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Professor George Lau is currently Professor in Clinical Hepatology and Assistant Dean of the LKS Faculty of Medicine, at the University of Hong Kong and Honorary Clinical Consultant of Queen Mary Hospital.

Professor Lau has a distinguished career in HBV infection research, where he has pioneered work in adoptive clearance of HBV infection and the use of pre-emptive lamivudine to prevent HBV reactivation after chemotherapy. He is recognized as an international leader in clinical trials for anti-HBV treatment, with more than 300 publications in journals such as the New England Journal of Medicine, Lancet, Gastroenterology, Journal of Hepatology, Hepatology and Blood.

Currently, Professor Lau serves as a reviewer for over 20 international journals and is the Associate Editor for the Journal of Hepatology. He is also on the editorial board of Chinese Hepatology, Current Hepatitis Report, Annals of Clinical Microbiology and Antimicrobials, Expert Review of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Hepatology International and Medical Progress.

Professor Lau is also the principal investigator for pegylated interferon-2a treatment for chronic HBV infection. The results of such work have led to the registration of pegylated interferon-2a for treatment of chronic HBV infection by the EU and US Food and Drug Administration in 2005 and represent a landmark for the treatment of chronic HBV infection. He is also a key member of the Scientific Committees formulating the consensus statements for HBV management for APASL and EASL.

Professor Lau has founded the Cheng Si-yuan (China-International) Hepatitis Research Foundation and is the principal investigator for the Consortium for HBV Pathogenesis and Therapy in China. In 2002, he was among the winners of the Ten Most Outstanding Youths in Hong Kong, in recognition of his work in HBV infection. Recently, he was elected to be the President of APASL for the period 2008–09.