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# Blue Faery

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## Meet Blue Faery Award winner Dr. Feitelson

As a Professor of Biology at Temple University and a Co-Director of the [Temple Biotechnology Center](#), [Dr. Mark Feitelson](#) focuses on understanding the biology of hepatitis B and hepatitis C and how they lead to the development of chronic liver diseases including liver cancer. The author of two books, Dr. Feitelson has over 100 publications in highly ranked international scientific journals. He has also delivered more than 160 oral presentations/posters at national and international meetings and more than 100 lectureships across the world. In 2005, Dr. Feitelson distributed Blue Faery's HCC Chinese Patient Education Brochures in four treatment centers in China.



Dr. Feitelson was delighted to receive the Blue Faery Award stating, "Thank you so much! This is very special to me because I know it represents our shared commitment to a world where people are no longer dying of liver cancer. That has been my professional goal for more than 30 years, and I know that is your goal as well. I am so happy to know that there are others in this world who share my perspective, and I know that together we could accomplish what neither one of us can do alone."

## [Learn about Baby Boomers having the highest incidence of hepatitis B and C](#)

According to findings in the December issue of Liver Transplantation, a spike in liver transplantations due to hepatitis-C related liver disease occurs among Americans born between 1941 – 1960. Specifically, the highest HCV frequency occurred (in descending order) in those born from 1951 – 55, 1956 – 60, 1946 – 50, 1941 – 45. These birth groups represent 81% of all new liver transplant registrants with HCV. Further evidence points to HCV as a primary risk factor for developing HCC in 47% of patients with HCC and between 2000 – 2010 there was a four-fold increase in new transplant candidates with HCV and HCC in this baby boomer group. The demand for transplants in this group may decrease over time, according to Dr. Scott Biggins, University of Colorado School of Medicine, because, "With the aging of the population of patients with HCV, many of these patients may not be healthy enough for transplantation and the number of liver transplants with HCV may decrease."

## Request Blue Faery's FREE educational brochures

As a reminder, our [HCC Brochures](#) are free of charge to all patients, their families and their healthcare providers. The brochure is available in English, Spanish and Chinese and has been distributed in 30 treatment centers across the nation. To request FREE brochures for your patients, please contact Medical Research Chair [Doug Senecal](#), and the brochures will be shipped at no charge. If your patients need information right away, they may download the brochure from our website at [www.bluefaery.org](http://www.bluefaery.org).

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