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WELCOME TO THE NEWSLETTER

This is the inaugural issue of the FCMS Newsletter. The goal of the newsletter is to enhance communication among members of the Federation, and thereby further the Mission of the Federation:

To **promote** the communication and cooperation of medical societies in North America in order to **advocate** for the common goal of enhancing the medical care of Chinese in North America and **facilitate** the professional development of Chinese American and Chinese Canadian Physicians.

Our regular features will include activities by member societies, listing of newspaper articles, and commentaries.

The Federation website has many resources that will be helpful for both physicians and the community.
www.fcmsmd.org

We plan to have 2 issues a year. Comments, articles, and volunteers are all welcome! We can be contacted through the Contact Us box on the FCMS website.

Victor Chang, MD

Virtual FMCS Scientific Meeting November 7 and 8—see pp 2, 14

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Editor Victor Chang

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

These last few months have seen the covid 19 pandemic. Our member societies have been busy providing care for their patients while coping with shortages of PPE and difficult working conditions.

The Federation website has a large area dedicated to covid 19 related information, including links to public health websites, international, national, state and provincial health authorities, medical and newspaper sites, Chinese language references, and many tips for keeping your sanity. Thanks to Dr Kenneth Fung and Ms. Regina Hung of our Website Committee.

Our Program Committee, led by Dr Cynthia Pan and Dr Benjamin Lee, has been working hard preparing a great Scientific Meeting - more information below and on p. 14

Looking forward to seeing you at the Virtual Scientific Meeting in November!

Be well and Stay safe!

Victor Chang, MD

BIENNIAL VIRTUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 7TH AND 8TH.

by Cynthia Pan, MD and Benjamin Lee, MD

Forty years ago, the first Conference on the Health Care of the Chinese in North America was held at the Chinese Hospital in San Francisco. These biennial conferences led to the formation of the Federation. This year will mark the 20th FCMS Conference, and it will be the first virtual conference in the history of our organization. The theme of these conferences continue to focus on the Health Care of the Chinese in North America.

This year's conference will assess the COVID 19 pandemic with special attention to its effects on the North American Chinese community: the crisis, the opportunities, and lessons learned for the future. The conference is being developed by Drs. Cynthia Pan and Benjamin Lee from CAMS, with the cooperation of Association of Chinese American Physicians, Coalition of Asian American IPA, and the Philippine Chinese American Medical Association. Since this is a virtual conference, everyone can register and participate from the comfort of their own laptop. Registration will be free.

The 20th FCMS Conference will be dynamic and exciting, held over the Saturday-Sunday weekend of November 7-8, 2020. There will be a wide breadth of topics covering the COVID-19 pandemic including sessions on Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Current Management Updates, a Global Pandemic Panel Discussion, Palliative Care Lessons for Frontline Clinicians, Well-being sessions on Self-Care/Coping with Uncertain Times, and much more (see p.14).

Please save the dates, and check the websites www.camsociety.org and www.fcmsmd.org for more details to follow!

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Protesting Hate Speech by Victor Chang, MD

On June 30, the San Francisco Chinese Community Task Force on Covid-19 convened a press conference outside Chinese Hospital to protest the use of divisive rhetoric, discuss the health implications of marginalizing the pandemic, and promote common values and interests across cultures to end the pandemic. The conference was moderated by Dr. Joseph Woo of CCHCA. Dr Vanessa Chan and Dr Randall Low spoke on behalf of the Federation. In addition to the FCMS, leaders of other medical and community groups spoke, including Chinese for Affirmative Action, California Medical Association, San Francisco Marin Medical Society, National Council of Asian American Pacific Islander Physicians, Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association, Chinese Hospital, On-Lok, Self Help for the Elderly, and Asian American Medical Group, alongside prominent state and local officials.

FCMS Statement on COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic represents a major public health challenge. The way to deal with COVID-19 is for the whole community to work together and combine our knowledge and strengths. The Federation of Chinese American and Chinese Canadian Medical Societies condemns the use of racially-charged and xenophobic language regarding the COVID-19 virus. Such terms are divisive and endanger the well-being of Chinese and other Asian communities in the United States and Canada. Our colleagues have risked their lives and fallen ill taking care of patients with COVID-19.

The Federation supports consistent collection of data related to COVID-19, and the disaggregation and disclosure of those data by race and ethnicity. The Federation further supports culturally competent, linguistically appropriate contact tracing, workforce diversity, and COVID-19 in-language messaging.

