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## Biomed/Biotech Special Interest Group Meeting

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### **“Liver Cancer-Free National Campaign”**

Presented by

**Mark Li, MD, F.A.C.S.G.**

Private Physician

Member, Maryland Community Health Resource Commission

**November 5, 2009 (Thursday) Evening**

6:00 PM – Networking and Pizza and soft drink with a door prize

**6:20 – 8:50 PM** – Program (a break at 7:30 pm)

8:50 – 9:00 PM – Door-prize drawing and networking

*Open and free to the public*

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#### **Location:**

**Kelly’s Deli Conference Center**, 7519 Standish Place, Rockville, MD 20855

#### **Driving directions:**

From I-270 (N or S bound):

Take Exit 9A and exit from the first right exit.

Turn left (east) onto Shady Grove Dr.

Turn right (south) onto Rockville Pike (**Route 355**).

Turn left (east) onto East Gude Dr.

Turn left (north) immediately onto Crabb’s Branch Dr.

Turn left (west) immediately onto Standish Place.

(The first building on your right side is 7519 Standish Place; open parking)

The conference room is on the first floor with its entrance opposite to the left side of building main entrance.

**For headcount purpose, please register by Thursday noon, Nov. 5, 2009.**

**Registration Website: <http://www.asq509.org/ht/d/DoSurvey/i/35817>**

For registration problems or further information contact **Dr. George Chang**, Co-Chair of

Biomed/Biotech SIG, at [gchang2008@yahoo.com](mailto:gchang2008@yahoo.com) or call **240-793-8425**.

#### **Presentation Summary:**

##### **Liver Cancer Free National Campaign**

Hepatitis B virus, second only to tobacco, is a major cause of human cancers. The current approaches for diagnosis treatment for hepatitis B infection and liver cancers and the national efforts in combating liver cancers will be introduced and discussed. An urgent need for funding to NIH and CDC on viral hepatitis is critically important.

**Speakers’ Bios: Mark Li, MD, F.A.C.S.G. ([Mli8888@aol.com](mailto:Mli8888@aol.com))**

Dr. Mark K Li has been a primary care physician for the past 25 years. A native of Hong Kong, he received his BA in Social Science from the University of California at Berkeley in 1972, and his medical degree from the University of Hong Kong in 1977. He came to Washington DC to pursue a residency in Internal Medicine, following which he started his practice in Silver Spring, Maryland, where it remains today. Through the years, Dr. Li has served the needs of many elderly Chinese American patients as well as more recent Asian immigrants. He has also served as Medical Director of the Little Sisters of the Poor Nursing Home in Washington DC, the Sligo Nursing Home in Maryland, the Franciscan Monastery, and Montgomery Hospice Home Care division. He is a speaker for over 10 organizations covering topics such as diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia, osteoporosis, infectious disease, prostate health and last but not the least, hepatitis B.

In his practice, Dr. Li became acutely aware of the high occurrence (10% infection rate) of Hepatitis B amongst Asian Americans, and its disparity in American society. In fall 2005 feeling the need and urgency to act, he invited prominent doctors from different Asian American groups to join in an alliance to start a Hepatitis B Project in Maryland. They have a common objective to raise community awareness to the dangers of the disease and its prevalence amongst Asian Americans, to offer free screening and vaccination as needed, and to gather data for research. He realized that it was only through rigorous research that credible results could be obtained to draw attention of lawmakers to address the issue of disparity, and thus the appropriation of much-needed funds to help Asian Americans fight this common life-threatening disease.

Dr. Li presently serves as the President of the Chinese American Medical Society, Mid Atlantic Chapter. Under his leadership, the society received an award of Excellence by the American Liver Foundation in 2008. Dr Li was awarded a Governor's citation in 2008. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the Asian Health Foundation and a member of the Maryland Hepatitis Coalition. Currently, Dr. Li is initiating the Ambassador Project where over 40 ambassadors from Africa were invited to the newly constructed Chinese Embassy for a liver conference. The project was held on May 15, 2009 in conjunction with the Georgetown and Harvard Medical School as well as other public health organizations to further the education, research and services in the African immigrant's communities. The project is supported by Ambassador Zhou WenZhong of the People's Republic of China and the Honorable Josefina Diakite, Ambassador of Angola. Dr. Li was invited by the American Liver Foundation to for a Senate Staff Hepatitis B screening on 5-20-2009 at the Capitol Hill. He initiated and works with different advocacy organizations to make the Congressional Hepatitis screening on 7-21-2009 a great success. Six Members of the Congress came for support and 4 members had their blood screened. A national advocacy campaign on viral hepatitis, supported by Nobel Laureate Dr. Baruch Blumberg, was initiated on 8-08-2009.

Dr. Li is board certified by the American Board of Geriatric Medicine, and a Fellow of both the American College of Specialists in Geriatrics and the American College of Ethical Physicians. In October, 2009 Governor O'Malley appointed Dr. Li to be a member of the Maryland Community Health Resource Commission.