



Federation of Chinese American and Chinese Canadian Medical Societies

2020 VIRTUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

by Cynthia Pan, MD and Benjamin Lee, MD

The 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting was co-hosted by CAMS and the FCMS and represented the first fully virtual scientific meeting in the history of our societies. An in-person meeting on “communication” had been originally planned but due to the global pandemic, our planning committee went from complete cancellation to a thoughtful decision to create a virtual program that would help educate and address the ongoing crisis. The meeting was entitled “The COVID-19 Pandemic – Insights from Far and Near” and was held over a two-day period spanning November 7 & 8.

The highlight of the first day was Dr. Howard Zucker, who gave the CAMS keynote address with a presentation entitled “New York State vs. COVID-19: What We Learned from the Pandemic.” The first day also included wonderful topical presentations that focused on COVID-19 management updates as well as the scientific and pathophysiological aspects of COVID-19. Finally, there was a much-needed discussion on palliative care and COVID-19 and the day concluded with a solemn time for remembrance and thanksgiving for the lives that had been lost and for all those who had served.

The second day of the meeting started with a welcoming from Andrew Yang and then continued with a global epidemic panel discussion that was truly spectacular. Dr. Vivian Lee followed with our keynote address with a thought-provoking lecture entitled “Lessons from the Long Fix: COVID-19 and Beyond.” The day concluded with an important discussion on wellbeing as well as the future of COVID-19 with discussions on the potential impact of vaccinations. Altogether, as our first fully virtual multi-media conference, the meeting was a huge success and was extremely well attended and received. Participants were also able to claim CME and MOC credits.

The 2022 Scientific Conference will be jointly hosted by the San Francisco medical societies and CAMASC. The CAMS 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting will be titled “Looking Back, Looking Forward: Preparing for the Post-Pandemic World.”

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

As I begin my term, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the previous administrations and officers for their many contributions to FCMS.

It has been challenging to move all meetings to virtual, but especially with some cities having bad Covid breakouts, it gives us the opportunity to get together more quickly, virtually. Since people are adapting to learning online, maybe there are possibilities to share more video meetings, especially on topics relevant across North America. FCMS can be a clearing house for information. We can share invites with group leads so people can participate remotely. We can also continue the newsletter. We will continue to solicit materials and share

across organizations and on our website.

For example, Dr. Warren Chin has worked hard on anti-smoking campaigns, we can share this better. In Toronto, COVID vaccine materials are in Chinese that can be shared on the FCMS website.

Anti-Asian sentiment has been challenging our community. As a group, we can work together to counteract this. At the same time, we need to ensure our community is provided for— kids, elders, everyone.

I look forward to working with the FCMS officers and members.

Chi-ming Chow, MD

“A YEAR OF RACIST ATTACKS: ANTI-ASIAN RACISM ACROSS CANADA ONE YEAR INTO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC “– Summary by Victor Chang, MD

Data was collected through the websites [COVIDRacism.ca](https://www.covidr Racism.ca) and [elimin8hate.org](https://www.elimin8hate.org). Data collection began on March 1, 2020 and ended on December 31st 2020. The report was issued one week after the shootings in Georgia and received national press coverage in Canada.

From March 10th, 2020 to February 28th, 2021 there were 1150 cases across Canada reported on our web platforms with 835 cases reported on [covidr Racism.ca](https://www.covidr Racism.ca) and 315 cases reported to [elimin8hate.org](https://www.elimin8hate.org). Data analysis was conducted using 643 cases up to December 31st, 2020. Data was collected in English, French, simplified Chinese and traditional Chinese forms. Accounts were self report (67%), witness (24%), other (9%).

Reports came from Ontario (40%) British Columbia (44%), Quebec (6%) and Alberta (5%). East Asians comprised 84% of respondents.

In addition to public spaces (49%), spaces in the food sector (grocery stores, restaurants etc.) were the next listed site of racist attacks (19%).

The types of attack were verbal harassment (73%), physical assault/aggression or unwanted physical contact (11%), being coughed at and spat (10%), and being shunned or excluded (10%).

When asked why they thought they were targeted, race remained the predominant causal factor; wearing of face masks and gender also represented significant contributing factors.