NORTH AMERICAN CHINATOWN SMOKE FREE DAY

by Warren Chin, MD

North American Chinatown Smoke Free Day is an annual one-day event that is promoted across North America by FCMS organizational members and supporters, starting in 2016.

The goals of this one-day event are to raise awareness of smoking related health risks, to encourage community members to seek smoking cessation counseling services and resources and to mobilize local physicians and community partners to take action against this health disparity. Organizations in New York, Boston, San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles and Toronto have participated in this event. North American Chinatown Smoke Free Day is held on the last Monday in September.

Over the years, North American Chinatown Smoke Free Day events have included free health screenings including, but not limited to spirometry and peak flow, community and physician health education sessions which included information and access to free smoking cessation resources. Press conferences and press releases have been done annually in multiple cities in the US. In 2017 CAMS in partnership with the Charles B. Wang Community Health center created a tool kit for any organization that was interested in participating in some capacity. Together they also created a bilingual PowerPoint presentation about the hazards of smoking and included information for free Chinese-language resources for smoking cessation major cities. They also created a series of short videos featuring ex-smokers and a victim of second hand smoking for additional awareness education for all organizations to use through social media. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, partners in New York City are developing Cantonese-language television and radio programs related to Smoking Cessation that will be produced in New York City that will air through the month of September on SinoTV nationally and on AM1480 in New York City

Activities of FCMS Member Organizations as of May 2020

Allied Pacific IPA, Los Angeles, by Paul Chu, MD

The Allied Pacific IPA started a task force to prepare for COVID 19. The case load has been light, and we are resuming elective surgery. Telemedicine has seen a big push. We are partnering with AHMC Health Care System to expand in Northern California. We look forward to work with all IPAs in the area and to bring quality services to patients.

Association of Chinese American Physicians (ACAP), NYC, by Ruliang Xu, MD PhD

This has been a busy year for ACAP. We held our first outdoor health fair in a park, in addition to the annual gala, annual science fair, mock interview for residency applications, and practice management conference. In 2020, working together with Queens public library, we have been holding biweekly educational sessions for the general public. We have been actively raising funds and other donations to support Wuhan, China where the COVID 19 epidemic started, and donating PPE to 31 hospitals in the NYC area when it spread to the US.

Chinese American Medical Society of Southern California (CAMASC), Los Angeles, by George Ma, MD

Our last CME activity titled “Geriatric Care Seminar” was held on November 3, 2019, which offered five (5) CME credits. A “Smoke Free Campaign” was also launched on the same day to educate our members about health and smoking. We are still in the process of CME reaccreditation between 2/1/2020 to 9/30/2020. Due to the Coronavirus-19, we have to suspend all our live activities until further notice. CAMASC is now doing research on different educational delivery formats, such as “webinar” and “online” educational model. To learn more about CAMASC, please visit our website at www.camasc.org or contact us via email at office@camasc.org. Update—We passed accreditation on August 8th. Please support us.

Chinese American Medical Society (CAMS), NYC, by Yick Moon Lee, MD

CAMS has been busy working to beat COVID 19. We have been providing health information to the Chinese public via radio station programs. With donations, we provided PPE to front line providers in hospitals, and created “Covid Survival Kits” for our members, that include face masks, N95 respirators, hand sanitizer etc. Our Wellness committee is developing programs to help members cope with new stress and anxiety. We will continue to dispel the xenophobia and work with other medical societies.

Chinese American Physician Society (CAPS), Oakland, by Vanessa Chan, MD

CAPS started 2020 by providing first aid at the Oakland Chinatown Lunar New Year Bazaar. Despite a delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our scholarship program will be awarding 8 medical students with scholarships this summer. At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, CAPS purchased and distributed PPE to physician members for use in clinical settings. After receiving additional donations, we were able to purchase cloth masks from a local Chinatown seamstress for donation to a senior center in Oakland Chinatown. CAPS continues to help our physicians and our local community with PPE and other means of support.

