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Dr. Chang graduated from Taishan Medical College in China in 1989. He then pursued additional education at Dartmouth Medical School in New Hampshire from 1990 to 1998, and obtained his M.D./Ph.D. degrees with Ph.D. thesis on functional and structural analysis of interleukin-2. He completed his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and subsequently, pursued his fellowship in Hematology/Medical Oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center from 2001 to 2004, during which time he worked under the mentorship of Dr. Leonard Saltz, an outstanding clinical investigator in gastrointestinal medical oncology, and Dr. Alan Houghton, a world-renowned tumor immunologist. He then joined faculty at Department of Gastrointestinal Medical Oncology at University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. Dr. Chang is board certified in Internal Medicine, and in Medical Oncology.

Dr. Chang specializes in colorectal cancer, pancreatic cancer, and neuroendocrine tumor. His research interest is developing active immunotherapy for gastrointestinal cancers. He has received numerous prestigious awards including ASCO Young Investigator Award, AACR Clinical Research Award, and CALGB Research Fellowship during his fellowship, and ASCO Career Development Award and AACR Career Development Award as a faculty. He has authored or co-authored over a dozen peer-reviewed papers and three book or book chapters.

As one of the founding members of the Chinese American Hematologist and Oncologist Network (CAHON), Dr. Chang has been actively participated in promoting this organization in the United States as well as in China.