

Union College's Global Public Health and Wellness Symposium:  
Presidential Forum on Diversity Lecture

**Title:** "Public Health: A Personal Journey-From Local to Global"

**Speaker:** Loc T. Le, M.D, F.A.C.P; F.A.C.G - Class of 1984

**Biography:**

Loc T. Le MD, FACP, FACG is the current chairman of the National Task Force on Hepatitis B: Focus on Asian and Pacific Islander Americans (hepbtaskforce.org), a national non-profit organization dedicated to the advocacy and education to raise awareness about the importance of hepatitis B screening and treatment for those with the highest risk, the Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI). Its goal is to meaningfully reduce the rate of chronic hepatitis B infection and ultimately eliminate hepatitis B in this and other high risk populations in the United States.

He is also a board certified gastroenterologist/hepatologist and a senior partner at Woodholme Gastroenterology Associates, PA in Baltimore, MD. He graduated from Union College in 1984 with a degree in Biology and Mathematics and then received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in 1988.

Dr. Le is a former Chairman of the Division of Gastroenterology and Director of Endoscopy at Harbor Hospital of Baltimore (July 1998-July 2004). He also held the ranks of Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of Maryland School of Medicine and Instructor in Medicine, the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine (1995-2012). Dr. Le has been involved with several medical projects in rural Vietnam since 1995. Currently, his organization, Vietnam Medical Assistant Program (VNMAP), is initiating in a primary care pilot project, PrimCare, in the Mekong River delta's Tien Giang Province in southern Vietnam. He was also a visiting faculty at Hue School of Medicine in Central Vietnam.

He has been very active in hepatitis B advocacy for several years and is involved with hepatitis B education, screening, vaccination, prevention, and treatment locally and nationally. As a national speaker at the Vietnamese-American Medical Association's annual convention on Hepatitis B and liver cancer, Dr. Le also conducted several hepatitis B related CME lectures for the healthcare providers nationally. Additionally, he has been an advisory board member of the Asian Health Foundation for the past 6 years where he networks with other Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese hepatologists throughout the country.

He is an advisor and a member of the board of directors for the Vietnam Medical Assistance Program (VNMAP.org), a health student non-profit organization, and conducted several annual health fairs and seminars to educate the local Vietnamese community about Hepatitis B and other common health issues. Through VNMAP, he helped found "SMASH B" (Screening, Management, Awareness, and Solution for Hepatitis B) in 2009 to establish a network of patients and health providers in order to facilitate the management of Hepatitis B in the Washington DC-Virginia-Maryland area. VNMAP also has an annual medical mission to rural Vietnam since 2007. Dr. Le has also appeared on different radio and television programs to discuss about Hepatitis B.