Chinese Canadian Medical Society Ontario (CCMS-Ontario), Toronto, by Chi-ming Chow MD and Yvonne Yau, MD

CCMS has been dealing with COVID 19 by 1) sending resource materials to members, 2) advocating for Ontario and the Canadian Federal Government to collect multi-ethnic data 3) distributing an open letter to the leader of the Conservative party asking for an apology and to retract the racist comment where one of the MPs accused the Chief Medical Officer, Dr Theresa Tam, of working for China instead of Canada. Dr Fung is co-PI of a community based project, setting up a website, <https://projectprotech.ca>, hotline, webinar series, and online resilience and mindfulness training (PACER) to assist Chinese patients, physicians, and healthcare providers of all ethnicities to deal with mental health distress caused by the COVID 19 pandemic and associated racism

Chinese Community Health Care Association (CCHCA), San Francisco, by Joseph Woo, MD

CCHCA physicians quickly made the transition to telehealth and joined with other SF community based organizations to form the “Chinese Community Task Force on Covid-19” to use media to educate on topics on COVID as they apply to the community.

CCHCA is now the MSO for Asian American Medical Group and partnered with them to obtain a Limited Knox-Keane (insurance plan) License. These orgs quickly moved to support independent physicians by distributing any funds in receivables (like withholds), maintaining a generous, transparent capitation system for PCPs, advancing its Specialist Shared Savings (well before year’s end), and starting its Pillar Program. The Pillar Program was a commitment to forgo profits reaped from decreased utilization because of COVID19 and grant that money to specialists to maintain cash flow and keep these doctors open for business. See <https://www.facebook.com/273083049785350/posts/941195732974075/> Lastly, CCHCA partnered with APAMSA and Chinese Hospital in a Medical Student Program to expose students to both independent practice and our community.

Chinese Hospital Medical Staff (CHMS), San Francisco, by Sam Kao MD

The Chinese Hospital worked under a joint task force with other San Francisco hospitals to prepare for the surge. Fortunately, the curve was flattened and the hospital was not overwhelmed, and is thinking about opening up gradually with COVID 19 precautions.

Coalition of Asian American Independent Practice Association (CAIPA), NYC, by Sun-Hoo Foo, MD

“CAIPA has been busy with the coronavirus pandemic. We raised funds and sent PPE to Wuhan earlier this year, and now have been busy with supporting our members in New York City with donating PPE and among the first to provide mobile testing. An article by Dr George Liu and Dr. Bing Lu appeared in the Hill <https://thehill.com/opinion/healthcare/488551-empower-americas-neighborhood-doctors-the-first-line-of-defense-against>

Jade Medical Group, San Francisco, by Gustin Ho, MD and Thomas Woo, MD

When San Francisco County issued its emergency shelter-in-place order March 15, Jade assisted our physicians in understanding the changing orders, and the availability of governmental assistance and grants through a series of electronic newsletters, provider webinars, and individual counseling. Furthermore, Jade provided information on providing telemedicine services under the temporary CMS guidelines thus helping keep patient continuity. The area has begun to slowly reopen. To assist in the re-opening of medical offices for routine medical services, Jade, with the support of the San Francisco Health Plan, created a tool kit for our primary care offices Reaching out to the public and our patients, Jade has created TV and radio media spots in Cantonese and Mandarin. We are also collaborating with Chinese Hospital on its project to do Covid 19 testing in the community SROs. Finally, this pandemic has opened a new avenue of outreach to our patients – telemedicine.

Philippine Chinese American Medical Association(PCAMA) NYC, By Rodney Coe MD

In July 2019, PCAMA celebrated its 25th anniversary ball with a live band and dancing, guest speakers, and scholarship awards to pre-med and medical students at the Mudan Banquet Hall in Flushing, Queens. We had such a joyous time that just a couple of weeks before New York shut down, our board members met to plan our next fun-filled event to learn, network, and be merry. Some of us have courageously served on the frontlines of this pandemic. Others have supported the cause responsibly from a distance. In the meantime, we encourage and honor our next generation, who have continued to be quite impressive and provide hope for a bright future. Till our next social gathering!

ON THE FIRING LINE WITH TRADITIONAL CHINESE MUSIC CLASSICS

by Victor Chang MD

As we care for patients with coronavirus, I would like to mention some pieces of traditional Chinese Music that can help inspire and support listeners, as befits a society of Chinese medical doctors.

