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**Prof. James Y.W. LAU** is currently Professor of Surgery at CUHK and Director to Endoscopy Centre at Prince of Wales Hospital. Graduated from the Medical School of the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, Professor Lau joined Prince of Wales Hospital as a resident in 1992 where he started learning therapeutic endoscopy from Prof. Sydney Chung and Prof. Joseph Sung, and developed his interest in endoscopic treatment of gastrointestinal diseases.

Professor Lau is known internationally for his clinical research in management of acute upper gastrointestinal bleeding from non-variceal causes. He has published several landmark studies investigating the relative roles of endoscopic treatment, pharmacotherapy and surgery in prestigious medical journals including the New England Journal of Medicine and Lancet. These studies included a comparison between further endoscopic treatment and surgery in the treatment of patients with refractory bleeding, and the use of profound acid suppression before and after endoscopic treatment to prevent recurrent bleeding. His research has led to significant reductions in further bleeding (less than 5%), requirement for surgery and deaths (less than 1%) in patients with upper gastrointestinal bleeding.

Professor Lau is currently leading multicenter international studies in determining the adjunctive role of interventional radiology to endoscopic treatment. It is hoped that his current research will achieve the aim of 'zero' re-bleeding in patients with acute non-variceal upper gastrointestinal bleeding.