-Monitoring Blood Glucose (SMBG) interven-tion package through a subscription model in improving HbA1c and health parameters among type-2 diabetes mel-tious (T2DM) individuals in Malaysia.

Methods This is a quasi-experimental study involving a *
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SugO365 is a digitalized diabetes care subscription program that equips you with the essential tools for daily blood glucose self-monitoring. It features an app that instantly connects you with healthcare professionals including pharmacists, nutritionists, and dietitians, providing personalised advice exactly when you need it.

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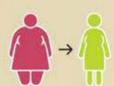
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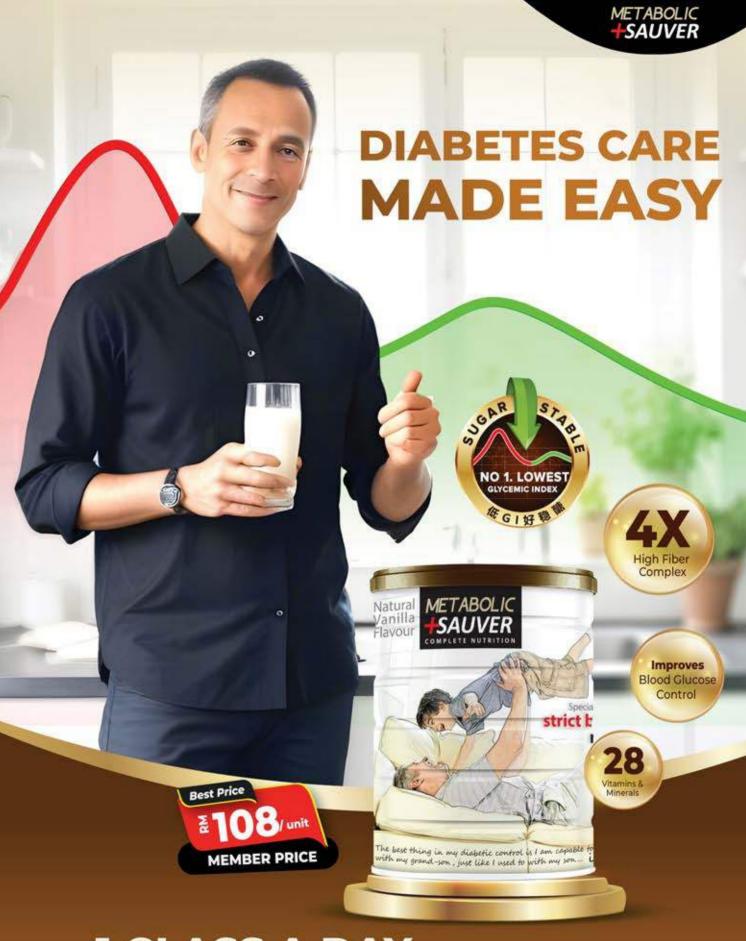
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By: Dt. Low Shu Yeng BSc (Hons) Dietetics with Nutrition

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Glucose is a type of sugar that our body uses for energy. It's in many of the foods we eat!



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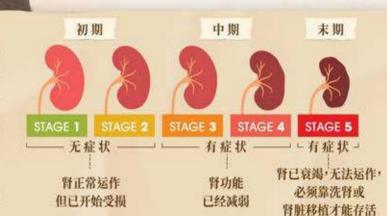
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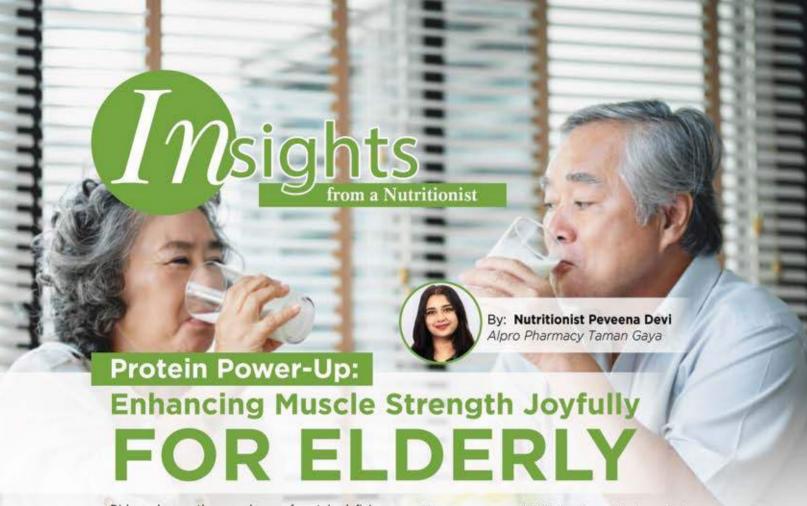


