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An overview of Shari'ah compliant healthcare services in Malaysia (Article)

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Abstract

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Muslims are obliged to observe the Shari'ah in all aspects of their lives. Shari'ah-compliant healthcare services is designed to provide Muslim patients with medical treatment that abides by Islamic principles which also includes halal medicine. There are several issues that arise when discussing this type of healthcare services. For example, Muslim patients face significant challenges in receiving treatment in conventional hospitals, which includes privacy issues during treatment, cross-gender interactions between patients and medical practitioners as well as the status of the pharmaceuticals provided as treatment. Hence, many Muslims are concerned with the manner in which they treated when seeking medical attention in hospitals and this has resulted in the demands for Shari'ah compliant healthcare services. This article gives an overview of the concept of Shari'ah compliant healthcare services in Malaysia. Among others it provides background information on the development of Shari'ah compliant healthcare services in the country. From there the article continues to highlight the concept of Shari'ah compliant healthcare services and its requirements. A brief explanation as to its application is also made accordingly. © 2017, Malaysian Consumer and Family Economics Association. All rights reserved.

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