



**CONFERENCES & MEETINGS**

**Grand Rounds**  
**Thursday, Mar. 11, 2004, 8:00 AM**  
**Clinic Auditorium**

**Jean M. Dostou, M.D.**  
Assistant Professor  
Division of Endocrinology

**Hypoglycemia in Diabetes: Mechanisms and Strategies for Prevention**

**FROM DIVISIONS**

**Faculty Members received very good news this week from the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI):**

- **Dhaval Patel, M.D.**, Professor, Medicine and Microbiology and Immunology, Chief of the Division of Rheumatology, Allergy & Immunology and Director, Thurston Arthritis Research Center, was notified that we were the single institution in the country to receive the AAAAI Phoenix Award to develop an Allergy and Immunology Training Program.
- **Kevin Parks, M.D.**, Senior Resident, received one of two AAAAI Clinical Fellowship Awards to support his research in his allergy and immunology fellowship.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **NIH salary Cap has increased for the second time this year** (FY 1990 - FY 2004. Beginning March 3 - December 31, 2004 - **\$175,700**).
- The Department of Medicine Research Advisory Committee is sponsoring a **Symposium entitled, "FRONTIERS IN MEDICINE - POPULATION STUDIES"** Wednesday, May 19, 2004 - Biomolecular Auditorium, G202 - 8am-5pm. **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**
- **Health Sciences Library** has announced that journals available through BioMed Central, PubMed Central and the Directory of Open Access Journals are now listed in the campus E-Journal Finder by individual title:  
[eresources.lib.unc.edu/ejournal/](http://eresources.lib.unc.edu/ejournal/)

**FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE**

I asked **Romulo E. Colindres, MD, MSPH**, to assist me with this week's newsletter. As you all know, Dr. Colindres is the Course Director for the *Department of Medicine Annual Internal Medicine Conference* and he does a terrific job, every year, of pulling this whole event together.

Plans are well set for the next (28th) Conference being held at the Friday Center, March 31 through April 2. This Conference is the oldest and consistently best-attended course presented by the School of Medicine. Since its inception in 1976, the Conference has been considered the flagship course of the Office of Continuing Medical Education and a model CME course. The Conference has been acclaimed by many, but most of all, by participants who have given glowing evaluations (and return year after year).

The Conference was the first CME course sponsored by a department of medicine in the State of North Carolina and one of the first in the United States. It was started under the auspices of the then Chairman of the Department, the late Drs. **Robert L. Ney**, and the then Dean, now Dean-Emeritus, **Christopher C. Fordham**. Since that time, the course has had strong support from Drs. Ney's successors as Chairmen of Medicine, **David A. Ontjes**, **P. Frederick Sparling** and me. Drs. **Thomas C. Nuzum** and **William Wood** were Co-Course Directors from 1976 to 1989. Dr. Romulo E. Colindres has been the Course Director since 1990. In the first fifteen years, this event was held on campus at Berryhill during the University's Spring Break. In 1991 the course moved to the Friday Center. Attendance has increased from 160 to 230-260 participants in the last few years. Attendees come from all over, many from our State - some are our alumnus coming home.

The feature that separates this from other CME courses is the tradition that the Chair of the Department and all the Division Chiefs are involved with the Course Director in setting the program and organizing the course. Division Chiefs, along with many faculty, are active participants in the course.

We also always have distinguished invited speakers. Memorable among them are a world class group of experts in the field of blood coagulation from Europe, Canada and the United States who came together under the auspice of Drs **Harold R Roberts** and **Gilbert C. White** to give a truly world-class symposium on anti-coagulation therapy. In 1999, Dr. Francis S. Collins, Director of the Human Genome Project at the National Institutes of Health, gave a remarkable and prescient presentation entitled: "The Human Genome Project in the Future of Medicine" which gave the audience a glimpse of approaches to diagnosis and treatment that are now being increasingly applied in medical practice.

This year's Conference promises to be just as interesting, exciting, challenging, and insightful as previous courses. Approximately 50 Medicine Faculty will give presentations. There will be mini-symposia on dementia, chronic pain, hypertension, and the metabolic syndrome. As in previous Conferences, emphasis will be placed on encouraging audience participation. Faculty panel discussions occur at the end of most sessions and are organized to address questions and comments from participants about important issues in primary care clinical practice.

If you haven't had a chance to register, here is the link for the scientific program [http://www.med.unc.edu/cme/im04\\_web.pdf](http://www.med.unc.edu/cme/im04_web.pdf) and to register go to: [http://www.med.unc.edu/cme/im04\\_regform.pdf](http://www.med.unc.edu/cme/im04_regform.pdf). The Office of Continuing Medical Education is responsible for Conference arrangements and do a fine job in this regard.

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