

**Dr. Xinguang (Jim) Chen, Retired Professor of Epidemiology
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Dr. Xinguang (Jim) Chen, retired Professor of Epidemiology at UF, an outstanding expert in the field of global health and epidemics, a Fellow of the American College of Epidemiology, passed away at 11:30 p.m. on February 17, 2024, Los Angeles time, at the age of 70 from esophageal cancer.

Dr. Chen has dedicated his life to research in public health. Since 1999, Dr. Chen has participated in more than 60 scientific research projects funded by NIH, state governments, universities and non-governmental institutions. He served as the PI or MPI of 20 of these projects, with a cumulative fund of 24.9 million US dollars. Topics include the study of social capital and the health problems of Chinese migrant workers through satellite-assisted sampling, large-scale international cooperation on tobacco control for young people in China and AIDS prevention and control for adolescents in the Bahamas, the exploration of advanced methodologies such as quantum dynamic models and probability discrete models, research on the impact of genetic environmental interaction on health, etc. He has published more than 350 chapters of peer-reviewed papers, including in high impact journals, such as American Journal of Public Health, JAMA Network Open, Journal of Adolescent Health, Epidemiology and Psychiatric Science. The article has been quoted 9237 times, and the H index has reached 56. Since 2019, he published four textbooks/monographs as co-editors and editors-in-chief.

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The death of Dr. Chen is a huge loss to the field of global health and epidemiology. We lost an excellent scholar, a respectable peer and a dear friend. His dedication to research and education will keep us motivated. I would like to express my deep condolences to Dr. Chen's family, relatives and friends.