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Margaret Ip is Professor and Chairperson at the Department of Microbiology, Chinese University of Hong Kong. She is also an Honorary Consultant Microbiologist at the New Territories East Cluster of Hospitals of Hospital Authority of Hong Kong. She received her medical training at the University of Southampton and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom. She is a Fellow of respective Colleges of Pathologists in Australasia, U.K and Hong Kong. She has longstanding interests in Streptococcal diseases and Streptococcal research since the mid-1990s. This was the time when the use of intrapartum antibiotic prophylaxis (IAP) for the prevention of neonatal Group B Streptococcal (GBS) disease with GBS screening in pregnancy as recommended by the CDC Consensus Guidelines was controversial. Surveillance studies were conducted to further understand the prevalence of GBS carriage, serotypes distribution, the burden of disease in various population groups in Hong Kong. She has published over 300 international peer-reviewed papers and 5 book chapters. She serves as an Advisor and in Expert groups on GBS with WHO and FAO.