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Dr Yau Weng Keong is a highly experienced medical professional with extensive qualifications and years of experience. He currently serves as a senior consultant and heads one of the largest medical departments in the country, overseeing over 500 beds. During the COVID pandemic, he played a crucial role in leading, planning, and coordinating services for Hospital KL and elderly COVID patients in Greater Klang Valley. Dr Yau is also actively involved in teaching undergraduate students and supervising and training postgraduate candidates in MRCP, Master, and Geriatrics Fellows. He has been instrumental in helping start and run "Health Care for the Elderly" undergraduate programs at UPM, IMU, and RCSI Perdana University and sits on various elderly care committees, including the Private Aged Healthcare Facilities and Regulation committee and chairperson of NSR for Geriatric Medicine. He has been a Principle Investigator for dementia-related clinical studies and involved in writing Malaysian CPG on Dementia (1st and 2nd edition), Hypertension CPG, and reviewing many other documents. Dr Yau has also written many chapters on various elderly care topics in two handbooks. As the Ministry's Head of Geriatrics Services, he is responsible for the clinical administration, training, planning, and development of geriatrics clinical services for the whole country. Under his leadership, geriatrics services have developed and progressed from four geriatricians in 1997 to over 60 geriatricians in the country as of 2023. Of these, 33 are with MOH, covering 14 hospitals and 21 outreach and cluster hospitals.