The majority of racist incidents and attacks occurred in the afternoon(12pm-5pm) (57%), the morning (6am-12pm) 19% of all instances, the Evening(5pm-9pm) 20%, and 4% at night(9pm-6am).

The most common type of response was mental distress/emotional harm, in 73% of respondents. Meanwhile, 8% of respondents reported physical harm, and 3% financial loss. There appeared to be patterns. Higher rates of physical harm, with older adults, age 55 and above, accounting for 15% and those under the age of 18 accounting for 14% of all physical assaults reported. Women were nearly twice as likely to report incidents of shunning than men, and men were nearly twice as likely to report being physically assaulted than those who identified as women.

Individuals who suffered racist attacks and incidents wanted more public education, collective action against racism, policy changes and more individual support.

Recommendations include:

- Recognize the importance of anti-racism education by committing financial and other resources to community-led organizations to carry out anti-racism education.
- Provide comprehensive, community-based, culturally specific, collective and individual social supports that would be accessible for those from diverse backgrounds and of all language abilities to ensure that victims and survivors of racist attacks and anti-Asian racism can receive the support they need so that our communities can recover holistically.
- Implement comprehensive policies to prevent the spread of misinformation in media and social media which incites negative public discourse and further provokes racism (for example, policies proposed by CCNC-SJ).
- Fund more educational initiatives about the long history of Chinese Canadians and Asian Canadians in Canada, their historical experiences with racism and their contributions to Canada.

This project was made possible by the contributions of the Steering Committee organizations including: The Chinese Canadian National Council Toronto Chapter (CCNC Toronto), Chinese Canadian National Council for Social Justice, the Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic, and the Civic Engagement Network Society Of Canada and funded by the Canadian government.

For more details, the report is available on the web [covidracism_final_report.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/covidracism_final_report.pdf) (mcusercontent.com)

ECFMG School Accreditation—

Victor Chang, MD

In 2010, ECFMG stated that effective in 2023, applicants for ECFMG Certification would be required to be a student or graduate of a medical school accredited by a World Federation Medical Education (WFME) recognized accrediting agency. During the last ten years, of the 130 - 147 countries whose medical students apply for 21 ECFMG certification, only 23 countries have obtained WFME recognition status, and only 13 more have applied. An extension to 2024 has been given because of COVID 19. This could limit the number of International Medical Graduates who can take the ECFMG examination

Activities of FCMS Member Organizations as of May 2021

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

Fall 2020— Formed a task force with the hospital HMC (owns 10 hospitals in the community) to set up drive-thru testing centers Launched programs with media to promote wearing masks

Rate has been extremely low in our community Plenty of ICU beds and most hospitals are back to ~90% to pre-COVID capacity.

Spring 2021 -Allied Pacific IPA was deluged with Covid patients in the beginning of 2021. Southern California was the epic center. AP, with its' network of physicians and partner hospitals, provided care around the clock for the community. We shut down all non-emergent procedures and focused exclusively on Covid cases. AP also initiated a massive campaign to vaccinate frontline workers and at risk patients. By March, we started to see rapid decline in Covid cases and we resumed routine care soon after. By June, we were taking care of patients as pre-pandemic.

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

From Fall, 2020 meeting— Engaged in a lot of unscheduled events Annual Mock Interview for Foreign Medical Graduates on Zoom in September -- lecture and one-on-one mock interviews Held lecture for the community via Zoom Received \$12,000 monetary donation and \$30,000 worth of PPE; delivered to more than 10 hospitals in Wuhan, China Received \$220k monetary donation and \$55k worth of PPE; donated to 31 hospitals and nursing homes in the NY region, clinics/ doctors, police stations, postal offices, and Indian tribe in Arizona Served as bridge between physicians and policy makers Voiced concerns from Chinese American physicians to media and policy makers regarding hateful speech and “Chinese virus” term Upcoming event: annual meeting and 25th anniversary celebration.

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

Fall 2020 received 4 years accreditation as a CME organization Pandemic has cancelled much of the activity so exploring Zoom / virtual options.

Spring 2021—The ACCME and CMA have set new standards for Integrity and Independence, and Ancillary Marketing. California AB 241 on Implicit Bias was enacted in 2019 and is being implemented. **Implicit bias**, meaning the attitudes or internalized stereotypes that affect our perceptions, actions, and decisions in an **unconscious** manner, exists, and often contributes to unequal treatment of people based on race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, and other characteristics. CAMASC has been approved as a CME provider from Aug 31, 2020 to August 31, 2024. ” To learn more about CAMASC, please visit our website at www.camasc.org or contact us via email at office@camasc.org.

