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## **Addressing the shortage of Physician-Scientists and Clinical Trial Professionals**



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### **Short CV**

**Dr Akhmal Yusof** graduated from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland in 1992. He practiced medicine in the public and private hospital for 10 years and later worked with the American International Assurance Malaysia as Medical Manager. Later in 2002, he led the Medical Department in AstraZeneca Malaysia, Singapore & Brunei for 13 years.

His main forte in the pharmaceutical industry are clinical research management, regulatory affairs, medical and government affairs. Currently he leads Clinical Research Malaysia (CRM) as Chief Executive Officer since 2015.

CRM is a Malaysia Ministry of Health owned Site Management Organisation company established in 2012 to promote Sponsored Research in Malaysia. CRM is now an accredited ISO9001:2016 and ISO37001:2015. Dr Akhmal Yusof is also a member Board of Trustee National Institute of Biotechnology Malaysia.

### **Abstract**

Malaysia committed to conduct Pharmaceutical & Medical Device company Clinical Trials with Speed, Reliability & Quality since decades ago. This is attributed by the formation of Clinical Research Malaysia (CRM) a research management organisation wholly owned by Ministry of Health Malaysia.

We have observed professional careers mushrooming in the field of clinical research within the country all spelling the growth this industry has come to over the years. The greatest intangible value where our patients gain access to developing innovative therapies, especially when all options are exhausted.

Since 2012, Malaysia has conducted over 2000 sponsored research, all amounting close to RM 1 billion of gross national income contributed through contract values of clinical trials agreements. These includes multinational companies Clinical Trial including Japan companies.

The value proposition offered by Malaysia with a third of world genomics resides in the country, dedicated investigators & clinical research sites with world class achievements has attracted global clinical trials into the country from variety Global companies.

The dedicated Investigators are nurtured early with training programs like GCP. They are exposed to benefit of conducting Clinical Trials. As in Investigators, CRM provide opportunities for improvement and develop as investigators. Sites and study team have achieved top recruiters and first recruiters among global sites. The presentation will share what are the pulling factor to maintain as investigators in Malaysia.