World Hepatitis Day

It is estimated that more than 500 million people worldwide are living with either chronic hepatitis B or C. Together, hepatitis B and C represent one of the biggest threats to global health, killing approximately 1 million people a year. Yet, awareness on hepatitis B or C is comparatively low, a situation made worse by the fact that a large proportion of those infected with Hepatitis B or C do not know that they carry the virus.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has designated Viral Hepatitis as an important health issue that requires worldwide attention and assigned 28 July as World Hepatitis Day. An officially sanctioned World Hepatitis Day is a powerful way to raise awareness of viral hepatitis. and drives forward actions to improve prevention, diagnosis and treatment of hepatitis B and C.

The Malaysian Campaign on World Hepatitis Day 2011

World Hepatitis Day Malaysia is being supported by hospitals across the country to ensure that the message about hepatitis is brought to all sections of the population. Each hospital will have its own activities to foster the message in their own locale.

The list of activities in the Malaysian campaign will include:

- Hepatitis B and C testing
- Counselling on vaccination and treatment for viral hepatitis
- Vaccination for Hepatitis B
- Public Forums
- Television and radio talks
- Distribution of materials on Hepatitis B and C
- Hepatitis Awareness at the workplace / factories / parks
- Referral support for newly diagnosed patients with viral hepatitis
- Photo exhibition

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