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Did you know, the prevalence of protein deficiency among the elderly is a significant concern. It is estimated that between 30% to 50% of older adults may be at risk for protein deficiency or inadequate protein intake. Factors contributing to this high prevalence include decreased appetite, malabsorption issues, and increased protein needs due to age-related changes in metabolism and muscle mass.

So, how can a high-protein diet help with muscle maintenance in elderly?

What are the signs & symptoms?

According to various studies, the most common symptom is sarcopenia, other indicators of protein deficiency among older adults are:



Frailty and



Skin Changes



Delayed Wound



Reduced Immune Function



Cognitive

Decline

Edema

These symptoms highlight the critical need for adequate protein intake to maintain health, functionality, and quality of life in older adults. Addressing protein deficiency through dietary adjustments or supplementation can help mitigate these adverse effects.

Fight against Sarcopenia

Increased protein intake helps counteract sarcopenia, providing the essential amino acids necessary for muscle protein synthesis, which is vital for maintaining muscle tissue.

Play a critical role in muscle protein synthesis (MPS). Amino acids, stimulate MPS, which is necessary for building and maintaining muscle tissue. Higher dietary protein, helps to increase MPS and counteract the natural decline in muscle mass that occurs with aging.



Recovery Booster

A high-protein diet aids in faster recovery from physical activities and injuries by providing the building blocks necessary for muscle repair and adaptation.

Studies have shown that older adults who consume higher levels of protein experience reduced recovery times following physical activities or injuries. Increased protein intake can lead to more rapid resolution of muscle damage and soreness, enabling older individuals to return to their regular activities more swiftly.

Faster recovery from physical exertion and injuries supports better physical function and mobility in older adults. This enhanced recovery improves overall physical performance, contributing to better balance, coordination, and daily functioning.

Let's dive into some tasty and exciting high-protein meal ideas!

A high-protein diet is a dietary plan that emphasises the consumption of foods rich in protein to meet higher than average daily protein intake requirements.

While the Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) for protein is 0.8 grams per kilogram of body weight for the average adult, high-protein diets often suggest consuming between 1.2 to 2.0 grams of protein per kilogram of body weight, depending on individual goals and health conditions.

Considerations:

- · Balance and Variety: While focusing on protein, it's important to maintain a balanced diet that includes a variety of nutrients from other food groups.
- · Hydration: Increased protein intake can lead to higher nitrogen excretion, so staying well-hydrated is important.
- · Kidney Health: For individuals with pre-existing kidney conditions, a high-protein diet may need to be monitored carefully, as excessive protein can put additional strain on the kidneys.

Overall, a high-protein diet can be beneficial for various health goals, including muscle maintenance, weight management, and recovery, but it should be tailored to individual needs and balanced with other essential nutrients.





