

# **Subcommittee for Stem Cell and Cellular Therapy**

## **Association of Integrative Medicine Malaysia (AIMM)**

### **MISSION**

This sub-committee aims to drive the development of national and regional policies on safety, efficacy, ethics, advocacy of stem cell including the wider context of cellular therapy in Integrative Medicine. With community health and safety as the main guiding principle of the organization's conduct, AIMM hopes to advise the policymakers in formulating policies and assist investors and stakeholders through education and awareness.

### **OBJECTIVE**

This subcommittee represents international professionals with diverse expertise from different disciplines and industry to educate and create awareness among the healthcare fraternity and also the public on stem cell, its derivatives and the comprehensive range of cellular therapy.

Focused on research, the science and art of clinical practices, empowerment and also the prevention of abuse through responsible use, the subcommittee's activities include clear communication and accurate information sharing via social media, website, conferences, roundtables, and training workshops.

The objectives of the subcommittee is as follows: -

1. advocate, promote and assist in the integration, development and use of stem cell therapy within the Malaysian healthcare, wellness and wellbeing ecosystem through the dissemination and exchange of information relating to the use of such stem cell therapy and the development of ethical standards and proper use guidelines in Malaysia.
2. to provide a professional platform to guide, monitor and measure appreciation and use of stem cell therapy and generating a foundation of facts and data to enrich dialogue, discussion, and public education on the use of stem cell therapy with government and non-government bodies towards formulating a responsible ecosystem within which the safe and effective use of stem cell therapy can be promoted.
3. to map out the charter for collaboration and to spearhead roundtable discussions with all significant stakeholders.
4. to maintain content vigilance and to advocate for ethical behavior in the management and use of stem cell therapy.

In pursuit of the above objectives, this Subcommittee may, subject to compliance with the prevailing laws, rules and regulations in force at the material times: -

- (a) co-operate and collaborate with government and non-governmental organizations and universities in an effort to promote the development of stem cell therapy in Malaysia;
- (b) provide expert professional advice to the government of Malaysia on issues related to stem cell therapy and recommend, advice and encourage the government and non-government organisations in the promotion of stem cell therapy usage in Malaysia;
- (c) publish and disseminate information packets and any other educational material, through any medium, as deemed necessary regarding the various aspects of stem cell therapy;
- (d) assist and undertake public awareness programs through conferences, seminars, the print and electronic media on stem cell therapy;
- (e) undertake research on the various aspects of stem cell therapy for presentation or publication;
- (f) establish, support or aid and/or develop programs for stem cell therapy in Malaysia and provide guidance on best practices for approved points of sale/distribution of stem cell;
- (g) develop professional linkages and affiliations with universities, international societies and bodies involved in stem cell therapy whose experience and expertise may be of benefit to Malaysia.

Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Subcommittee members-

- a) Official statements/communications representing this Committee can only be issued (verbally, written or in all forms of media) by the Hon. Secretary and President of AIMM on matters relating to the subcommittee or organization.
- b) All members shall always uphold the good name of this subcommittee and the Association.
- c) All members shall not steer or lead splinter groups with similar interests that may represent or misrepresent this subcommittee and the Association.

- d) All subcommittee members are required to reply and acknowledge formal notifications in relation to this subcommittee matters as posted via a recognized formal mode of communication.

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