

Hepatitis B (HBV) is a global problem that disproportionately affects Asians and Asian Americans and is the leading cause of liver cancer. Compared to other groups, Asians and Asian Americans are eight to thirteen times more likely to develop liver cancer due to HBV. My project focuses on increasing health education, which includes interviewing Stony Brook University students about their knowledge of HBV. Health education is a preventative measure that leads to the awareness and knowledge of this disease. In addition, educating people who either may be at risk for HBV or know someone who is, will guide them towards getting screened and vaccinated. According to the World Health Organization, two in three people infected by HBV are unaware about this disease, which may be transmitted through contact with infected blood or sexual intercourse. Because the Stony Brook University community is comprised of 37% Asians or Asian Americans, and also lacks knowledge about HBV, I created a Stony Brook University division of the National Collegiate Chapter, *Team HBV*. I have also recruited prominent stakeholders who are interested in providing additional information and support the website that I created that it is easily accessible and includes multilingual components. Being the runner up for the Think Big Competition will help me distinguish my HBV health initiative project and raise funds for my newly founded *Team HBV* chapter.