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### MSIC 2022 Research Seed Grants.

We received an encouragingly higher number of applications this year, a total of ten applications, that spread over a wide range of topics. This augurs well for the MSIC's objective in supporting the growth of intensive care research in Malaysia.

The submissions were evaluated by the MSIC Research Group, consisting of an equal mix of 10 intensivists and anaesthesiologists from the Ministry of Health and Universities. All evaluators declared their Conflict of Interest (COI) *a priori* and did not evaluate any of their COI projects. The evaluations were also done independently, with the names of the investigators and institutions deidentified to minimize bias.

Following the endorsement of the Research Group's evaluation by the MSIC Executive Committee, we are pleased to announce the following recipients of the MSIC 2022 Research Seed Grants:

#### 1. RM 10,000 Seed Grant Funding:

**Project: Prospective Cross-sectional Cohort Study of Point-of-Care Biomarkers (Monocyte Distributing Weight, Interleukin-6 and Procalcitonin) as a Diagnostic Predictor of Community Acquired Pneumonia in Critically Ill Patients in Intensive Care Unit.**

Principal Investigator: **Dr Nur Fariza Ramly, Department of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care, International Islamic University Malaysia**

Co-investigators: Mohd Basri Mat Nor, Azrina Md Ralib, International Islamic University Malaysia

#### 2. RM 10,000 Seed Grant Funding:

**Project: Clinical Utility of Rapid Diagnostic with Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) in critically ill patients with bacteraemia**

Principal Investigator: **Ms Lau Chee Lan, Department of Pharmacy, Hospital Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia**

Co-investigators: Isa Naina Mohamed, Petrick Periyasamy, Tan Toh Leong, Aliza Mohamad Yusof, Ramliza Ramli, Neoh Hui Min, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

#### 3. RM 5,000 Seed Grant Funding:

**Project: The Challenges and Barriers of Communication Among Staff Nurses and Ventilated Patients in the Intensive Care Unit**

Principal Investigator: **Ms Sharifah Shafinaz binti Sh Abdullah, Centre for Nursing Studies, Faculty of Health Sciences, UiTM**

Co-investigators: Suzana Yusof, Malati Marzuki, Norhashida @ Juita Hassan (UiTM), Kumaran Sinniah (Ampang Hospital)

Our heartiest congratulations to all the above recipients for their success and we look forward to a productive research endeavour from them.

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