



Mei-Hwei Chang, M.D., Distinguished Chair Professor of the Department of Pediatric, College of Medicine, National Taiwan University, earned her M.D. degree at the College of Medicine, National Taiwan University (NTU). She received Adult gastroenterology fellowship training in NTU hospital, and then pediatric gastroenterology research fellowship training at UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles, U.S.A. She established the pioneer fellowship training program of pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition in Asia.

Internationally, she is the past president of the Federation of International Societies of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition from 2008 to 2012, leading the five member societies in the world. She was also the past president of the Asian-Pan Pacific Society of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition. She is currently the chair of the FISPUGHAN Hepatitis Expert Team.

She successfully demonstrated that universal HBV vaccination program in Taiwan indeed reduced approximately 70% of the incidence of liver cancer in children, adolescents, and young adults. Her study proves HBV vaccine as the first cancer preventive vaccine in human. She has been devoted in promoting the concept of cancer preventive vaccine, through her more than 400 original and review articles.

Biliary atresia is the leading cause of liver death and liver transplantation in children. Children with biliary atresia should be operated urgently as early as possible, otherwise the outcome is poor. She established the world first universal stool color card screening program for biliary atresia in Taiwan. This program has enhanced the early diagnosis and treatment of biliary atresia and improved the outcome of the children.

She has received many international academic awards and honors, such as ISI Citation Classic Award, Sheila Sherlock Award of the International Association for the Study of the Liver, Outstanding Asian Pediatrician Award, Canadian Association for the Study of Liver/Canadian Liver Foundation Sass-Kortsak Award, AASLD Distinguished Achievement Award, TWAS Fellow, etc.