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**Building Partnerships with Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners at 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hepatitis B Prevention and Education Symposium on August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*TCM practitioners in California will attend engaging symposium for hosted by the Asian Liver Center at Stanford University*

Stanford, CA (July 28, 2008) – On August 3, 2008, over 300 Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) students will attend the *5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hepatitis B Prevention and Education Symposium* at Stanford University. TCM practitioners, who attend various schools and teaching institutions across California, will come together to learn about chronic hepatitis B and its prevalence in Asian communities, the up-to-date modes of prevention, diagnosis, and management of chronic hepatitis B, and the importance of safe needle techniques.

*5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hepatitis B Prevention and Education Symposium*

**Sunday, August 3, 2008**

10:00am – 3:00pm

William R. Hewlett Teaching Center  
Stanford University, Stanford, CA

Now in its fifth year, the *Hepatitis B Prevention and Education Symposium* brings Eastern and Western medicine practitioners together to foster lasting partnerships in the fight against hepatitis B, especially as it concerns Asian and Pacific Islander communities. The Asian Liver Center partners with the Council of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine Associations, the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, and the California University of Oriental Medicine.

The Asian Liver Center recognizes the important and influential role that culturally and linguistically sensitive TCM doctors will play in uniting against hepatitis B. At the symposium, future TCM doctors will learn from hepatitis B experts about the prevalence of hepatitis B in Asian communities and up-to-date methods of prevention, diagnosis, and management. This knowledge will empower these future doctors to take control of the disproportionately high rate of chronic hepatitis B among the Asian and Pacific Islander community.

In addition, there will be a Stanford campus-wide scavenger hunt for hepatitis B knowledge to reinforce the skills and information that participants will gain from the symposium.

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**About the Asian Liver Center at Stanford University:** The Asian Liver Center at Stanford University 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. Founded in 1996, the ALC has grown to become a national and international leader in fighting this global epidemic through outreach, education, advocacy, and research. Visit the ALC website for more information: <http://liver.stanford.edu/>