

Curriculum Vitae of Speaker

Dr HO Pak Leung

Dr HO Pak Leung (MBBS, MD, MRCP, FACP, FRCPath, FRCPA, FHKCPath, FHKAM) is currently President of the Carol Yu's Centre for Infection at the University of Hong Kong, Chairman of the Health Protection Program for Antimicrobial Resistance in the Centre for Health Protection, Chairman of the Specialty Board in Clinical Microbiology and Infection at the Hong Kong College of Pathologists, and Honorary Consultant in the Department of Clinical Microbiology, Queen Mary Hospital.

Dr HO is both a clinician and an active researcher with a pronounced output of over 170 scientific publications, primarily in the fields of emerging antimicrobial resistance, clinical microbiology and infectious diseases. His publications have been cited more than 1800 time (ISI, Journal citation report). Five of his publications were ranked as Highly Cited Papers, meaning that the number of citations of the articles received places them in the top 1% within its field according to the Essential Science Indicators.

On teaching, he is founding member of the most popular Infectious Diseases course for postgraduate medical doctors and other healthcare professionals since the Postgraduate Diploma and Infectious Course Program was launched in 1998. The program has since been attended by over 3000 doctors in Hong Kong. As supervisors, he has successfully trained over 50 postgraduates under various Diploma, Master and Doctorate programs. In the fields of Clinical Microbiology and Infection, he provides leadership and contributes to maintaining the standard of specialist training, continuing medical education (CME) for specialists/non-specialists via active participation in various professional committees. He is Editor and lead author of the antimicrobial reference book, IMPACT guideline which is now in the third edition. Besides being available at the Department of Health and the Hospital Authority's home pages, over 15000 hardcopies of this antibiotic reference have been printed for used by doctors and other healthcare professional in Hong Kong. His work has lead to the launch of a territory-wide program on optimizing antimicrobial usage in all the public hospitals in February 2006 and several Department of Health initiatives for containment of antimicrobial resistance in the community (e.g. mandatory notification of community-associated MRSA, addition of the 7-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine to the childhood immunization program).

On the Community fronts, he seeks to enhance the standard of healthcare quality, public health and professional standards for the good of the public in large. He has served as Expert witness for medicolegal cases, external examiner for the Specialist Examination held by the Macau

Department of Health, and Grant Reviewer to the United Kingdom Department of Health. He is a popular resource person and opinion leader, much sought after by local and international media (e.g. BBC, CNN) for views on matters related to public health, infectious diseases and germs.