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Low Cost Hepatitis Screening and Vaccinations Available

Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI), with the Asian Liver Center at Stanford University, will offer low cost hepatitis screening and vaccinations. The screening and vaccinations will be available on selected Saturdays from 10 AM to 1 PM at 2400 Moorpark Avenue, Suite 111, San Jose, CA 95128.

The greatest health disparity between Asian Americans and white Americans is the prevalence of chronic hepatitis B infection and the high incidence of liver cancer, 80% of which is caused by chronic hepatitis B infection. Approximately 1 in 10 Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Americans have chronic hepatitis B infection compared with 1 in 1,000 of white Americans.

The key to winning the fight against hepatitis B and liver cancer is prevention, and prevention begins with outreach and education. Since its founding in 1996, the Asian Liver Center has served the Asian community through a variety of outreach and education programs. A HBV vaccine is readily available, offering full protection from hepatitis B, but many Asian American residents are not vaccinated simply because they are not aware of the problem and its prevalence in their community.

In 2009, screening and vaccinations will be available on January 17, February 21, March 7, March 21, April 4, April 18, May 16, and June 6. No appointments are necessary. Fees range from \$30 to \$50, payable in cash only. For more information, please visit <http://www.aaci.org/events.htm> or contact the Asian Liver Center at 1-888-311-3331.

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