The first is a pipa solo from the military school of pipa music “Ambush from Many Sides” 《十面埋伏》. Military music here was not about patriotic songs played during national holidays, but a depiction of the mood and sounds before and during battle. This piece starts as the troops assemble in the camp with rolling of the drums, then sweeping forth, the dissonance of battle, and a brief coda. The context is the battle of Gaixia 垓下之戰, between Xiang Yu 項羽 and Liu Bang 劉邦 over who would rule China after the fall of the Ch'in dynasty. This was the final battle, with Xiang Yu vastly outnumbered. Here is a shorter version performed by Liu Dehai 劉德海, a leading pipa soloist.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Rx5uqX4mBA>

In complete contrast is the second piece is “Geese landing on the shore” 《平沙落雁》 on the gu qin, the ancient Chinese zither. Geese have a long history in Chinese poetry, with connotations of separation and solitude, relevant to this time of social distancing. This piece depicts the circling and honking of geese as they land. Notice the calm underlying the music in this performance by Gong Yi, 龔一, reflecting the Taoist adage that calm is at the center of action.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RwniE7cQZAY>

Where there is weariness and fatigue, “Moon reflected on the Second Spring” 《二泉映月》 is a favorite er-hu melody. There are many arrangements of this well known piece on You Tube, ranging from solo to this lush orchestral version performed by Song Fei. 宋飛 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fj13KU3SAvE>

As a conclusion, “Spring Morning by the Green Lake”, 《翠湖春曉》 a traditional Chinese orchestral piece by Nie Er 聶耳. It starts with a melody that evokes the predawn darkness, with a soothing and consoling effect. The second half is more animated and cheerful, as the sun rises and the lake comes to life, how we might feel once this pandemic is over.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XcjyymjXG8s>

In the News, by Victor Chang MD

In the next section are listed headlines through July 1 with links from American and Canadian newspapers in the last few months that are grouped by

- 1) North American Chinese physicians and COVID 19,
- 2) North American Chinese community and COVID19,
- 3) Race relations

Chinese American and Chinese Canadian Physicians

Chinese physician groups speak out against Hate Speech

<https://www.ktsf.com/2020/07/01/chinese-community-on-trump-kung-flu/>

In Boston and elsewhere, Asian-American doctors and nurses are fighting racism and the coronavirus, May 20, 2020

<https://www.boston.com/news/coronavirus/2020/05/20/in-boston-and-elsewhere-asian-american-doctors-and-nurses-are-fighting-racism-and-the-coronavirus>

Asian American doctors and nurses are fighting racism and the coronavirus

May 18 , 2020

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2020/05/19/asian-american-discrimination/>

We're retreating to a new strategy on covid-19. Let's call it what it is. May 13, 2020 by Leana Wen MD

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/05/13/were-retreating-new-strategy-covid-19-lets-call-it-what-it-is>

Six flaws in the arguments for reopening, May 10 2020, by Leana Wen MD

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/05/10/six-flaws-arguments-reopening/>

Derek Sloan May Face Expulsion From Conservative Caucus Over Attacks On Dr. Theresa Tam May 8, 2020

https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/derek-sloan-conservatives-theresa-tam_ca_5eb56ed8c5b61feof57bb61d

Immigrant Chinese-American Feng Zhang, co-inventor of CRISPR, leads development of COVID tool test approved by FDA

May 8, 2020

<https://www.newsindiatimes.com/immigrant-chinese-american-feng-zhang-co-inventor-of-crispr-leads-development-of-covid-tool-test-approved-by-fda/>

An Interview with Dr. David Ho—HIV/AIDS Experience Propels SARS Research Effort

<https://www.amfar.org/articles/around-the-world/treatasia/older/an-interview-with-dr--david-ho%E2%80%94hiv/aids-experience-prope>

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/asian-america/famed-hiv-researcher-race-find-covid-19-treatment-n1197631>

Dr. Joseph Wong leads a campaign to raise 2 million dollars (Canadian) for COVID 19 to buy PPEs for medical professionals in the Greater Toronto Area May 1 2020

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/education-foundation-of-chinese-professionals-association-of-canada/campaign/support-canadian-healthcare-workers/>

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Coronavirus News: Chinese-American physicians in New Jersey from Alliance North American Chinese Physicians donate to COVID-19 fight, April 30, 2020

<https://abc7ny.com/health/chinese-american-physicians-in-nj-donate-to-covid-19-fight/6137898/>

Coronavirus: Canada's top doctor is a Hong Kong-born success story. What do some Chinese Canadians have against Theresa Tam? April 24, 2020

