



**CONFERENCES & MEETINGS**

**Grand Rounds**  
**Thursday, Mar. 25, 2004, 7:30 AM**  
**Clinic Auditorium**

**Romulo Colindres, M.D.**, Professor  
and  
**Steven Grossman, M.D.**, Associate Professor  
Division of Nephrology, UNC

**New Approaches to the Management of Hypertension**

**FROM DIVISIONS**

- **Douglas Drossman, M.D.**, Professor, Gastroenterology and Hepatology, won the AGA Distinguished Educator award.
- **Suzie Hosman**, Business Manager, Nephrology, was accepted into the 2004 Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM)-Merck Executive Leadership Program.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- SOM Revised Policies and Procedures for **Faculty Appointment, Reappointment and Promotion**, can be found at: [www.med.unc.edu/admin/APTPolicyFinalDraft.doc](http://www.med.unc.edu/admin/APTPolicyFinalDraft.doc)
- Basic Bioinformatics Tools Forum. **The GCG Wisconsin Package Molecular Biology software site-licensed by UNC-Chapel Hill.** Jianping Jin, Ph.D., Bioinformatics Scientist, UNC Center for Bioinformatics. April 8, 1-2 pm, 107 Berryhill. See [www.hsl.unc.edu/Bioinformatics/BBTForum.cfm](http://www.hsl.unc.edu/Bioinformatics/BBTForum.cfm)
- DOM sponsored Symposium, **"Frontiers in Medicine - Population Studies"** Wednesday, May 19, 2004 - Biomolecular Auditorium, G202 - 8am-5pm - for details of the program, go to: [medicine.med.unc.edu/res/frontier.doc](http://medicine.med.unc.edu/res/frontier.doc)

**FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE**

It was great to see so many faces at last Thursday's Grand Rounds. I say this because we met at a new time - thirty minutes earlier. Some of you may be wondering why this change? I thought Grand Rounds is a good topic for this week's newsletter.

With so much specialization in medicine, all medicine departments are challenged to keep Grand Rounds relevant and exciting. This has been a frequent topic of discussion among faculty and at our weekly education meetings. Based on broad input, we have decided to significantly change Medical Grand Rounds,

as described below. Our goal for Medical Grand Rounds is to put together a program of speakers who will educate faculty, fellows, residents, and students in new and emerging issues relevant to the discipline of internal medicine. Sometimes this will involve new therapies, or new pathophysiologic understanding of a disease process. Other times the focus will be on health care outcomes and the unique challenges of our patient population.

**New Start-Time.** The starting time of 7:30 AM, as noted above, began last week, and was chosen for several reasons. It is the same time that morning report now occurs on every other day of the week. We hope that this consistency will facilitate house staff and student attendance. We changed morning report to 7:30 AM (from 9:30 AM daily) in order to allow work rounds on the inpatient services to continue unimpeded after 8:30 AM. This had been a longstanding request of many hospital-based services, and fits our goals as well. While this is a difficult time for some, discussion with regular attendees of Medical Grand Rounds indicated that overall the earlier time was favored.

**Change to Bi-Weekly.** Effective **September 2004**, Grand Rounds will be held twice a month on the first and third Thursdays. We will be moving our departmental Mortality and Morbidity Report (currently Tuesdays at noon) to Thursday mornings (the second Thursday of the month). We also decided to not hold Grand Rounds during July and August because these are especially busy times for our new house staff and many of our faculty take a week or two of vacation during this time period.

**Speaker Selection and Scheduling.** Divisions will continue to play a key role in identifying important topics and proposing presenters for Grand Rounds. The program and physical arrangements, however, will now be handled centrally in the DOM Office of Education headed by Lee Berkowitz, M.D., Associate Chair. Funds will be set-aside to provide honoraria for invited speakers.

The division chiefs and I want our Grand Rounds to be the best they can be. We need faculty to join forces to help us make this a premier event. We also have high expectations that these changes will promote increased attendance. If you have thoughts you want to share with us on the issue of Grand Rounds, we would like to hear them.

Lastly, still linked to education, last week was "**Match**" week (National Residency Matching Program) - "The Match" went very well for both the Internal Medicine residency and the Medicine/Pediatrics program. A talented group of residents was recruited from a competitive national pool. We are still waiting for complete details and this will be our focus for next week's newsletter. In the meantime, you can peruse the roster of incoming residents posted outside the residency office.

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