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CUHK Team Heads for Shandong for Collaborative Cancer Study

Gastric cancer is the most common malignancy in the world and is the fourth killer amongst the various cancers in Hong Kong. The cause of gastric cancer is largely unknown until recently. Epidemiological studies show that patients infected by *Helicobacter pylori* have a significantly higher risk of developing the cancer. The World Health Organisation has classified *H. pylori* as a class 1 carcinogen for gastric cancer. The relationship between *H. pylori* and gastric cancer is the focus of scientific and clinical research. The most important question is: Would eradication of *H. pylori* prevent the development of gastric cancer? The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) will conduct with the Beijing Medical University a collaborative study in the city of Yantai in Shandong.

Beijing Medical University is one of the most prestigious medical schools in China. Professor Lin San-ren at the Division of Gastroenterology of the Beijing Medical University has wide experience in studying chronic gastritis, gastric cancer and *H. pylori* infection. The study of *H. pylori* infection and gastrointestinal diseases is also one of the main theme research at CUHK. Four years ago, the Faculty of Medicine at CUHK has pioneered the use of triple therapy for one week in the treatment of *H. pylori*-related peptic ulcer disease in Hong Kong. Today, this regimen has become the international standard for treating peptic ulcers.

In the present project, medical doctors, nurses and researchers will be sent from both CUHK and the Beijing Medical University to the city of Yantai in Shandong, a high prevalence area for gastric cancer, to carry out screening tests by endoscopy. Patients with high risk of developing gastric cancer will receive antibiotic therapy. A team of seven people led by Dr. Joseph Sung, which includes physicians, surgeons, nurses and researchers, will leave for Yantai on April 21 (Sunday) for this joint venture. This research project is supported by the Hong Kong Society of Digestive Endoscopy.

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