<https://www.scmp.com/news/world/united-states-canada/article/3081515/coronavirus-canadas-top-doctor-hong-kong-born>

I'm an Asian American doctor on the front lines of two wars: Coronavirus and racism

April 21, 2020 by Sojung Yi, MD

<https://www.thelily.com/im-an-asian-american-doctor-on-the-front-lines-of-two-wars-coronavirus-and-racism/>

I'm an E.R. Doctor in New York. None of Us Will Ever Be the Same. April 14, 2020 by Helen Ouyang, MD

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/14/magazine/coronavirus-er-doctor-diary-new-york-city.html>

Asian American doctors post a video with a message for the haters April 11, 2020

<https://asamnews.com/2020/04/11/asian-american-doctors-post-a-video-with-a-message-for-the-haters/>

As U.S., China Clash Over Coronavirus, Their Doctors Quietly Join Forces, April 10, 2020

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/as-u-s-china-clash-over-coronavirus-their-doctors-quietly-join-forces-11586516401>

Canadian doctor once posted to Beijing ignored by Ottawa after offering help with COVID-19 response. April 10, 2020 Felix Li, MD

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/world/article-canadian-doctor-posted-to-beijing-until-2015-was-never-replaced/>

'It's Tough to Reconcile Being Both Celebrated and Villainized.' An Asian-American Doctor on the Challenges of the Coronavirus Pandemic April 5, 2020 by Fu Chen, MD

<https://time.com/collection/coronavirus-heroes/5816886/asian-american-doctor-coronavirus/>

VIDEO: Racial backlash as an Asian American physician due to COVID-19 April 2, 2020 William Chey, MD

<https://www.healio.com/gastroenterology/practice-management/news/online/%7Bf26c1d1f-c207-4dcf-899f-52a45139171c%7D/video-racial-backlash-as-an-asian-american-physician-due-to-covid-19>

Prioritizing equity: The experience of physicians of color and COVID-19

April 2, 2020 including Winston Wong, MD

<https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/health-equity/prioritizing-equity-experience-physicians-color-and-covid-19>

Harvard and Chinese Scientists Collaborate on Coronavirus Research March 30, 2020

[HTTPS://WWW.THECRIMSON.COM/ARTICLE/2020/3/30/HMS-SCIENTISTS-COLLABORATE/](https://www.thecrimson.com/article/2020/3/30/hms-scientists-collaborate/)

A Washington ER Doctor Was Allegedly Terminated After Publicly Criticizing His Hospital for Not Protecting Its Staff March 29, 2020 Re: Ming Lin, MD

<https://time.com/5812006/washington-coronavirus-health-care-staff-fired/>

Coronavirus in New York - Report From the Front Lines Mar 23, 2020 Michelle N. Gong, MD, MS
<https://edhub.ama-assn.org/jn-learning/video-player/18331693>

The Calculus of Coronavirus Care, March 20, 2020 by Pauline Chen MD
<HTTPS://WWW.NYTIMES.COM/2020/03/20/WELL/LIVE/CORONAVIRUS-COVID-DOCTOR-NURSE-SHORTAGE-STAFF.HTML>

The Trump Administration drove him back to China, where he invented a fast coronavirus test. March 18, 2020 Re: Weihong Tan
<https://www.propublica.org/article/the-trump-administration-drove-him-back-to-china-where-he-invented-a-fast-coronavirus>

No Room at the Inn. Mar 12, 2020 by Pauline Chen MD
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/12/well/live/coronavirus-emergency-rooms-hospital-crowding.html>

'It's Just Everywhere Already': How Delays in Testing Set Back the U.S. Coronavirus Response
March 10, 2020 Re: Helen Chu, MD
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/10/us/coronavirus-testing-delays.html>

Nothing to do with discrimination': Chinese-Canadian MDs urge everyone returning from China to self-quarantine. February 27, 2020
<https://nationalpost.com/news/toronto-area-doctors-urge-all-travellers-from-china-to-voluntarily-enter-two-week-quarantine>

Renowned doctor shares essential coronavirus facts February 27, 2020 Dr Peter Lin
<https://kfor.com/health/coronavirus/renowned-doctor-shares-essential-coronavirus-facts/>

Chinese American and Chinese Canadian Community

The retired inventor of N95 masks is back at work, mostly for free, to fight covid-19. July 7, 2020 Peter Tsai
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/2020/07/07/peter-tsai-n95-mask-covid/>

