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MAA gets two dialysis machines

KUALA LUMPUR: SP Setia Foundation has donated two haemodialysis machines worth RM80,000 to the MAA Medicare Kidney Charity Fund.

SP Setia Foundation chairman Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye said machines can help kidney failure patients and their families reduce their financial burdens for dialysis.

"The machines are for two centres in Butterworth and Kota Bahru that are in dire need of new dialysis machines."

He added that the first donation was in 2000, followed by another in 2008.

"Last year, the foundation donated a van to help patients to get to the centre."

He said the incidence of kidney failure continues to escalate in the country.

"With some 4,000 to 5,000 Malaysians affected with kidney failure each year, dialysis treatment offers a lifeline until patients get a transplant. The regular dialysis treatments of at least three times a week allow them to lead a normal life."

Lee added that the foundation also provides a monthly dialysis treatment subsidy to 10 MAA Medicare patients in its five centres in Klang Valley, Butterworth and Johor Baru.

"I am grateful that the foundation has donated new machines to the centre and I hope it will not just end here," said dialysis patient Baharudin Mohd Din, 66 .

Jayeapalan Anamalay, 64, said that more organisations should step up to donate more dialysis machines.

"I hope that more NGOs and companies will come forward to help more of us to get better treatment facilities."



MAA Medicare board of trustee member Datuk Seri Iskandar Micheal (right) presents a token of appreciation to SP Setia Foundation trustee Tan Sri Mohd Radzi Sheikh Ahmad (left). With them is Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye (second from right). Pic by Kamarul Izzat Rahim