



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Grand Rounds

No Grand Rounds will be held during the months of July and August.

FROM DIVISIONS

- **Michelle Cassara** (Senior Resident), **Ian Orozco** (Junior Resident), and **Lynne Fiscus** (Intern) were inaugural recipients of the James A. Bryan, II, MD Award for Excellence in Outpatient Internal Medicine presented at the annual awards ceremony.
- GI fellows recently awarded **Jennifer Timmons**, RN the 2003-2004 UNC Gastroenterology Fellows Award for Excellence in Nursing. This award is given annually to the nurse who has made significant contributions to the fellows' educational experience, exhibited excellence in patient care, and encouraged a supportive and collaborative environment. Jennifer is a 6 year member of the GI Endoscopy Unit nursing staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **American Lung Association** research awards and grants program. Seed money grants up to 2-3 years. Deadline September 1. Details, go to: www.lungusa.org

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

Our website has been up and running for nearly a year and a half now. As with all of life, things change over time, and we are now in the midst of updating the website. As a part of this we have asked faculty to update their profiles. We've hit 50% and hope that the rest of you will provide us with the updates soon. And, it turns out that we are not the only ones in the update mood. In the last few weeks, we have been asked to update many UNC Directories, i.e., the Campus Directory, the 2004 SOM Faculty Directory and the "Find-A-Doctor" Consultant Book. All of these are important and used by many on campus and beyond. For instance, the Faculty Directory is often accessed by those who want to reach our faculty and "Find-A-Doctor" is a site used commonly by both patients and referring physicians. The good news is that if you have updated your website information, then we will automatically update your information elsewhere. If you have yet to update your profile, please do it soon. If you are a relatively new faculty member to the department and you are not listed on our website or

in the directories, please be sure to let your division administrator or Rosemary Simpson in my office know.

In the same vein, we are in the process of updating faculty photographs. The 2004 Faculty Directory includes photographs with contact information. Last year many of our faculty had photographs taken. We will continue this process this year and my office will be contacting you if you are new, if your photograph is not already in the book, or if your photograph is out dated. Please do try and follow-through on this request for the Faculty Directory is a valuable resource, especially for new faculty, or when one wants to put a face to a name.

In addition, we are going to continue to update and add to the department website in the next few months. One example is an effort that Rosemary and the Research Advisory Committee are leading in response to a request from our Junior Faculty. We will be organizing resources that will be helpful to those seeking their first grant or who need information about promotion, or other issues important for our newest faculty members. Hopefully, this will be an ongoing process and we will keep you updated on web updates and additions.

Last, but not least, we are going to take a "newsletter vacation" in August, but will be back to sending out weekly newsletters in September. Important announcements during this time will be sent by email.

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