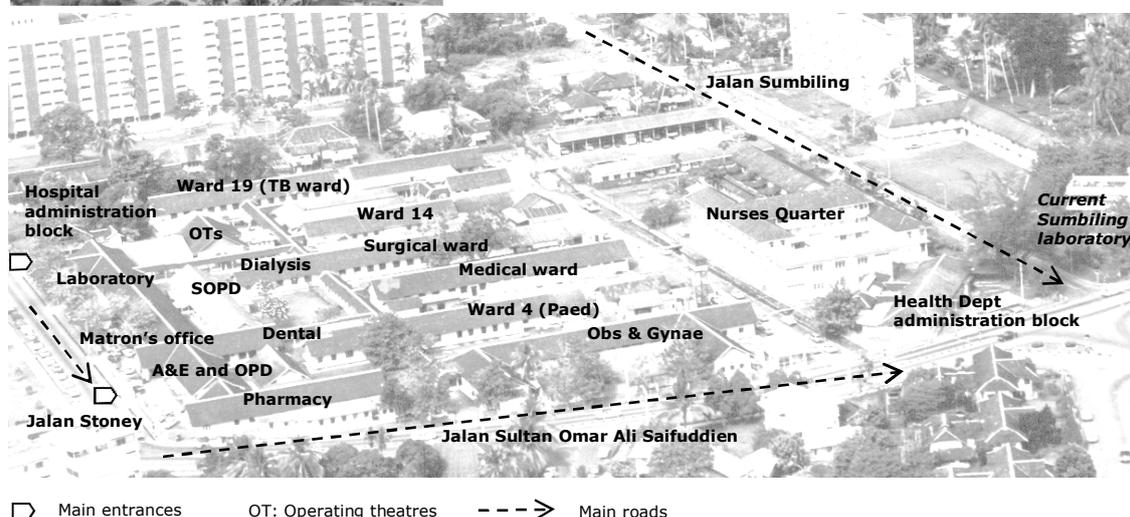


Healthcare in Brunei Darussalam: Brunei General Hospital (Part IV)



Aerial view of the Brunei General Hospital and enlarged image of the insert with labels of the various parts of the complex.



The Brunei General Hospital (BGH) was located at the heart of the capital, the Pekan Brunei and later Bandar Seri Begawan flanked by three main roads. The two main entrances were located along Jalan Stoney, opposite the Churchill Memorial building, now the Royal Regalia. The main entrance into the Accident and Emergency Department was located at the north end of Jalan Stoney. This also served as the main entrance to the Outpatient Department.

Much has changed since the late 70s and early 80s with the relocation of the main State hospital to the current Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha (RIPAS) Hospital, located at Kampong Kiulap. The only health institutions in the country that still resemble the BGH is the Pengiran Isteri Hajjah Ma-

riam (PIHM) Hospital in the Temburong district and the Panaga Hospital in the Belait district.

The BGH bungalows were spread out and connected by three long corridors. Upon entering the hospital, one was often greeted with the strong anti-septic 'Dettol' scent that typified health institutions of the bygone era. Walking along the corridors, one would come across nurses (with their nurses' cap), matrons and dressers (with their white coats) in uniforms which are so much different to what they are today. In the early period when transportation was not as easy as it is today, nurses stayed at the Nurses' quarter located on the west side of the complex. Even the government offices running the Department of Health was located within the complex.