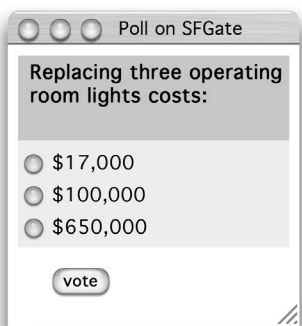


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# Taking on a sleeping giant: Hepatitis B.

An estimated 1 in 10 Asians is infected with Hepatitis B — a disease that can lead to cirrhosis of the liver and liver failure, and that's responsible for 80% of all primary liver cancer worldwide.

In fact, Asians and Pacific Islanders (API) have the highest liver cancer rate of any race/ethnic group. For many, Hepatitis B infection can be



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avoided through an effective vaccination. For those who have Hepatitis B, medication is available to help control the disease. While Hepatitis B is 100 times more infectious than HIV/AIDS, it can be stopped. San Francisco has become the first city in the country to take on Hepatitis B by testing and vaccinating all API residents. Because there are usually no symptoms, the virus is often not discovered until it has already done considerable liver damage.

That's why California Pacific has partnered with community organizations to screen,

vaccinate and educate San Franciscans about this disease. We're also hosting community outreach forums, panel discussions, and screenings such as the ones scheduled for **May 4th at the Imperial Banquet Room at noon** and on **May 17 at the Asian Heritage Street Celebration in Japantown.**

California Pacific has some of the nation's leading experts in liver disease who bring the latest advancements and research to our patients. Our team of specialists have seen first-hand the effects of Hepatitis B in San Francisco and are committed to educating patients and providing free vaccinations.

When a deadly virus threatens our community, we fight back with every resource we have. It's all part of how we can help make San Francisco a better, stronger, healthier place to live.

Last week's survey shows 56% of San Franciscans know that Hepatitis B is more infectious than HIV/AIDS. Join us online as we address this and other issues beyond medicine at [www.cpmcbeyondmedicine.com](http://www.cpmcbeyondmedicine.com).

What else should be done to make San Francisco Hepatitis B free?

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