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TB spread worrying: Rosnah

PASIR PUTEH: The increase in the number of HIV, diabetic patients has got the Health Ministry concerned with the spread of tuberculosis (TB) in the country.

Deputy Health Minister Datuk Rosnah Abdul Rashid Shirlin said the reason being that HIV and diabetic patients had high risk of getting TB. However, she said, measures were being taken by the ministry to control the situation.

"They include making it compulsory for patients to go to the nearest government hospital daily for treatment and conduct health

screening for those with high risk of getting the disease.

"We will also intensify campaigns to instill awareness among the public on the danger of the disease," she told reporters after opening the Pasir Puteh Puteri Umino delegates meeting here yesterday.

Rosnah said Kelantan was among the state with a high number of TB patients because of the high number of HIV and diabetic patients in the state. She advised the people to take care of their hygiene and to lead a healthy lifestyle. - Bernama