

Teaching hospitals should not charge GST, says DAP lawmaker

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Charging the goods and services tax (GST) on patients in government-owned teaching hospitals is against Putrajaya's promise that its health services will be zero rated, a DAP lawmaker said today.

Kampar MP, Dr Ko Chung Sen said patients in teaching hospitals such as Universiti Malaya Medical Centre and Universiti Sains Malaysia Hospital have been subjected to the new tax since it was introduced last Wednesday.

"These hospitals are funded by the Education Ministry and should be regarded as public hospitals," he told a press conference in Parliament today.

Dr Ko said because teaching hospitals were under the ministry, they should not be charging GST and should also be able to claim back the tax paid on the equipment and services they use. – April 6, 2015.

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