



**CONFERENCES & MEETINGS**

**Grand Rounds**  
**Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004, 8:00 AM**  
**Clinic Auditorium**

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**How can we make care safer? And how can we not?**

**FROM DIVISIONS**

- **Thomas Wang, MD.,** PGY3 Resident, was the recipient of the outstanding poster award at the NC ACP annual meeting. His poster was titled, "An Unusual Etiology of Syncope: Left Ventricular Free Wall Rupture". Dr. Wang will next present his poster at the national ACP meeting in New Orleans.
- The Team of **Kevin Lee, M.D., Ara Metjian, M.D.,** and **Thomas Wang, M.D.,** won the Medical Jeopardy contest at the NC ACP annual meeting, defending teams from Duke, Wake Forest, Moses Cone, New Hanover, and Carolina's Medical Center. The UNC team will now compete at the national ACP jeopardy contest in New Orleans

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **NIH salary cap increased to \$174,500, effective Jan. 1, 2004.** go to: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/>.
- OHRP National Human Subjects Protection Conference entitled "**Roadmap for Success in International Research: Strategies for Protecting Human Research Subjects Abroad**", sponsored by Research Triangle Institute (RTI) International in Chapel Hill, NC on August 2-3, 2004. Go to: <https://register.rti.org/internationalIRB/>.
- OED Excellence in Teaching Series Faculty Development Program: **Lecturing and Beyond: Active Learning in Large Groups.** Thursday, February 26th from 4-6pm. Old Clinic Auditorium. For details, registration: <http://www.med.unc.edu/oed/> or contact Katherine Savage at 843-9369.

**FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE**

Two year's ago, the Department of Medicine sponsored a day-and-a-half grant writing workshop which was given such rave reviews that attendees recommended it be offered annually.

Last week, over 100 attendees (from 26 SOM Departments) sat through the same workshop given by the same speaker and the critiques indicated the same level of enthusiasm. What is it that makes this particular seminar different from all the other grant writing sessions one attends? I will quote just a few comments from the critiques received from attendees, *"I have attended at least 1-2 similar seminars (one that lasted an entire academic semester), yet Stephen Russell, D.V.M., Ph.D., dispelled a lot of myths/misconceptions about the process"; "In my 12 years of training (med school and residency, etc.) no one has kept my attention as Dr. Russell has"; "Finally, some solid strategies to strong grant writing"; "The most amazing lecture. Finally, someone puts an order/logic to the daunting task of grant writing".*

This workshop was made possible by an unrestricted educational grant from Pfizer Global Pharmaceuticals that covered about 80% of the cost. The department provided the funds for the remaining 20% and also the staff effort necessary to support the event. For us, it is a bargain, and we will try to continue supporting this sort of event annually. Successfully competing for external funding is the lifeblood of our faculty investigators and we will always try to support education in this area.

In keeping with this theme, we will offer an additional one-day seminar on "Scholarly Writing - How to Write and Publish a Manuscript" later this year. The program is for junior faculty members, postdoctoral research fellows, and graduate students. I think this will also be a valuable opportunity for all. Keep an eye out for e-mail announcements and advertisements in this newsletter.

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