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International Medical University in 1999. Through his interest in evidence-based medicine and primary care research, he became acutely aware of the lack of research output in family medicine and the difficulty to track down many of these research works. This has led to the formation of Malaysian Primary Care Research Group that he chaired from 2004-2006 which aimed primarily to encourage collaborative research between primary care doctors in public sector, private general practices and the academia. He is currently the Chief Editor of *Malaysian Family Physician*, the journal for the Academy of Family Physicians of Malaysia.

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