



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

GRAND ROUNDS
Thursday, November 4, 2004, 7:30 AM
Clinic Auditorium

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Novel Concepts in Stem Cells and Atherosclerosis

FROM DIVISIONS

- **Norman Sharpless, M.D.**, Assistant Professor, Hematology and Oncology, has a paper in the November issue of the Journal of Clinical Investigation, entitled, "Ink4a/Arf expression is a biomarker of aging".
- **Leslie Davis, MSN, RN, CS, ANP**, Assistant Professor, Cardiology, recently published a book entitled, "Cardiovascular Nursing Secrets". This book was chosen by the American Journal of Nursing as the book of the year winner in the Critical Care Nursing category.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Hold the dates:
 - **29th Annual Internal Medicine Conference** - April 13-15, 2005
 - **DOM Faculty Retreat** - January 18th, 2005
- Triangle Metro **Heart Walk** scheduled Sunday, November 14th held at Imperial Center Park in RTP at 3pm. Details on walk or donations contact Melissa Deschamps, 843-5205 or mdescham@med.unc.edu.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

It's back to the tour of the department of medicine divisions this week. Geriatric Medicine is our newest - officially becoming a division in July, 2003. Already Geriatrics is off to a great start. Dr. **Jan Busby Whitehead**, division chief, has done an outstanding job of pulling together clinical, research and teaching initiatives. Much recognition should go to her work and that of her colleagues in General Medicine, who over the years had laid the foundation for an independent division of geriatrics. The hospital also, made this an area of commitment a number of years ago when the plans were made for a geriatric inpatient unit on 8 Bedtower. More so than in most divisions, the faculty in Geriatric Medicine have a broad range of clinical activities both on, and off campus. A few examples of these are: Drs. **Deb Bynum** (Acute Care of Elderly-Med A), **Holly Jean Coward** (Geriatric Evaluation), **Andrew Greganti** (VIP Program), **Laura Hanson** (Pain and Symptom Care Consult

Service, **Steve Kizer** (Clinical Services and Urgent Care), **Jan Busby-Whitehead** (Carol Woods), **Axalla Hoole** (Carolina Meadows), and **Glenn Pickard** (Cedars).

Geriatric Medicine is also one of our fastest growing divisions in the area of research. Research in Geriatrics is highly collaborative, involving investigators from many departments, and in her other role as Director of the Program on Aging, **Jan Busby-Whitehead** has fostered these interdepartmental/school interactions. With her leadership, UNC has received funding from the Reynolds and the Hartford Foundations, as well as ongoing funding from NIH. In addition, **Deb Bynum** was recently awarded a Geriatric Academic Career Award; and last year **Gary Winzelberg** received a Brookdale National Foundation career award. These diverse funding sources represent the "top-five" for research in Geriatrics.

In the teaching mission, this division directs the Geriatric Fellowship to prepare physicians for leadership in geriatric care. Geriatric training for 92 internal medicine residents occurs in ambulatory settings and long-term care facilities through rotations. In fact, the prestigious Reynolds Foundation Grant is primarily focused towards physician education, and this strong tradition is being carried on in funded endeavors from many sources.

Our Division of Geriatric Medicine is a group on the move, so much so, it ranked 34th among U.S. institutions in the 2004 U.S. News and World Report rankings. I believe we will see this group quickly moving towards the upper echelon of Geriatrics programs in the nation, in coming years.

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