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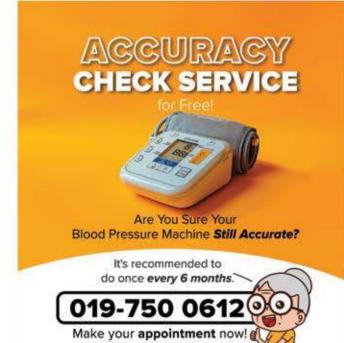






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In Asia, it is estimated that 16-29% of the population aged 40 and above suffers from knee pain. With every step we take, our knees absorb the shock up to 1.5 times our body weight, which can inevitably increase with body weight changes and different high impact activities such as running and jumping. Before an invasive surgical management is considered, a conservative intervention such as wearing a knee support helps to manage the knee degeneration symptoms according to the Osteoarthritis Research Society International (OARSI) in the USA.

Types of Knee Support Available

This type of knee support is made of breathable material that covers the entire knee joint and may extend slightly above and below it. Compared to other knee supports, a slip-on knee support offers compression and mild support. Studies have shown that knee sleeves can improve joint stability (Koch & Font-Llagunes, 2021). They have also been found to enhance knee joint position sense, which can be beneficial for individuals with knee osteoarthritis (Eymir et al., 2017). A knee sleeve with the presence of thin metal bars on the inner and outer part of the knee may help in lateral stabilisation, thus improving stability (Sharif et al., 2017). A slip-on support is best for those who seek general knee support and compression.









A slip-on support is best for those who seek general knee support and compression.

2 Strapped Support

A strapped knee support is typically made up with a combination of elastic and padded materials. Knee straps like patellar tendon straps help to improve knee biomechanics that will in turn reduce discomfort associated with osteoarthritis (Sales et al., 2017). This support, however, may not provide sufficient support for individuals with severe osteoarthritis which requires a more comprehensive support and stabilisation.

This support is good to reduce pain for conditions affecting the patellar tendon and kneecap. The easy adjustability makes it suitable to fit different leg sizes and offer varying levels of pressure.





3 Hinged Brace

Knee brace is usually used by individuals with moderate to severe knee osteoarthritis. The lockable hinges act as a lock that can limit how far the knee is able to bend or straightening the knee beyond normal range, therefore preventing the healing structures from overstretching.

Knee braces offer substantial support and stabilisation to the joint. Generally, braces are more bulkier than a slip-on or strap support. which can cause discomfort or restrict movement for some individuals. These braces are recommended for those with moderate to severe osteoarthritis who need enhanced knee stabilisation, alignment support or pain relief.



Summary

- · Knee Sleeves are great for general compression and mild support, suitable for everyday use and light activity in mild to moderate osteoarthritis.
- · Knee Straps offer targeted relief for pain around the patellar tendon and are useful for specific conditions rather than general support.
- · Knee Braces provide substantial support and stabilisation, ideal for moderate to severe osteoarthritis and those needing significant joint support.

Duration

For knee osteoarthritis, wearing knee support for a few hours every day helps to manage their pain. If a person requires more support, then they may put on knee support for longer periods of time (Paterson et al., 2018). Make sure to take off or loosen the knee support every few hours.

Best time to wear

Most knee supports can be worn during the time when the person is actively moving around, walking long distances, and also during exercise. However, wearing external support for a long period of time may weaken the knee muscles. By including exercise and muscle strengthening in our daily routine, we can improve knee mobility and strength, which help to treat the symptoms of knee pain. It is recommended to see a physiotherapist to ensure optimal outcome and minimise potential complications. It is not recommended to keep on wearing knee supports to sleep, as they might cut off the blood circulation to the leg.

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As we age, our bodies require proactive care, including the use of braces or orthotics to protect and improve the function of vulnerable areas. Choosing the right support guided by a healthcare professional, can relieve symptoms, improve mobility, and prevent further injury. Proper selection and usage are crucial to maintaining overal health and mobility.

