



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Grand Rounds
Thursday, May 20, 2004, 7:30 AM
Clinic Auditorium

Mark Russo, M.D.
Assistant Professor
Digestive Diseases

Using Statins and other Drugs in Patients with Elevated Liver Tests

FROM DIVISIONS

- **Thomas Wang**, 3rd year resident, won the American College of Physicians Clinical Vignette category competition at the 2004 National Meeting, New Orleans.
- **Ron Falk**, M.D., Professor, Medicine and Chief of Nephrology and Hypertension, **Gloria Preston**, Ph.D., Associate Professor, and **Will Pendergraft**, postdoctoral fellow, and others, are featured in a story entitled, *Why does the body attack itself?*, in the UNC 2004 Spring Edition of *Endeavors* magazine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NIH - Change in Direct Cost Limitations on Solicited Applications Support of interdisciplinary research** - Go to: grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-04-040.html
- OED Excellence in Teaching Series, **Giving Effective Feedback to Learners**. Facilitators: Julie Byerley, M.D., Pediatrics, and Sandro Pinheiro, Ph.D., Office of Educational Development, Tuesday, May 18, 4-6pm, Clinic Auditorium. To register, www.med.unc.edu/oed/
- UNC Heart Center Grand Rounds, **Landslide Hypnotized Chickens: New Ideas about Reversing Cardiac Hypertrophy**. Cam Patterson, MD, Professor, Medicine, May 19, 7:30am, 321 MacNider.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

The Research Advisory Committee (RAC) has been assisting the division chiefs and me in identifying physician-scientists with strong interdisciplinary research focus to fill two faculty positions we have set aside for new recruits. These are two of seven new positions provided by the Dean's Office as part of the package put together in 2000 for continuing growth in the Department of Medicine.

In discussing this with the RAC, our idea is that these positions could be targeted at areas of research (clinical, population or basic science) that were deemed timely and of benefit to the Department. Since these are high visibility positions, viable candidates, to be considered, must have a proven track record of high quality peer reviewed publications and stable NIH funding.

For the last four months, RAC has been bringing in physician-scientists to meet with them, and on the same visit to give Medicine Grand Rounds, and to meet with faculty. We've seen outstanding candidates to date and have one more candidate to meet before any decisions are made. While there is no rush - the positions will not go away if unfilled - if we can identify one or more candidate the positions includes stable salary support that is very attractive.

Our next candidate is David M. Margolis, M.D., Associate Professor, Medicine, and Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas. He will give grand rounds on Thursday, June 3rd. His talk is entitled, "***HIV Infection: Seeing Light at the End of the Tunnel.***" Please make every effort to attend and provide feedback on Dr. Margolis to me or to your division RAC representative.

We hope you can join us at that time.

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