



**CONFERENCES & MEETINGS**

**GRAND ROUNDS**  
**Thursday, October 21, 2004, 7:30 AM**  
**Clinic Auditorium**

**Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.**  
Professor and Chair  
Department of Medicine

**Diagnosis and Treatment of Patients with Non-Hemodynamically Significant Coronary Heart Disease: Where to Start.**

**FROM DIVISIONS**

- **Olafur S. Palsson, Psy.D**, Associate Professor, Gastroenterology and Hepatology, was quoted in the September 27 edition of Newsweek magazine regarding hypnosis and IBS treatment in an article titled "Altered States - Hypnosis can help with problems from anxiety to pain. How it works and what it does in the brain."

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **DNIH Announces Updated Criteria for Evaluating Research Grant Applications.** Go to: [grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-05-002.html](http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-05-002.html)
- **Taking Control of Your Diabetes Conference** (for patients/families). Saturday, October 30, Raleigh Convention Center. Program and registration: [www.tcoyd.org](http://www.tcoyd.org) or at (800) 99TCOYD.

**FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE**

As a change of pace for the newsletter, I'd like to highlight the fact that the week of October 18-22, 2004 has been proclaimed by North Carolina Governor Michael F. Easley as the "Excellence in State Government Week." In particular, Wednesday October 20, is the "Excellence in State Government Day". The Governor has urged citizens to take time to join him in expressing to all State employees appreciation for their commendable service.

I think that this is a terrific idea. The Governor has focused on non-government employees thanking government employees, a lot goes on around us that we may or may not be aware of. Although many of us are state employees, we are dependent on many other state employees, both here and off campus, and North Carolina and UNC have benefited tremendously from our state workforce. Governor Easley says it best: "NC employees are an outstanding model of a commitment to excellence at all levels of State Government, whether it

be as protectors of our environment, creators of innovative ways to care for our youngest and oldest citizens, or developers of initiatives for improving our state. These employees are on duty every day ready to render assistance with willingness and courage to their fellow North Carolinians in critical times of need."

Rosemary went to the web to check out some population statistics from the US Census Bureau website, to put this into perspective. The current US census shows a population of 290,809,777 citizens and North Carolina has 8,407,248 (about 3.4%). NC working citizens totals 3,824,741 and of this only 556,230 (14.5%) employees are government workers. UNC has a little over 10,000 employees, 3,000 or so is faculty. Much of this data can be found on [quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/index.html](http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/index.html). Turns out that the Governor also makes lots of proclamations. So far, for the month of October, he has made 37 proclamations and last month, he made 41. [www.governor.state.nc.us/News/Proclamations/](http://www.governor.state.nc.us/News/Proclamations/)

In closing let me thank you so much for all that you do each and every day for the department, the school and the community - it is very much appreciated, especially by our leadership and by me.

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