

People Profile

# Dr Ching-Hon Pui Frontiers in Leukemia Research



#### About Viva Foundation

The goal of the Viva Foundation is 3-fold: (1) to establish a world-class Children's Cancer Center at the National University of Hospital, Singapore; (2) to promote clinical research and treatment of childhood cancer; and (3) to advance the training of doctors and nurses from Singapore and the region. Through working with its partners, St Jude Children Research hospital, the NUH and NUS, the viva foundation hope to save the lives of as many children as possible, with the support of kindhearted donors.

#### About St Jude

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. Founded by late entertainer Danny Thomas and based in Memphis, Tenn., St. Jude freely shares its discoveries with scientific and medical communities around the world. No family ever pays for treatments not covered by insurance, and families without insurance are never asked to pay. St. Jude is financially supported by ALSAC, its fund-raising organization. For more information, please visit [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

**D**r Pui received his MD degree from National Taiwan University and was an intern in National Taiwan University, Taiwan. After his internship, Dr Pui pursued his medical career in the US. He has worked in St Jude Children's Research Hospital for many years and he is currently Chair of the Department of Oncology, Fahad Nassar Al-Rashid Chair of Leukemia Research and Director of Hematological Malignancies Program at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He is also Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

Dr Pui's research interests are: development of "total therapies" for children with leukemia, evaluating the efficacy of novel antileukemic drugs or new therapeutic strategies and applying molecular genetic, pharmacologic and immunologic discoveries to clinical problems.

Dr Pui has authored over 600 original articles, reviews, and chapters, and edited three books and two monographs on leukemia. He serves as a section editor and on the editorial board of several prestigious journals. He is an elected member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation and the Association of American Physicians, and a fellow of the American Association of the Advancement of Science. Dr Pui had received numerous awards and honors. In 2002, the American Cancer Society awarded him the FM Kirby Clinical Research Professorship. He is among the most highly cited researchers in Clinical Medicine in the past two decades according to Thomson ISI Essential Science Indicators.

Recently, he is the chair of the international advisory board for Viva foundation, a fund raising foundation to set up strategic programs in the treatment of childhood leukemias and novel cellular therapy at the children's cancer center in NUH, in collaboration with St. Jude and National University of Singapore. 📍