

Improving cancer care system

KUALA LUMPUR: A study on health-care performance and management report system (HPMRS) is in progress to provide the Government with a standard recommendation to improve the delivery of cancer care system in hospitals.

The landmark study also hoped to provide valuable information to enable policy-makers to evaluate the aim of mobilising policy change for better quality care, said Dr Lim Teck Onn, one of the principal investigators of the HPMRS project.

He said the study would focus on oncology (relating to tumours) in general, and an initial study on breast

cancer, followed by lung cancer and other related cancer illnesses.

"We hope the study will answer key questions, ranging from disease staging to access to treatment and post-diagnosis," Dr Lim noted.

"Finally, the HPMRS study also looks at between one and five-year survival rates, which simply translates to how long Malaysian breast cancer patients live, once they have been diagnosed," he told a press conference in Kuching, Sarawak.

Dr Lim was a former director of the Clinical Research Centre (CRC) at the Kuala Lumpur Hospital. - Bernama