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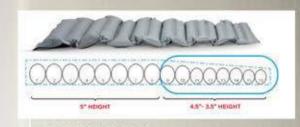
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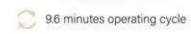


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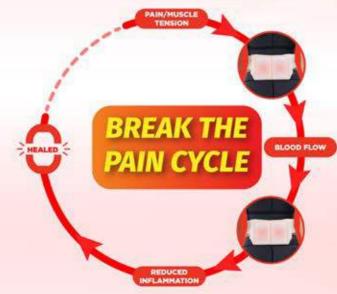


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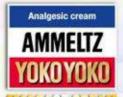
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In this millennial era, teenagers and young adults seem to always have headphones on. Headphones are widely used to listen to their favourite songs, watch movies, or even attend online meetings, as they provide a personal audio experience. However, it is important for them to be aware of the potential risks of prolonged headphone use on their young ears and ways to reduce these risks.

Potential Risks of Prolonged Headphone Use

· Noise-Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL):

Loud and continuous sounds from headphones can permanently damage the delicate hair cells inside the inner ear, leading to muffled hearing.

· Tinnitus:

Tinnitus, characterised by a sensation of ringing, buzzing or hissing in the ear, may occur as a symptom of hearing loss. This can affect the ears temporarily or permanently.

· Ear Infections:

Prolonged use of headphones creates a warm and moist environment in the ear canal, which is a perfect breeding ground for bacteria and fungi.

Impacted Earwax:

Regular use of headphones can push earwax deeper into the ear canal, leading to blockages.

Headphone Safe Listening Practice

Invest in Quality Headphones:

It is advisable to use headphones with a noise-cancelling feature to reduce the need to increase the volume.

Follow the 60/60 Rule:

Set the headphones volume to 60% or lower. After 60 minutes, take a 5-10 minutes break to give your ears a rest.

Reduce Hours of Usage:

The less time your ears are exposed to loud sounds, the lower the risk of hearing damage. It is advisable to use phone at a volume level of no more than 60% of the maximum for a duration of up to 60 minutes per day.

Consider Other Alternatives:

Use speakers as an alternative to avoid direct contact with the source of sound.

Regular Hearing Check-ups:

Early detection of hearing loss through regular check-ups at least once a year is crucial for providing proper intervention and preventing further damage. It is also important to note that hearing loss is often unrecognized in its early stages as it happens gradually.

Regular Hearing Check-ups are Essential

Headphones have become an essential accessory, especially for teenagers and young adults. However, it is important for them to be informed about the potential irreversible damage they may cause to their young ears. Therefore, investing in quality headphones, reducing headphone volume and usage time, considering alternative listening methods, and making regular hearing check-ups are essential practices to protect young ears.



Advise From Family Doctor

Hearing loss from headphone use can be managed depending on the severity, with options like hearing aids for mild cases and cochlear implants for severe cases. Tinnitus may be managed with sound therapy or counseling, and it's vital to avoid further exposure to loud sounds. Regular check-ups with an audiologist are essential, and if you're unsure about your hearing, consult your family doctor or audiologist.





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Choosing the Right Baby Formula: Preventing Stunted Growth

Stunted growth is a major issue in Malaysia, affecting about 21.2% of children according to the National Health and Morbidity Survey 2022. This condition, defined as a height-for-age measurement more than two standard deviations below the WHO growth standard, results from poor nutrition, repeated infections, and lack of psychosocial stimulation, especially in the first 1,000 days from conception to age of two. Stunting can lead to impaired cognitive development, weakened immunity, and higher risk of chronic diseases. Unfortunately, poor childhood nutrition is one of the preventable causes of stunted growth.



The Role of **Infant Formula**

While breastfeeding is the best option for infant nutrition, some mothers may face difficulties that prevent them from breastfeeding. In such cases, commercial infant formula is a vital alternative, providing essential nutrients for a baby's growth and development.

Common Myths About **Baby Formula**

Misleading labels and myths surrounding baby formula can confuse caregivers at times. Some common myths include:

- "Formula is just as good as breast milk": Breast milk is the gold standard for infant
- "Expensive formula is better": Price does not equal quality. Consult healthcare professionals for the appropriate choice.
- "Follow-on formulas are necessary": These are not needed if your baby gets a balanced diet from solids alongside breast milk or standard formula.

