



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

GRAND ROUNDS
Thursday, October 14, 2004, 7:30 AM
Clinic Auditorium

William A Marston, M.D.
Associate Professor
Division of Vascular Surgery
and
M. Andrew Greganti, M.D.
Professor, Medicine

Screening for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm

FROM DIVISIONS

- **R. Balfour Sartor, M.D.**, Professor of Medicine, Microbiology & Immunology, Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, has been awarded a 3-year NIH Roadmap P20 grant entitled, "**Non-invasive approaches to assessing inflammation**". This grant is translational and involves a multidisciplinary, interactive group of >60 investigators derived from 9 departments and 7 centers in 5 schools of 3 universities and the EPA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- DOM Sponsored Seminar. **Scholarly Publishing: How to Write and Publish an Academic Paper**. Thursday, November 18; 9am-5pm. Details, go to: medicine.med.unc.edu/res/scholarly_writing.doc
- NIH Roadmap Workshop. **Nanomedicine: Materials, Imaging, and Modeling**, Tuesday, October 12, 4pm-7pm; Bioinformatics Auditorium. Website: www.med.unc.edu/roadmap
- All existing IRB operations have been integrated into a single **Office of Human Research Ethics (OHRE)**. Dan Nelson has been appointed director of this new centralized unit.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

We're back to the tour of the divisions this week. Next up is the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. This outstanding division ranked 14th in the 2004 rankings by US News and World Report. It was the highest ranked discipline from UNC, and indeed, the only one in the top 20. Last year, the division ranked 18th. In addition, six of our faculty in Gastroenterology

and Hepatology were also listed by the "Best Doctors in America" survey. They were: Drs. **Eugene Bozymski, Douglas Drossman, William Heizer, Kim Isaacs, Balfour Sartor,** and **Nicholas Shaheen**. In keeping with their goal of continuing outreach, the Division just opened a Hepatitis Clinic in Greensboro directed by Michael Fried, and plans are moving forward on a new Meadowmont GI Procedures Clinic that will, hopefully, open in January, 2005.

Robert Sandler, M.D. is the Chief of the Division and also Director of the UNC Center for Gastrointestinal Biology and Disease. Bob, like many of the faculty, is an international figure, known for clinical acumen, his contributions to our understanding of colon cancer and for his mentorship for young faculty in his division, and other areas at UNC. Under his leadership, the Division continues on an outstanding trajectory for the future.

The research of the Division continues to be excellent. For fiscal year 2004, the Division had over \$10M in grant funding, with a large proportion coming from the National Institutes of Health. This funding includes two NIH training grants for fellows, a key mechanism for training of future physician-scientists. In addition to the funding reported for FY 2004, three large awards have just been received by Drs. **Drossman, Sartor** and **Whitehead**. The Division continues to provide unique insights for the medical literature with more than 120 publications last year, including publications in the highest profile journals including the New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA, Science, Gastroenterology and many other outstanding journals. In a future newsletter, I will list some of the individual faculty who have accomplished all of this. Until then, you can learn more about the Division, its faculty and its clinical and research centers of excellence by going to their website: medicine.med.unc.edu/div/dd/.

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