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KUCHING: The state recorded a total number of 1,927 dialysis patients in 2017 who suffer from end-stage renal failure, revealed Minister of Welfare, Community Wellbeing, Women, Family and Childhood Development, Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah.

According to her, kidney failure, also called end-stage renal disease (ESRD), is the last stage of chronic kidney disease, and when your kidneys fail, it means they have stopped working well enough for you to survive without a dialysis or a kidney transplant.

"There are 46 dialysis centres throughout the state provided by the private sectors and the state government.

"As of Dec 2017, there are a total of 415 haemodialysis machines provided by the state government and also private sectors," said Fatimah during her work visit to the CHKMUS-MAA Medicare Kidney Charity Dialysis Centre at Iris Garden here yesterday.

She also noted that the advocacy on this matter is important in order to reduce the number of public suffering from this disease.

"There are various of health awareness programmes organised throughout the state by the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to educate the public on this matter and it is important for them to take care of themselves," she stressed.

Fatimah added CHKMUS-MAA Medicare Kidney Charity Dialysis Centre should work together with her ministry to help their patients.

Earlier, Chairman of CHKMUS-MAA Medicare Kidney Charity

Dialysis Centre, Datuk Tay Chin Kin said the centre aimed to promote awareness of the kidney disease and preventions among the general public.

He said the signs of kidney disease are not obvious in the beginning, and that is why it is called silent disease.

"The increase in non communicable disease (NCD) such as hypertension and diabetes are the two major risk factors for kidney failure. Furthermore, obesity is also driving up the burden on the NCB," said Tan.

Currently, CHKMUS-MAA Medicare Kidney Charity Dialysis Centre is providing dialysis treatment to about 170 patients.



MINISTER of Welfare, Community Wellbeing, Women, Family and Childhood Development, Dato Sri Hajah Fatimah Abdullah (centre) presenting a goodies bag to one of the patients in CHKMUS-MAA Medicare Kidney Charity Dialysis Centre during her visit to the centre at Iris Garden, Kuching yesterday. Also seen is Chairman of CHKMUS-MAA Medicare Kidney Charity Dialysis Centre, Datuk Tay Chin Kin (right). PHOTO: CHRISTOPHER LIDOM