



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Grand Rounds
Thursday, May 27, 2004, 7:30 AM
Clinic Auditorium

Chris Pilcher, M.D.

Assistant Professor, and

Peter Leone, M.D.

Associate Professor

Division of Infectious Diseases

NC's STAT program: diagnosing acute HIV infections through routine testing

FROM DIVISIONS

- **Robert Roubey, M.D.**, has been awarded a Novel Research project grant from the Lupus Research Institute for his project entitled "Biomarkers of Hypercoagulability in SLE and APS".
- **Mary E. Bryant, Pharm D.**, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Pharmacy and **Robert M. Malone, Pharm D.**, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Pharmacy and others were recognized at the annual pharmacy banquet with the Outstanding Preceptor Award for all teaching pharmacy faculty inpatient or outpatient.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- UNC Center for Functional GI and Motility Disorders Symposium. **Understanding IBS and Other Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders.** June 12th, Friday Center, 8:30am-5:00pm. For details, contact 843-0821.
- UNC Heart Center Grand Rounds. **Guidelines for Treatment of Hypertension.** Alan Hinderliter, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, Cardiology, May 26, 7:30am, 321 MacNider.
- The 16th **Annual University-wide Blood Drive** will be held Wednesday, June 9, 7-6p.m. at the Dean E. Smith Center.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

Every year, Asset Management sends us a list of all equipment belonging to the Department and asks us to do an inventory. This involves confirming that the equipment is in the same place it was the year before. If not, we need to update Asset Management as to the location of the equipment and the reason for the move. As you might imagine, this is quite an exhaustive list. It includes equipment purchased over \$5,000 totaling over \$4.0 million. Rosemary

coordinates the important and voluminous job of responding to Asset Management. With all the laboratory moves during the last year, quite a lot of equipment had to be "re-found" this year. And in the next two years, this will occur again with another set of moves.

The Institution is very strict when it comes to equipment. Any piece, any price, no matter whether you use university, state or trust funds, belongs to the State of North Carolina. Equipment bought with Federal grants becomes State property when title passes to the University.

Thus, I would ask that you take note, and report to Rosemary, if you move a piece of equipment in your space. The new layout of Biomolecular, for example, allows us to easily share equipment, but it also means that some rooms, or hallways, may have equipment from many divisions in the same general area. Related to this, we often will send equipment to "surplus." If the equipment you wish to move to surplus is still in working order, we can query other divisions in the department and other departments in the school to see if it would be of interest to them. In addition, the move needs to be cataloged. There are forms that need to be filled out and signed by my office if equipment is to be moved or disposed. These forms can be found on the asset management website.

Occasionally when a faculty member is moving from UNC or retiring, the question arises as to the disposition of their equipment. The general rule at UNC is that no piece of equipment can be moved off-campus without prior approval. The first level of approval is in the Chair's office, but this approval then must be passed by the Dean's office. Likewise, there are examples of equipment at UNC being used at other institutions because an individual there is doing work supporting a UNC project. As above, this equipment needs to be inventoried each year and if there is a change in status in the faculty member responsible (either here or at the other institution) the resolution of where the equipment will reside needs to be clarified. In all these circumstances, faculty should work closely with my office, and in particular with Rosemary. When doing so, please allow at least 90 days to work through things.

Each of us is responsible for UNC property. Please take good care of our assets and let me know immediately if you have concerns in this regard.

Questions or submissions, contact [Rosemary Simpson@med.unc.edu](mailto:Rosemary_Simpson@med.unc.edu)