Tips for Choosing and Preparing **Baby Formula**

Consult Professionals: Seek advice from healthcare providers to choose the right formula for your baby's needs,

Follow Instructions: Prepare formula as per the manufacturer's guidelines to ensure proper nutrient intake.

Maintain Hygiene: Clean and sterilize all feeding equipment to prevent infec-

Monitor Growth: Regularly check with your healthcare professionals to track your baby's development and dietary

Conclusion: While breastfeeding is ideal, infant formula is a vital alternative when needed. Choosing the right formula and using it correctly can support healthy growth and development. Debunking myths and seeking professional advice ensures your baby gets the best nutrition for a healthy start.



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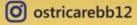


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Managing Symptoms with Natural Remedies

Written by: Nutritionist Nitha

Menopause is a natural stage in a woman's life, often bringing with it a range of uncomfortable symptoms such as hot flashes, night sweats, mood swings, and fatigue. As a natural process, it calls for natural solutions. Herbs like Chasteberry, Ashwagandha, and Maca Root have become popular for their potential to ease menopausal discomforts.

Exploring the benefits of Chasteberry, Ashwagandha and Maca Root in relieving menopausal symptoms

is well-regarded for its role in promoting hormonal balance, making it a beneficial herb for women experiencing menopause. It supports hormonal equilibrium by stimulating the pituitary gland, which boosts luteinizing hormone (LH) production and helps regulate the balance between progesterone and estrogen. This can alleviate menopause symptoms like hot flashes, irritability, and mood swings.

Ashwagardha

is an adaptogenic herb with a long history in Ayurvedic medicine, spanning thousands of years. During menopause, one of its most notable benefits is its capacity to lower cortisol levels, which is the body's stress hormone. Given that many women face increased stress and anxiety during menopause, ashwagandha can help by inducing a calming effect. This soothing property not only promotes relaxation but also enhances sleep quality for those experiencing sleep disturbances during menopause.

also known as Peruvian Ginseng, is another adaptogen that helps the body maintain hormonal balance. It is believed to act on the hypothalamus and pituitary gland, aiding in the regulation of estrogen, progesterone, and other hormones. During menopause, the decline in estrogen can cause a drop in serotonin levels, which are essential for regulating mood and energy, often leading to fatigue. Maca Root's energizing properties can help counteract the fatigue and lethargy many women experience during menopause. Additionally, its mood-enhancing effects may help alleviate symptoms of depression.

When combined, Chasteberry, Ashwagandha, and Maca Root create a potent synergy that helps alleviate the uncomfortable symptoms of menopause, empowering women to navigate this unique life transition with greater confidence.



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Why Go Beyond Topical Treatments?

brighter, more radiant skin lies not just in what we put on our skin but also in what we INGEST?

Topical skincare products, though effective, mainly work on the skin's surface and may not tackle deeper issues. Their efficacy can be affected by skin type and absorption rates, often missing underlying problems like oxidative stress, internal hydration, and UV damage.

The Edible Skincare Revolution

Significant changes happen when people start to "eat" their skincare. Consuming nutrients helps nourish the skin from within, promoting a more radiant and resilient complexion while offering benefits that topical products may not provide.

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Written by: Dietitian Najmi

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wrinkles to metabolic disorders and neurodegenerative diseases.

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The problem with NAD+ is that as we age, we need more of it to repair cells and manage DNA damage. However, our body produces less of it, reducing its levels as early as 30 years old! This may explain the growing demand for NMN supplementation for these benefits:

- Restoring cell damage
- · Softening wrinkles and fine lines
- Making skin look brighter
- Boosting energy and recovery
- Sharpening the mind

As we strive to maintain a youthful appearance and vibrant health, the role of NAD+ becomes increasingly crucial. NMN, a precursor to NAD+, has shown promising results in replenishing these vital molecules in our bodies.