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

Fall 2020 Doing best to carry out philosophy and mission; hands are full since NYC was hit hard earlier this year with COVID-19 Hope all were able to join the FCMS CAMS Scientific Conference Dr. Yick Moon Lee is very proud of CAMS Board and membership Tomorrow's second half of the conference will be fantastic with guest speakers Handed out 20,000 (free) masks to the Chinese community Held 6th annual CAMS Medical Student Career Day Wellness Committee created virtual programs to help members cope with stress, loss, and grief Successful nine-week program on local radio and TV Looking forward to year 2021.

Spring 2021 East NYC has the highest death rate nationally for Covid 19 Strongly positive feedback for the Scientific Conference CAMS met with the National Medical Association to discuss ways to deal with racism. CAMS organized radio talk show to combat disinformation about the COVID 19 vaccine. Anti bias statement posted on CAMS website Virtual seminars by CAMS on bias. Other ongoing virtual events such as research seminars.

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

Fall 2020— Continued donations of PPE to members for use in outpatient clinics and to local senior centers and fire departments Donated cloth masks to Lincoln Elementary School in Oakland Chinatown Participated with CHMS on press conference to speak out on hate speech; very successful Postponed application deadline to June for the annual scholarship program; awarded \$32k total across eight medical students across the country; will reopen application process in December.

Spring 2021 No face to face meetings. Awarded \$30,000 for scholarships 1975 MICRA (Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act) put a cap on malpractice suit compensation in California at \$250,000. There will be a ballot initiative on November 8, 2022 to increase California's \$250,000 cap on noneconomic damages in medical malpractice lawsuits based on changes in inflation since 1975 and allow judges and juries to award damages above the cap for catastrophic injuries. [California Changes to Medical Malpractice Lawsuits Cap Initiative \(2022\) - Ballotpedia.](#)

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

Fall 2020 Rates in Canada are low Organized Zoom meeting to educate local physicians on how to deliver telehealth Community initiative to fight racism by providing resources on mental health awareness.

Spring 2021

Dr. Joseph Chu has been collecting data on the first and second waves Now dealing with the third wave Conflicting information in the community on vaccines Wave 3 of Covid has hit Toronto hard. Moving patients from downtown to more remote cities up to 200 kilometers away. Vaccine delivery has been limited, mostly through large clinics, not smaller family offices. Huge amount of vaccine hesitancy with Astrazeneca. Also doing multilingual information disbursement to debunk vaccine hesitancies. Third wave hit hard for minority essential workers, median age in ICUs is currently 50 years.

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

Spring 2021—CCHCA remains a not for profit 501(c)4. As part of the mission, we've awarded \$100k this year to Self-Help for the Elderly to provide meals and \$100k as grants to Community organizations. Also, the Health Education Department actively produces live, print, and video materials with recent Youtube success going from 100 to 4000+ subscribers.

In cooperation with Chinese Hospital, we are mentoring 2 medical students this Summer to learn about the community and independent practice. In cooperation with Asian American Medical Group (AAMG), we have obtained a limited Knox-Keane (Insurance) license that enables us to take global patient risk through a larger plan like Anthem. CCHCA has a new Executive Director, Peter Hohl who also serves as the CEO of AAMG. To reach Seniors who otherwise could not reach the mass vaccination centers, two COVID clinics were started. 20,000 injections have been given so far. We also held 'pop-ups' to bring vaccine to where Seniors are receiving meals. Lastly, our hybrid private practice model has brought in two internists and a pediatrician into the community.

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

Fall 2020— Partnered with CCHCA earlier this year; very successful event COVID numbers have been great in San Francisco; CHMS has taken on some non-COVID patients from San Francisco General Hospital and UCSF (they had a mini surge from the prison but is under control now). Installed a new Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Justin Quock (son of Dr. Collin Quock); his principal role is representing the hospital in city-wide meetings for COVID planning and performance improvement. Second floor of CHMS has been filled with Zuckerberg patients; resembles city county hospital.

