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Free glaucoma screening in conjunction with World Glaucoma Week
Pfizer's community service project in raising awareness on Glaucoma

KUALA LUMPUR, 2nd March 2012 –Tun Hussein Onn Eye Hospital, University Malaya Medical Centre and the International Specialist Eye Center (ISEC) will be conducting free Glaucoma screenings for people aged 40 and above in conjunction with World Glaucoma Week which is celebrated from March 11 – 17. These centres are encouraging the public to get their eyes tested as one of the best ways to prevent glaucoma is through early detection. Pfizer Malaysia is supporting the event as one of the campaign partners of World Glaucoma Week.

Glaucoma is one the major causes of blindness in the world, second only to cataracts. It is irreversible. An estimated 8.4 million people worldwide will be bilaterally blind from glaucoma by 2010. By 2020, this number is estimated to rise to 11.1million.¹

In Malaysia, 1.8 per cent of the total population are currently suffering from glaucoma. While the effects of Glaucoma are devastating, the cost of treatment is an added burden. Diagnosing Glaucoma can be challenging, as there are absolutely no symptoms in the majority of early cases². Often by the time the symptoms are noticeable, vision loss is irreparable. Prevent unnecessary blindness, attend a free Glaucoma screening at:

Tun Hussein Onn Eye Hospital
Saturday, 10 March, 2012
12pm – 3pm

International Specialist Eye Center (ISEC)
Level 8, Centerpoint South
The Boulevard, Mid Valley City
Thursday, 15 March, 2012
10am to 4pm

¹ Ocular Surgery News, Aging population contributes to rising glaucoma burden around the world
<http://www.osnsupersite.com/view.aspx?rid=50647> Accessed on 15 February, 2012

² Retrieved from <http://www.glaucomal.org/about-glaucoma/#screening>. Accessed on 21 February, 2012.



**University Malaya Medical Centre
Menara Utama, Concourse Area
Saturday, 17 March, 2012
9.00am to 1pm**

**Pusat Pakar Mata Centre For Sight
No 1-1, Jalan SS23/15
Taman SEA,
47400 Petaling Jaya
Saturday, 17 March 2012
3:00pm to 5:00pm**

Meet-up session with doctors who will present on :
“Don’t Lose Sight on Glaucoma” – Dr. Ahmad Fauzi, **2.00 – 2.30pm**
“Common Oculoplasty Surgery” – Dr. Zurina Abidin, **2.30 – 3.00pm**

**Johor Specialist Hospital
Level 1, Lobby
Saturday & Sunday, 20 & 21 March 2012
9:00am – 3:00pm**

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