Asian Americans are Central to COVID-19 Recovery Efforts May 6, 2020
www.aa-againstcovid19.org
<https://www.cpc-nyc.org/news/2634/asian-americans-are-central-covid-19-recovery-efforts>

Laguna Woods Chinese American Club donates \$20K to charities amid coronavirus pandemic
May 5, 2020 Ocean County, CA
<https://www.ocregister.com/2020/05/05/laguna-woods-chinese-american-club-donates-20k-to-charities-amid-coronavirus-pandemic>

The secret COVID-19 rate in Richmond, Canada's most Chinese city, isn't what racists might expect. It's dwarfed by the rest of the nation April 30, 2020
<https://www.scmp.com/news/world/united-states-canada/article/3082232/secret-covid-19-rate-richmond-canadas-most-chinese>

'How many deaths does it take': Mon Sheong Home for the Aged in crisis and waiting for help promised

April 23, 2020 Toronto, ON

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2020/04/23/mon-sheong-home-for-the-aged-in-crisis-and-waiting-for-help-promised.html>

Chinese American groups donate medical supplies to help fight coronavirus

April 20, 2020 San Diego, CA

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/caregiver/news-for-caregivers/story/2020-04-20/chinese-american-groups-donate-medical-supplies-to-help-fight-coronavirus>

T&T Supermarket donates 1 million masks to hospitals and long-term care homes

April 17, 2020 Vancouver, BC

<https://dailyhive.com/vancouver/tt-supermarket-1-million-masks-hospitals-care-homes>

How San Francisco's Chinatown Got Ahead of the Coronavirus April 17, 2020

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/17/us/san-francisco-coronavirus-chinese-hospital.html?searchResultPosition=3>

Philly Asian American groups are making thousands of masks for hospitals and senior centers

April 16, 2020 Philadelphia, PA

<https://www.inquirer.com/health/coronavirus/coronavirus-masks-covid-19-chinese-korean-americans-racism-20200416.html>

How R.I.'s Chinese-American Community donated 200,000 masks to fight coronavirus

April 7, 2020 Providence, RI

<https://www.providencejournal.com/news/20200407/how-rirsquo-chinese-american-community-donated-200000-masks-to>

Chinese Americans Confront Racism While Helping Battle COVID-19 April 7, 2020

<https://www.voanews.com/science-health/coronavirus-outbreak/chinese-americans-confront-racism-while-helping-battle-covid-19>

Chinese-Americans, Facing Abuse, Unite to Aid Hospitals in Coronavirus Battle

April 6, 2020 New York City

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/05/nyregion/coronavirus-chinese-americans-supplies.html>

Seattle's Chinese American community is here to help fight the coronavirus: 'We are all together'

April 5, 2020 Seattle, WA

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/seattles-chinese-american-community-is-here-to-help-fight-the-coronavirus-we>

Billionaire Brooklyn Nets owner Joe Tsai donates ventilators and masks to New York

April 4, 2020

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/04/tech/joe-tsai-clara-donate-masks-ventilators-new-york/index.html>

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Howard County Chinese community coming together to provide resources during coronavirus pandemic.
April 1, 2020 Baltimore, MD

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/coronavirus/cng-ho-chinese-community-fundrasier-20200401-timage4317jbv5lhe>

Andrew Yang: We Asian Americans are not the virus, but we can be part of the cure

April 1, 2020 by Andrew Yang

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/04/01/andrew-yang-coronavirus-discrimination/>

Front-line workers feel overwhelmed as coronavirus hits Markham nursing home

April 1, 2020

<https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9921219-front-line-workers-feel-overwhelmed-as-coronavirus-hits-markham-nursing-home/>

Canadian Thriller 'Corona' Touted as First COVID-19 Movie March 30, 2020

<https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/canadian-thriller-corona-touted-as-first-covid-19-drama-1287472>

Long Island Chinese Americans donate masks, other supplies to hospitals March 27, Long island, NY

<https://www.newsday.com/news/health/coronavirus/coronavirus-chinese-americans-donations-masks-1.43461277>

Opinion: Chinese Americans combat coronavirus March 26, Detroit, Michigan

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/opinion/2020/03/26/opinion-chinese-americans-combat-coronavirus/2920922001/>

