



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

GRAND ROUNDS
Thursday, November 11, 2004, 7:30 AM
Clinic Auditorium

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Long QT Syndrome

FROM DIVISIONS

- **Beth Duncan**, PGY1, received her first grant from the American Cancer Society.
- **Sidney E. Levinson**, M.D. has been recruited to join the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology on January 1, 2005. Dr. Levinson has been in full-time gastroenterology practice performing office-based endoscopic procedures at Chapel Hill Internal Medicine. At UNC he will be the medical director of the UNC Endoscopy Center at Meadowmont.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New UNC, Website **North Carolina Consortium on Natural Medicines and Public Health**, is a resource about medicinal herbs that can be grown and processed in North Carolina <http://naturalmedicinesofnc.org/>.
- **DOM Faculty Retreat** - two retreats are planned, the first - January 18th, 2005 - will focus on the clinical and teaching missions. The second, date to be determined, will focus on the research mission. Details to follow on both retreats.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

I was struck by the old adage "time flies" this week when I received a letter from the Dean's office telling me that it was time for the five-year review of the Department of Medicine. Truly, it seems like just yesterday that my family and I moved to Chapel Hill and I was just beginning to get to know the wonderful faculty, staff and residents that comprise this department. That was the summer of 2000. Many things have changed in our department, at UNC, and beyond in the 4 1/2 years since.

I thought it would be of interest for you to know about the five-year review, and also timely, as

we will be asking you all to participate. The School of Medicine's guidelines state that all department chairs, as well as others (directors of centers, programs, etc.), undergo a formal performance review prior to the completion of their initial five-year term and then no less frequently than every five years thereafter.

As a part of this review, we will need to prepare a "self-study document" which will summarize the accomplishments of the department over the past five years and our vision for the next five. We also are asked to provide data and to give specific information about our faculty. To do so, we will be preparing an up-to-date biographical sketch for each of our ~300 faculty members. Rosemary and I will be working with you and our division chiefs to get these materials together. We would also welcome any comments you may have about accomplishments or challenges from your point of view. When the self-study document is completed, it will be available for anyone who would like to read it.

The deadline for the department to complete the self-study and submit all the essential information is February 1, 2005. The review committee is currently being formed and their deadline to complete the review is April 15, 2005.

Perhaps the most important part of this process is the opportunity it offers all of us to both look back and also look forward to the future. I know that the committee would welcome your input. Some of you may be asked by the committee to provide information and/or even meet with them. In addition, the process is designed so that all faculty and staff (whether contacted by the committee or not) should feel welcome to provide information and/or to speak with the committee.

In advance, let me thank you for your help as we gather information about our faculty and as you provide input to the review committee. Until next week...

Questions or submissions, contact Rosemary_Simpson@med.unc.edu