



**CONFERENCES & MEETINGS**

**Grand Rounds**  
**Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, 8:00 AM**  
**Clinic Auditorium**

**Philip Klemmer, M.D.**  
Professor, Nephrology

**Cardiovascular Calcification in Chronic Kidney Disease: The Skeleton in the Vascular Closet**

**Grand Rounds**  
**Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004, 8:00 AM**  
**Clinic Auditorium**

**Douglas Morgan, M.D., Ph.D.**  
Assistant Professor  
and  
**Nicholas J. Shaheen, M.D.**  
Assistant Professor  
Gastroenterology and Hepatology

**Evolving Technologies in Gastroenterology**

**FROM DIVISIONS**

- **William Whitehead**, Ph.D. Professor, Gastroenterology and Hepatology, edited a special supplement to the journal Gastroenterology that reported the proceedings of a consensus conference on Advancing the Treatment of Fecal and Urinary Incontinence Through Research. In addition to Dr. Whitehead, members of the GI Division who contributed papers were **Yolanda Scarlett**, M.D., Assistant Professor, and **Steve Heymen**, M.S., Research Instructor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- OED Excellence in Teaching Series Faculty Development Program.  
**Educational Strategies for Building Learners' Cultural Competency.**  
January 20, 4-6pm Info/Reg:  
[www.med.unc.edu/oed/](http://www.med.unc.edu/oed/)
- The UNC Heart Center is providing a **CPR for Family & Friends training course** on Saturday, February 7th, 2004. To register go to [www.uncheartcenter.org](http://www.uncheartcenter.org). For those without computer access, call toll free 1-866-UNC-HEART.
- the UNC Heart Center Grand Rounds, Wednesday, January 14th - 7:30-8:30am, 321 MacNider Hall, **Women and Heart Disease; What We Know,**

**What We've learned, What We Need to Understand.** L. Kristin Newby, M.D., Associate Professor, Duke University Medical Center.

## FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

On **January 20th we will hold our annual faculty retreat.** It is a challenge to communicate in such a large department with faculty and staff spread throughout the area. I have been very pleased with our retreats in past years because they have been an effective forum for presentation, discussion and change. For instance, our newsletter and the meetings with individual divisions were products of the retreat last year.

This retreat will address all the missions of the Department. The Research Advisory Committee plays a vital role in identifying topics of interest for investigators in the department and our vice chairs, division chiefs and others have all provided thoughts for this year's retreat. We will have six keynote presentations. This will include an overview of the department, presentations from newly hired division chiefs, **Rich Goldberg**, Hematology and Oncology, and **Dhaval Patel**, Rheumatology, Allergy and Immunology. **Mike Fried** will discuss initiatives in clinical research that he is leading for the institution and for our department. For clinical topics, **Jim Kurz** will tell us about the open Access Program implemented at the Chatham Crossing Community Based Clinic. **Beacham Wray** will discuss managed care contracting and negotiations during these changing times in American medicine. Finally, **Allison Rosenberg**, Associate Vice Chancellor for Federal Affairs will give an overview of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Road Map and **Ron Falk** will discuss the practical implications for the new NIH initiatives for our department.

Following the keynote presentations, we move into breakout sessions where we have identified areas we think would be of interest to faculty across the department. These sessions, as before, will be very informal with much opportunity for discussion. Faculty should sign-up for the session they are interested prior to the retreat. Sessions to consider, this year, are: 1. Effective Attending in 2004; 2. New and developing core facilities; 3. New issues facing fellows, and their mentors, in today's environment; 4. Administrative and regulatory challenges in clinical trial research at UNC; and, 5. Ask the Group Practice. The breakout session leaders will provide an overview when we return to the main auditorium. Finally, we will have a brief discussion of topics for future consideration.

Details about the Retreat, including RSVP form, were sent electronically last week. **Please be sure to let us know if you can come prior to Thursday, January 15th.** I certainly hope you can. The majority of the faculty in the department have attended the retreats in past years. If you have questions, feel free to contact me or Rosemary.

Questions or submissions, contact [Rosemary\\_Simpson@med.unc.edu](mailto:Rosemary_Simpson@med.unc.edu)