Spring 2021 Chinese Hospital was featured in a CNN broadcast [Early Chinese Americans were blamed for diseases and denied health care. So they built their own hospital - CNN](#)

Single room occupancy Efforts to limit the spread of covid 19. Did not run out of ICU beds, PPE, or oxygen. Partnership with summer externship programs Medical staff contracting with AAMG doctors.

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

Fall 2020 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>

Spring 2021 Working closely with CAMS, but works more in practice and still covers tri-borough area Share information on our website, a lot of great videos of events Mobile COVID testing unit is successful, vaccine clinics too, and applying for Covid testing site Applying for funding, but not successful. To be effective, need partnerships. Partnering with Apollo aka Allied Pacific IPA. Hoping all IPAs can form alliances to better serve our communities.

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

Fall 2020 Distributed PPE to offices for re-opening Patient care has resumed alongside telemedicine Participated in CCHP, offering a new zero premium Medicare Advantage Plan Making sure they prepare provider when city allows for reopening

Spring 2021 In January, held our fourth PPE distribution to our providers A group of our providers and office staff volunteered at the Chinese Hospital and Clinics walk-in vaccination program. Launched a Telehealth Improvement Project to assist our office staff and patients with their Telehealth experience. Look forward to working with Chinese Hospital Medical Staff for the 2022 Scientific Program in San Francisco!

Philippine Chinese American Medical Association, NYC, by Rodney Coe MD

Fall 2020 Rescheduling virtual meeting to June 2021 Have scholarship funds that will open to students next June. Spring 2021 Met in December 2020, shared experiences and celebrated, and awarded students. Provided a charitable donation to nursing home serving Asian residents. Haven't yet decided on events for 2021, likely summer or winter holiday season.

In the News

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

If the links do not work, try copying and pasting in your browser.

Chinese American and Chinese Canadian Physicians

8/28/ 2020

Canada's top doctor 'optimistic' after Canada-China vaccine partnership collapses.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7303586/canadas-top-doctor-optimistic-after-canada-china-vaccine-partnership-collapses/>

4/15/2021

This Chinese-Canadian scientist helped cure Ebola. Now she's at the centre of a viral security drama.

<https://sg.news.yahoo.com/chinese-canadian-scientist-helped-cure-180417557.html>

April 29,2021

'Wuhan pneumonia': Ontario MPPs urge Chinese-Canadian doctor to remove 'divisive' sign

<https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/ontario-mpps-urge-chinese-canadian-doctor-to-remove-divisive-chinese-sign-referring-to-wuhan-pneumonia>

2/8/2021

COVID-19 update for Feb. 8: 40 variant cases detected in British Columbia.

<https://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/covid-19-update-for-feb-8-chinese-canadians-voice-worries-about-racism-health-agency-has-no-moderna-doses-scheduled-this-week>

2/25/2021

Anti-Asian racism magnified during COVID-19

<https://www.kevinmd.com/blog/2021/02/asian-racism-magnified-during-covid-19.html>

3/28/2021

Some Asian Frontline Medics in US Face Hate Amid COVID-19

<https://www.voanews.com/covid-19-pandemic/some-asian-frontline-medics-us-face-hate-amid-covid-19>

4/3/2021

How a rally after the Atlanta shootings helped heal Asian American health care workers.

<https://www.statnews.com/2021/04/03/how-rallying-after-the-atlanta-shootings-was-healing-for-asian-american-health-care-workers/>

5/7/2021

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-05-07/asian-american-health-workers-fight-coronavirus-racist-attacks>

Chinese American and Chinese Canadian community—Covid 19

8/6/2020

[COVID-19 and Asian Americans | McKinsey](#)

11/1/2020

Disaggregating Asian Race Reveals COVID-19 Disparities among Asian Americans at New York City's Public Hospital System

<https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.11.23.20233155v1.full>

11/23/2020

Asian Americans Are Less Likely Than Public Overall to Know Someone With COVID-19. Their Mental Health Has Suffered Just the Same

<https://morningconsult.com/2020/11/23/asian-americans-covid-19-impact-polling/>

3/26/2021

<https://www.heart.org/en/around-the-aha/alliance-focuses-on-health-and-well-being-for-san-franciscos-chinese-residents>

