The Asian Liver Center at Stanford University

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Asian Liver Center Fact Sheet

- The Asian Liver Center (ALC) at Stanford University, founded in 1996, is the first non-profit organization in the United States that addresses the high incidence of hepatitis B and liver cancer in Asians and Asian Americans.
- The center uses a three-pronged approach to fight hepatitis B: Outreach & Education, Advocacy, Research

Outreach & Education Programs

- **The Jade Ribbon Campaign** – unites the community against hepatitis B and liver cancer. *(see Jade Ribbon Campaign Fact Sheet for more information)*
- **Annual Youth Leadership Conference** – empowers and trains Asian and Pacific Islander (API) high school students to become leaders in their communities in API issues.
- **SF Hep B Free Steering Committee** – aims to make San Francisco the first city in North America to test and vaccinate all API residents for hepatitis B.
- **Community Outreach** – improves awareness by participating in community events and festivals, providing screenings and low-cost vaccinations, and hosting educational booths and games.
- **Team HBV** – spreads awareness on college campuses nationally through collegiate chapters.
- **Physician Education** – targets providers through seminars, conferences and health updates.
- **Comprehensive Website (http://liver.stanford.edu) –** provides informational resources for patients and physicians, details about screenings and events, and advocacy updates.

Advocacy

- **California Advocacy** – working with Assemblywoman Fiona Ma to pass Assembly Bill 158 to provide access to care for all uninsured and under-insured people chronically infected with hepatitis B.
- **National Advocacy** – cosponsored National Hepatitis B Act (HR 4550, HR 3944, S 3558) to amend the Public Health Service Act to develop a national plan for hepatitis B and liver cancer.
- **International Advocacy** – launched the China Jade Ribbon Campaign in April 2004 to establish large-scale vaccination and education programs. In the Philippines, partnered with American Cancer Society to identify gaps in existing immunization program and passed legislation requiring hepatitis B vaccination to be provided within 12 hours of birth.

Research

- **Comprehensive Liver Research Program** – committed to finding novel approaches to increase the efficacy of diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment through liver cancer genomics, biomarkers, molecular targets, and investigational anti-tumor agents.
- **Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program** – a comprehensive program to reduce mother-to-child transmission of hepatitis B through improved reporting, physicians' awareness, and timely vaccination and hepatitis B immunoglobulin administration. Targets Alameda and Santa Clara counties where the combined population of about 3.2 million experiences some of the highest rates of chronic hepatitis B and liver cancer in the US.

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