ORAL CANCER RESEARCH AND COORDINATING CENTRE (OCRCC)

Oral cancer affects aesthetics and functionality of an important facial feature which is the mouth, leading to social distress. Realizing its chronic effects on an individual's life and the need for coordinated efforts on oral cancer research in Malaysia, OCRCC was formed. OCRCC consists of a team of experts where members comprise of public health specialists, surgeons, pathologists, oncologists and scientists.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Data and specimen collection
Our core activity is on-going data and specimen collection from oral cancer, precancer and normal controls. Data and specimen are catalogued and stored in our biobank the Malaysian Oral Cancer Database and Tissue Bank System (MOCDTBS), to facilitate future research.

Research
Together with our collaborators we have embarked on various areas of research that would benefit the community tremendously such as better management strategies for the patients through the development of predictive/diagnostic tools and identification of biomarkers for early detection and improvement of quality of life. Research findings would also help policy makers to formulate effective education programs.

Education/Training
We also advocate advances in education at both postgraduate and undergraduate levels where resources (data and specimen) from our biobank and clinical expertise are readily accessible. Seminars and training workshops are also organized periodically to update clinicians and researchers on the latest technology and know-how in managing oral cancer patients.