4/9/2021

For Asian Americans, a dual pandemic of Covid 19 and racism

[For Asian Americans, a Dual Pandemic of COVID-19 and Racism | Commonwealth Fund](#)

4/21/2021

Not all Asian Americans are being vaccinated at high rates

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-04-21/chinatown-vaccine-clinic-asian-american-seniors>

May 28, 2021

Health Related Social Needs Among Chinese American Primary Care Patients During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Implications for Cancer Screening and Primary Care

<https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fpubh.2021.674035/full>

June 22, 2021

Blame, bullying and disrespect: Chinese Canadians reveal their experiences with racism during COVID-19

[Blame, bullying and disrespect: Chinese Canadians reveal their experiences with racism during COVID-19 - Angus Reid Institute](#)

June 25, 2020

'I Will Not Stand Silent.' 10 Asian Americans Reflect on Racism During the Pandemic and the Need for Equality

[Asian Americans Share Experiences of Racism During COVID-19 | Time](#)

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Chinese American and Chinese Canadian Community

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Asian American Bar Association

https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.aabany.org/resource/resmgr/press_releases/2021/A_Rising_Tide_of_Hate_and_Vi.pdf

2/12/2021

[A Tense Lunar New Year for the Bay Area After Attacks on Asian-Americans - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)

2/17/2021

[NYC Woman Gets Half Dozen Stitches in Latest Attack Against Asian Americans: Family – NBC New York](#)

2/18/2021

[Asian American Attacks: What's Behind the Rise in Violence? | Time](#)

2/23/2021

[‘Words matter’ as Asian American leaders urge action against hate crimes | PBS NewsHour](#)

2/25/2021

[Anti-Asian attacks: Chinatown patrols, guns and racial strife - The Washington Post](#)

2/26/2021

[Man stabbed, teen harassed in New York amid attacks on Asian Americans \(usatoday.com\)](#)

[An Asian American family was being harassed. Neighbors now stand guard each night at their home. - The Washington Post](#)

2/27/2021

[Jeremy Lin pushes for action as attacks against Asian Americans spike - The Washington Post](#)

3/1/2021

[The Muddled History of Anti-Asian Violence | The New Yorker](#)

3/2/2021

[Lesson of the Day: A Rise in Attacks on Asian-Americans - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)

3/11/2021

[Why Dr. Seuss got away with anti-Asian racism for so long \(nbcnews.com\)](#)

3/16/2021

[NAACP | NAACP President and CEO, Derrick Johnson, Releases Statement on Atlanta Shooting](#)

3/17/2021

[Cathy Park Hong on Anti-Asian Racism - The Atlantic](#)

3/18/2021

[Atlanta spa shootings: Racism and misogyny are linked to the violence against Asian American women - Vox](#)

[There were 3,800 anti-Asian racist incidents, mostly against women, in past year \(nbcnews.com\)](#)

[Asian-Americans Are Being Attacked. Why Are Hate Crime Charges So Rare? - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)

3/20/2021

[Protesters Gather in Atlanta to #StopAsianHate - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)

3/22/2021

[As Protesters Rally Against Anti-Asian Hate, N.Y.C. Records 5 Attacks - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)

[Jeremy Lin on Atlanta Shootings, Anti-Asian Racism | Time](#)

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[We Must Confront Anti-Asian American Hate Crimes - The Atlantic](#)

[‘This is a wake up call’: Georgia’s Asian communities turn tragedy into political power - POLITICO](#)

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More than 1,100 anti-Asian attacks reported in Canada one year into COVID-19 pandemic; 10% involved coughing or spitting (see summary page 2).

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[In show of bipartisan solidarity, 26 governors and more than 60 former officials condemn anti-Asian attacks - The Washington Post](#)

[Australia is also seeing racism against Asians. - The Washington Post](#)

[\\$1 Million Raised After Attack on Asian Woman Will Go to Fight Racism, Family Says - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)

[Ohio official Lee Wong removes shirt, shows off scars to call out anti-Asian violence: 'Is this patriot enough?' - The Washington Post](#)

3/30/2021

President Biden Announces Actions to Combat Anti-Asian Attacks

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/30/us/politics/biden-anti-asian-violence.html>

3/31/2021

[New York authorities file hate crime charges in brutal attack on Asian American woman - The Washington Post](#)

4/3/2021

[Would You Jump In to Stop an Assault? - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)

