

Driving home cancer message

Orphans also provided with cervical cancer vaccines

PRIMANORA Medical Centre recently celebrated its Breast and Cervical Cancer Day for the second time. This year, the event was held on a much larger scale and it aimed to drive home a message among participants.

The event highlighted the facts about the two main cancers that affect Malaysian women and showed the participants that living life with regret would not bring back their loss.

"A powerful weapon against cancer is knowledge and immediate action, especially knowledge on the causes of the cancers and how to prevent them," the centre's founder and executive chairman Datuk Dr Nor Ashikin Mokhtar said.

This year's event saw more than 350 people participating in a one-day seminar on Health, Cervical and Breast Cancer by Datuk Dr Nor Ashikin (Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Dr Azlina Firzah (Breast Surgeon) and Datuk Dr Aminuddin Ahmad (Senior Consultant Physician and Gastroenterologist).

Award-winning author Mohana Gill was also present to share her knowledge on healthy eating, especially for cancer patients. She also presented a cooking demonstration.

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The event was organised in collaboration with the PRIDE Foundation, which had selected six medical centres, including PrimaNora, to take part in its awareness drive against breast cancer.

PrimaNora also announced that it had brought together 43 young girls from various homes — Rumah Anak Yatim Baitul Izzah, Pertubuhan Rumah Amal Cahaya Tengku Ampuan Rahimah (RACTAR) and Pure Life Society — to be vaccinated with the HPV Vaccine.

This was made possible with cooperation from CARES (Cervical



Easy does it: One of the girls from Rumah Anak Yatim Baitul Izzah being vaccinated with the HPV Vaccine as Shahrizat (right) and Dr Nor Ashikin look on.

Cancer Awareness Association) and the generosity of large corporations to provide the HPV vaccines for these orphans.

Women, Family and Community Development minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil was on hand to

witness the vaccinations.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Day 2009 was brought to the public by PrimaNora Medical Centre in association with PRIDE, BCWA, CARES and GlaxoSmithKlinePharmaceutical and Consumer, UNAM Pharmaceu-

ticals, IITL, Kimberly-Clark, Sanofi-Aventis, Novartis and Scherring-Plough.

The event was also made possible with the support of Nestle Products (M) Sdn Bhd, Sisheido, AVON Cosmetics, NeoAsia and McDonald's.