

Cancer Awareness through Education in Sarawak

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Summary – What has been achieved (1992 – 2010)

1. Doubling of patient load in 18 years
2. Down staging of 2 female cancers
3. Setting up palliative care services state wide
4. Revamp drug delivery system to rural areas

5. Established Bidayuh as having the highest incidence of NPC in the world
6. Routine use of pain as fifth vital sign
7. Use of GFI in routine practice is feasible for elderly patient
8. Cultural issues and lack of knowledge form treatment barriers in elderly patients
9. Substantial increase (4-6 fold) in manpower and treatment budget