4/5/2021

[Ke Chieh Meng killed in 'random' stabbing while dog walking in Riverside, Calif., police said - The Washington Post](#)

4/20/2021

<https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/population-care/role-allies-combatting-anti-asian-racism-during-pandemic>

4/21/2021

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2021/04/we-are-constantly-reproducing-anti-asian-racism/618647/>

4/22/2021

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2021/04/22/health-workers-covid-quit/>

<https://www.healthline.com/health/mental-health/fight-anti-asian-racism-by-supporting-these-organizations#Takeaway>

5/13/ 2021

Video on racism—<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pkM1spNHOCk&t=12s>

5/20/2021

President Biden signs Covid19 Hate Crimes Act

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/05/20/us/politics/biden-asian-hate-crimes-bill.html>

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5/28/2021

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/05/28/fact-sheet-president-biden-establishes-the-white-house-initiative-on-asian-americans-native-hawaiians-and-pacific-islanders/>

Canada

8/6/2020

[Canada's failed vaccine partnership with China: The ongoing search for transparency - Healthy Debate](#)

2/8/2021

[Chinese-Canadians worry about racism, job losses one year into pandemic | CBC News](#)

2/17/2021

[Anti-Asian hate crime up 717% in Vancouver compared to last year | News \(dailyhive.com\)](#)

2/21/2021

Comment. Covid-19, structural racism, and migrant health in Canada

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(21\)00215-4/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(21)00215-4/fulltext)

3/23/2021

[covidracism final report.pdf \(mcusercontent.com\)](#)

[Coronavirus: New report details 'disturbing rise' in anti-Asian hate crimes in Canada | CTV News covidracism final report Canada 3-23-21\[2288\].pdf](#)

4/26/2021

[Canada coronavirus: Ontario hospitals under strain, and Doug Ford under siege - The Washington Post](#)

North American Chinatown Smoke Free Day 2021, in the days of COVID19 Warren Chin MD

In honor of North American Chinatown Smoke Free Day, the CAMS Research Committee has invited Dr. Nan Jiang and Ms. Binh V. Luu from NYU School of Medicine to discuss their ongoing projects related to Smoking Cessation in the Chinese Community on September 23, 2021 from 7-8 pm, Eastern time. Please check the CAMS website www.camsociety.org to register, and for information about a Zoom Conference on September 27th at 1 pm with CAMS, CBWCHC, CCAPH and AAFE (check the website to find out what these acronyms stand for).

PRESENTATION 1

CAMS and AAFE Smoking Cessation Pilot Program

Presented by **Bihn V. Luu**, Research Coordinator, Department of Population Health, New York University School of Medicine

PRESENTATION 2

Development of a Smoking Cessation Text Messaging Program for Chinese Immigrant Smokers

Presented by **Nan Jiang, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Population Health NYU Grossman School of Medicine

New Pathway to Practice in Hong Kong Hong Kong Government

Background of the new pathway

Hong Kong is facing a severe shortage of doctors to meet the increasing demand for public healthcare services amidst the ageing population. In particular, there is an acute shortage of paediatricians trained in child assessment. There is hence an imminent case to create a new pathway under the Medical Registration Ordinance for qualified non-locally trained doctors to obtain full registration in Hong Kong as an alternative to the current pathway of passing the Licensing Examination, subject to certain criteria being met.

Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2021

The HKSAR Government introduced on June 2 the Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2021 (the Bill) into the Legislative Council. The Bill proposed that a non-locally trained doctor would be eligible for full registration in Hong Kong, if they fulfil certain criteria, including:

- (a) he/she is a Hong Kong permanent resident;
- (b) he/she holds a recognised medical qualification awarded by a non-local medical school and possesses medical registration in any place where the non-local medical schools concerned are located;
- (c) he/she has been engaged in full-time employment as a medical practitioner with special registration in any of the public healthcare institutions (i.e. the Hospital Authority (HA), the Department of Health and the medical schools of the University of Hong Kong and the Chinese University of Hong Kong) for at least five years after obtaining specialist qualification; and
- (d) he/she is considered by the employing healthcare institutions to have served satisfactorily and competently as a medical practitioner during the period of five years (or more).

