

## Faculty of Medicine Enhances Capacities in Insurance and Health Funding

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UGM's Professor in Medicine, Prof. dr. Ali Ghufron Mukti, M.Sc., Ph.D., said despite the National Health Security System that has been implemented for one year, there are still challenges to be found in ways both the operators and the users work. A breakthrough is, therefore, needed to tackle these. One way is by doing evidence-based research to give input to policy makers.

He said, "Research in Health Security System is limited. Thus, evidence-based research is required that can be done by academicians," on Tuesday (20/1) during the kick-off of capacity enhancement of insurance and health funding in the Faculty of Medicine.

The Faculty is trying to do that to support the National Health Security System along with VU University Amsterdam, Erasmus University Rotterdam, and Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development. They will also improve curriculum and learning, capacity enhancement of related professional community as well as enhancement of scientific publications on insurance and funding. The research lasts for four years, funded by Nuffic up to Rp 20 billions.

Prof. Eddy K.A. Van Doorslaer, community health expert from VU University Amsterdam, said the cooperation also provides scholarships for graduate students as well as training for health professionals.

"The result of the research is expected to give positive impacts on the implementation of health insurance in Indonesia," he said.

UGM Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs, Prof. dr. Iwan Dwiprahasto, M.Med.Sc., Ph.D, welcomed the collaboration, saying it would create new knowledges in insurance and health funding.

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