Local Chinese-Americans rally to collect, distribute masks amid coronavirus response. March 25, 2020

Albany, New York

<https://dailygazette.com/article/2020/03/25/local-chinese-americans-rally-to-collect-distribute-masks>

'Astronaut' Families Stressed by Straddling 2 Worlds: China and Canada

March 21, 2020

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/21/world/canada/vancouver-chinese-immigrants.html>

Chinese American cartoonist finds satire in coronavirus crisis — with a perspective from both cultures

March 21, 2020

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/arts-entertainment/2020/03/21/comics-coronavirus-messycow-chen-weng/>

It takes a team to tackle coronavirus: Chinese Canadian community

March 4, 2020 Markham, Canada

<https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9870624-it-takes-a-team-to-tackle-coronavirus-chinese-canadian-community/>

Chinese-Canadian community using social media to co-ordinate self-quarantines to prevent spread of COVID-19 February 27, 2020

<https://www.thetelegram.com/news/canada/chinese-canadian-community-using-social-media-to-co-ordinate-self-quarantines-to-prevent-spread-of-covid-19-416883/>

IN THE NEWS

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In Memoriam Dr. John K.H. Li FCMS Champion

Dr. Li was born in Nanking, China and came to the US in 1949 to obtain higher education, following a childhood in Havana, Cuba, where his father was in the diplomatic service as Chinese Minister to Cuba (1939-1947). He attended Harvard College, then Harvard Medical School and came to New York City for post-graduate training in internal medicine and pathology at New York University-Bellevue Hospital.

Dr. Li was one of the first three volunteer physicians when the New York Chinatown Health Fair started a Free Health Clinic at The Church of Our Savior at 48 Henry St. in 1972. He provided primary care during evening clinical sessions until the early 1980's, and continued to serve on the Board of the Charles B. Wang Community Health Center (as it is now known). President of Chinese American Medical Society (CAMS) in 1991-93. He held the rank of Associate Professor of Pathology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the 1970s and 1980s and later a similar position at the State University of New York at Brooklyn. Dr. Li was the recipient of the CAMS Special Community Service Award in 1998, Department of the Year Award at Othmer Cancer Center at Long Island College Hospital in 2001, and was the Honoree of Charles B. Wang Community Health Center in 2005.

In Memoriam Artist Chitfu Yu 1943-2020

Mr. Chitfu Yu was born in Guangdong, China. He began his artistic destiny at age nine. He graduated from South China University in 1966, left China in 1975 and became a full time self employed artist , exhibited in local and international galleries and museums and won numerous awards and honors. He designed pro bono the greatly admired FCMS and FCMS Foundation seals/logos, which are used on our letterheads and lecture banners. He also donated his paintings for charity fundraising to FCMS and to Chinese American Medical Society

His work reflects his life long endeavor to develop a new form of Chinese painting. Unfortunately, he succumbed to Covid 19 in April 2020.



Dr. Daisy Saw and Dr. Tit Li
with the FCMS logo



Dr. David Chiu and Dr. Tit Li with
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FCMS 20th and CAMS 56th Scientific Meeting

Covid-19: Insights from Far and Near

November 7, DAY 1, Eastern Time

2:00 PM | GREETINGS; COVID-19: MANAGEMENT UPDATES

2:55 PM | CAMS KEYNOTE ADDRESS - COVID-19: PUBLIC HEALTH AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

3:55 PM | SCIENTIFIC & PATHOPHYSIOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF COVID-19

4:45 PM | PALLIATIVE CARE & COVID-19

6:00 PM | REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

November 8, DAY 2, Eastern Time

2:00 PM | GREETINGS; COVID-19: A GLOBAL EPIDEMIC PANEL DISCUSSION

2:55 PM | KEYNOTE ADDRESS 2

3:55 PM | WELLBEING

4:55 PM | THE FUTURE OF COVID-19

6:05 PM | RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

6:35 PM | CONCLUDING REMARKS FOLLOWED BY A VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR

There will also be a Virtual Poster Session, and Virtual Exhibit Hall.

The Remembrance and Thanksgiving session is a special session to commemorate those members of the Chinese Canadian and Chinese American medical communities who died from covid 19. Please send the name and a one sentence summary of the person to jlove@camsociety.org ; write “FCMS Remembrance” in the subject box.

Attendees are asked to register; there is no charge for attending. Check websites on p.2

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