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fuel, helping our body to perform at its best. But, taking NAD+ as a potential benefits as taking NMN does. NMN is a naturally occurring precursor to NAD+, and without it, our body does upplements are created equal

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- SuperMide™ Spermidine: Potentially increases lifespan by 5.7 years.
- · Grape Skin Extract: Activates genes that help you look younger.
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Embracing the power of NMN can be a game-changer in your anti-aging journey. While you can't turn back time, you can definitely look and feel youthful with Revita NMNI





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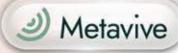


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4th Alpro Pharmacy Little Pharmacist Camp: Nurturing Young Minds in Negeri Sembilan and Kuching

Alpro Pharmacy continues to pave the way for the next generation of healthcare professionals through our successful "Little Pharmacist Camp," an initiative aimed at inspiring young minds to explore the world of pharmacy and healthcare. This year, the camp reached new heights with two vibrant rounds held in Negeri Sembilan and Kuching, drawing in a total of 200 enthusiastic participants, 100 in each location.

The Little Pharmacist Camp has become a cornerstone of Alpro Pharmacy's community outreach efforts. Designed for children aged 10 to 12, the camp offers an engaging and educational experience that introduces participants to the basics of pharmacy, health, and wellness in a fun and interactive environment. From learning how to read nutrition labels to understanding the importance of medication safety, the camp provides a hands-on opportunity for kids to dive into the fascinating world of pharmacy.

One of the camp's highlights was the "Pharmacist for a Day" segment, where the young participants got to experience what it's like to work in a pharmacy. They were guided by experienced professionals from Alpro, who not only shared their knowledge but also inspired the children with their passion for the profession. These hands-on experiences such as compounding their own "medications" with safe eye assessment and body alignment checks were invaluable in helping the children understand pharmacists' role in ensuring the community's health and well-being.

Little Pharmacist Camp @ SJK(C) Bandar Sri Sendayan, Negeri Sembilan



The response from the participants and their parents was overwhelmingly positive. Many parents expressed their gratitude for the unique opportunity provided by Alpro Pharmacy, noting that the camp not only sparked their children's interest in healthcare but also taught them important life skills such as teamwork, communication, and responsibility.

As Alpro Pharmacy reflects on the success of this year's camps, it is clear that the Little Pharmacist Camp is more than just a fun activity - it is a meaningful initiative that is making a lasting impact on the community. By fostering an early interest in pharmacy and healthcare, Alpro is helping to build a future generation that is wellinformed about health matters and inspired to contribute to the healthcare industry.

Looking ahead, Alpro Pharmacy is excited to continue this tradition and is already planning for the next round of Little Pharmacist Camps. With each camp, the goal remains the same: to inspire, educate, and empower the young minds of today to become the healthcare leaders of tomorrow. Stay tuned for more updates on our upcoming events and initiatives as we continue to make a difference, one child at a time.

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By: Optometrist Renessmee Saw

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When we think of cataracts, many of us picture an older person struggling with their vision. While it's true that cataracts are more common among the elderly, they are not exclusive to seniors. Cataracts can affect people of all ages, including children and adults. Therefore, understanding early symptoms and detection is crucial for everyone, regardless of age. Let's delve into what cataracts are, how they affect vision, and how you can spot the signs early on.

What Are Cataracts?

A cataract is a clouding of the crystalline lens in the eye, which can lead to a decrease in vision. The crystalline lens acts like a clear window that allows light to pass through the eye, which provides us crisp and clear vision. Hence, when there is presence of a cataract, this window becomes frosted or foggy, making it difficult to see clearly. A very common cause of cataracts would be aging, followed by several other factors such as systemic diseases like diabetes, traumatic injuries, smoking and consumption of certain medications.

Symptoms of Cataracts

Recognising the symptoms of cataracts can help in seeking timely treatment. Here are some signs to look out for:

Blurry Vision: One of the first signs is often a slight blurriness or haziness in your vision. It might feel like you're looking through a cloudy or dirty piece of glass.