More details about the new pathway to be created, the following is enclosed for your reference –

- (1) [Press release by the HKSAR Government about the Bill:](#)

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/18/P2021051800390.htm?fontSize=1>
https://www.fhb.gov.hk/en/press_and_publications/otherinfo/210500_amendments_mro/index.html

- (2) [A brief to the Legislative Council about the Bill:](#)

https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr20-21/english/brief/fhcr1f326192_20210518-e.pdf

Dr Nga Wan Wong receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Lily Li

Born in Hong Kong in 1933, Nga Wan Wong, M.D., is a fourth-generation American: Two great grandfathers in both her maternal and paternal lines helped build the Transcontinental Railroad that would link the U.S. from east to west. She spent her childhood and undertook precollegiate education in mainland China because of the Japanese invasion and occupation of the British colony. Admitted in 1953 to Hunan Medical College, now part of Central South University, she met and dated her classmate, Tit Sang Li, in their second year.

After graduation, the two married, and Dr. Wong, who kept her maiden name professionally, was appointed in 1959 to a teaching position at the medical college in Changsha. With support from both the Wong and Li families as well as careful planning, the young couple along with their two children went to Hong Kong, where both physicians passed the only medical license examination accepted by the local government, opening their medical office there in 1962.

The family, which had grown to three children, immigrated to the U.S. in October 1966, settling in Los Angeles. Facing challenges in their lives as new Americans, the couple embarked on post-graduate training, which lasted more than four years. Having passed the California Medical License Examination in 1973, the two physicians opened their first private medical office in Huntington Beach, Orange County, in 1979 and their second one in Chinatown in Los Angeles the following year.

For more than four decades, Drs. Wong and Li not only reared all four of their children but provided primary care to the poor, disabled and elderly regardless of their patients' race, color, income or religion. Living as simple folk and serving the needs of their richly diverse communities, the dedicated physicians not only unfailingly answered the call of medical duty but lent a helping hand—making social, educational, legal and other referrals—to friends, relatives and vendors.

In the wake of Dr. Wong's own recovery last year from COVID-19, an experience that has been called inspirational, she and Dr. Li were interviewed in Mandarin on Jan. 8th by *World Journal*, the largest Chinese-language newspaper in the U.S., just prior to receiving their first Moderna vaccinations (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pPwsD_PNBik).

The physicians' goal remains to do what they can to make U.S. society a better place for all! They love America!

On the Firing Line with Traditional Chinese Philosophy

A) Why not? Sunhoo Foo, MD



I am here referring to Dr. Wen-Hsien Wu's seal: 『有何不可』 (Why Not?) to let your thoughts run wild and glide freely. Dr. Wu, CAMS past president, graduated from National Taiwan University Medical College (NTUMC), Taiwan in 1958; he is 14 years my senior. We worked together on the Board of Directors in the early years of Chinese American Medical Society (CAMS). After he retired from medicine, he turned to painting, carved this seal with his motto, and enjoys another inspiring facet of life.

My thinking about “Why Not?” refers to unrestricted thinking of our minds, “Thinking outside of the box,” while appreciating the fleeting beauty around us.

Under the dark cloud of current waves of discrimination, "Why not?" is not to impose implausible reasons on people, such as “I punched you because I don't like your skin color.”, “I hate/push you because of your race/and you are vulnerable.”, “In order to publish an incredible result, let's change the data.” “I like your work, so it is mine now.” - - - but rather to think in new ways about our situation in time and space. “A picture is worth a thousand words.” However, one may not be able to comprehend what the photographer or painter wants to express by only looking at the beautiful images. This is why I share a lot of my pictures in the article, “Beauty is all over surrounding us”, Our ancestors appreciated that years ago and expressed these feelings in beautiful poems; I quote a few. so you may let your imagination fly. This is what I like. So, “It's all possible, Why Not?”

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B) Traditional viewpoints on hostile behavior—Victor Chang

What is meant by the phrase Bao Yuan Yi De 報怨以德 (Laozi Dao De Jing Ch 63)

Proposed translations—

Requite malice with virtue; To return good for evil

Respond to enmity with excellence

By contrast: 何以報德？以直報怨，以德報德 (Analects 14:34)

Recompense injury with justice, and recompense kindness with kindness.

[What Does It Mean to "Respond to Enmity with Excellence"? – Warp, Weft, and Way](#)