

UGM Medical, Dentistry & Pharmaceutical Faculties Conduct Summer Course

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Faculty of Medicine, Public Health, and Nursing UGM in cooperation with Faculty of Dentistry and Faculty of Pharmacy UGM conduct *Summer Course 2019*, raising theme *Interprofessional Health Care: Emergency and Trauma Care*.

Vice-Dean of Academic and Student Affairs, Prof. dr. Gandes Retno Rahayu, M.Med.Ed., Ph.D., said the Summer Course was joined by 59 participants, who are 27 Indonesian students and 31 international students. They came from International Medical University, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Ramathibodi School of Nursing, Mahidol University, Cyberjaya University College of Medical Sciences, University of Medicine Pham Ngoc Thach, Manila Central University, Eberhard Karls University, and Universiti Putra Malaysia.

Prof. Gandes said the Summer Course involved three faculties to support the integrating of their cross-disciplinary programme of excellence to advocate and implement integrated health services for emergency and trauma cases.

“We raise this theme because emergencies are life threatening in nature that need immediate



action. Every year over 5 million people are killed in emergency cases, such as traffic accidents, violence, injury, etc,” she said in Ngablak district public health centre in Magelang, Monday (4/11).

According to Gandes, emergencies and trauma cover a broad spectrum, such as poisoning cases due to pesticides.

“Hence, the course participants are asked to analyse the impact of pesticide exposures. They came to the Ngablak district to know firsthand the condition of the local people who are mostly farmers that frequently use pesticides,” she said.

During the Summer Course that ran from 28 - 30 October, the participants were given lectures related to emergency and trauma as seen from various outlooks.

Dr. dr. Ismail Setyopranoto, SpS(K), committee chairman of Summer Course 2019, said regarding pesticides, it was important to explain the hazards of pesticides to the community so as to keep pesticide exposures to the minimum. Training was later given to farmers such as on how to avoid these exposures and to give them protective wears.

District chief, Budi Daryanto, S.STP., M.Si, said as high as 80 percent of people in Ngablak were farmers that use high amounts of pesticides. It has become a habit to use the pesticides without thinking about the side-effects. Even so, some farmers have already cultivated organic farming.

“If we are not educated by UGM like this, we will never know the danger of pesticides,” he said.

Head of Ngablak public health centre, drg. Niken Sulisty Handayani, said cases of pesticide exposures reached up to 38 percent. “Usually, patients would come here due to skin problems because they rarely wear protective devices,” she said.

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