Glare and Halos: You might find that you're a bit more sensitive to bright lights than usual. One good example would be when you're out at night, you might notice glowing rings or halos around street lights or car headlights, making nighttime driving or brightly lit areas feel more challenging and uncomfortable.

Reduced Contrast of Colors and Wordings: Colors and certain bold wordings might appear faded and less vibrant than they used to be. This change can be quite gradual, often going unnoticed at first, but over time, it becomes increasingly evident.

Double Vision: As the cataract progresses, you may start to experience double vision, where objects appear duplicated or overlapped. This effect becomes more pronounced as the cataract matures, significantly affecting the clarity of your vision.

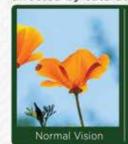
Cataracts in Younger People

Though cataracts are often linked with the aging process, they can also develop in younger individuals. Several factors may accelerate the onset of cataracts at an earlier age, including:

- · Genetics: Most often seen in infants or young children, cataracts can develop due to inherited genetic factors or underlying metabolic condi-
- •Trauma: Often a result of eye injuries, trauma can lead to the early formation of cataracts.
- Medical Conditions: Systemic diseases like diabetes, can significantly elevate the risk of developing cataracts at a younger age.
- Medications: The use of certain medications, particularly steroids, can contribute to the onset of cataracts.

Normal Vision vs. Cataract Vision

Understanding how cataracts affect vision can help you recognize the symptoms. Here's a comparison between normal vision and vision affected by cataracts:











Early Detection and Treatment

Early detection of cataracts can have a profound impact on your eye health, making regular eye exams crucial. Optometrists can identify the subtle early signs of cataracts long before you experience noticeable symptoms, allowing for proactive management. If a cataract is found, the treatment strategy will depend on its severity. In the early stages, your optometrist will advise you on steps to slow the progression, such as wearing sunglasses or photochromic lenses to protect against UV radiation, a major contributor to cataract formation.

However, as the cataract advances, surgery may become necessary to remove the clouded lens and replace it with an artificial one. Cataract surgery is a common, generally safe procedure that can significantly restore clear vision.

Prioritise Your Eye Health

Cataracts are not solely a concern for seniors, as they can affect individuals at any age. Recognizing the early symptoms and scheduling regular eye exams are essential in maintaining good vision. If you observe any changes in your eyesight, don't ignore or overlook them. Early detection and timely treatment can help preserve your vision and enhance your quality of life.

Clear vision is essential to your everyday life, and it begins with self-awareness. Prioritize your eye health and remain vigilant for any signs of cataracts.





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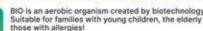


















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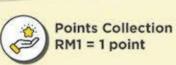
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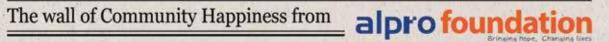
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The Hidden Struggle of Caring for Tube-Fed Loved Ones: A Crisis of Heart, Health, and Hope



Caring for a loved one who relies on tube feeding is more than a responsibility, it's a labor of love that tests emotional strength and financial stability every single day. For many families, this journey is overwhelming. Monthly costs for essential care can range from RM2,500 to RM4,000, and even the basic nutritional formulas necessary for survival can cost between RM1,000 and RM1,600. For families already struggling to make ends meet, these costs are not just challenging, they're crippling.

When faced with these impossible expenses, families often have to make heartbreaking choices: cut back on essentials or resort to cheaper, less safe alternatives like regular milk powder. This is not a decision made lightly, it's made out of sheer desperation. But it comes with serious risks. Unlike specialised medical formulas, regular milk powder lacks the nutrients needed for tube-fed patients, leading to malnutrition, digestive issues, and other severe complications that can spiral into even higher medical costs. It's a vicious cycle that no family should have to face alone.

But here's the message of hope: We can change this. Together, we can build a community of support where no family feels isolated or desperate. This change is made possible through the incredible support of Alpro members participating in the Metabolic Basic Buy 1 Gift 1 Program at Alpro Pharmacy outlets. Their generosity helps make specialized nutrition accessible to those in need, offering a glimmer of hope in difficult times.

Steps to Apply For Assistance:

- 1. Visit Any Alpro Pharmacy Outlet
- 2. Provide the following documents to the Alpro Pharmacy staff:
- · Identity Card of Patient and Caregiver
- · Pay Slip / Declaration Letter
- · Referral Letter / Supporting Document from Hospital
- · Details of Patient Monthly Expenses
- 3. Application Review: Alpro Foundation will review the submitted documents within 7 working days of receipt.
- 4. Notification: Applicants will be notified of the sponsorship decision within the 7-working day review period.







A Clearer View to a Brighter Future: A Growing Star's Journey

Meet Alisya, a student from The Growing Stars Project. For months, Alisya has struggled to see the whiteboard from the back of her classroom. Every day is a challenge as she tries to make sense of blurred words and figures, piecing together lessons that remain just out of reach. Despite her passion for learning, her vision problems have become a quiet obstacle, affecting her confidence and school perfor-



mance. In her family, where finances are tight, eye care is a luxury they simply cannot afford.

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life-changing news: she has been selected for a free eve examination at Alpro Optisaver, thanks to a wonderful partnership between Alpro Foundation and Alpro Optisaver. With a mix of nerves and excitement, she arrives at the shop. She is welcomed by friendly optometrists who guide her through an innovative eye exam using advanced AI technology.

As Alisva sits in the chair, the machine scans her eyes, and the AI technology instantly provides a precise analysis of her vision. For Alisya, it feels like a miracle. The results reveal that she does need glasses, and to her amazement, Alpro Foundation will provide them for free. With a bright smile, she picks out her first-ever pair of glasses, feeling a mix of excitement and relief.

When Alisya finally puts on her new glasses, the world sharpens into focus. The colors around her seem richer, the faces clearer, and most importantly, she can see the whiteboard perfectly. The struggle to keep up with her lessons vanishes, replaced by a newfound sense of confidence. For the first time in months, she feels like she belongs in the classroom.

To help more children like Alisya, we invite you to contribute to the Growing Stars Project.

If you would like to support our cause, you may donate to:



WhatsApp our team a screenshot of the transaction slip and we will promptly prepare and send you an official receipt. Your generosity directly supports basic education for children, allowing them to reach for the stars.

On behalf of Alisya and all the students whose futures are being transformed, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support. Together, let's continue to bring hope and change







Here's Ms. Lim's story:

I had a truly reassuring experience at Alpro Pharmacy, Setia Alam recently. Pharmacist Cik Nur Nadia took the time to chat with me and carefully reviewed my medical history - both my heart condition and diabetes. Based on this, she not only prescribed the supplements I needed, like diabetic milk powder and sugar-blocking teas but also recommended alternative cholesterol-lowering supplements. Her care went beyond medication, though. Cik Nadia offered fantastic exercise tips to manage my plantar fasciitis pain, suggested helpful antiinflammatory supplements, recommended specific footwear! I was incredibly impressed by her knowledgeable and personalised approach. Having a professional to clarify my doubts was a huge weight off my shoulders.Of course, Alpro is already my go-to pharmacy because of its affordable, genuine medications and healthcare products. Knowing I'm getting authentic products is priceless. especially as I manage my health through my golden years. Their Membership Rewards Program makes each visit even more rewarding! Beyond the shopping experience, I find their resources incredibly valuable. I often flip through "Health Matters," Alpro's informative magazine, which is packed with health tips and guidance from their healthcare professionals. It's a fantastic resource that empowers me to make informed decisions about my well-being. Finally, it's incredibly reassuring to know Alpro prioritises ethical practices. As the first community pharmacy to become a certified member of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), their commitment to responsibility and community health truly embodies their tagline: "Reassurance that brings Smiles." With Alpro, I have complete peace of mind knowing my family and I are in the best hands. They are, without a doubt, my trusted partner for all our healthcare needs.



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