



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Grand Rounds

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

FROM DIVISIONS

- The North Carolina Sexually Transmitted Infections/Topical Microbicide Cooperative Research Center was recently refunded for 5 years. Under the direction of **P. Frederick Sparling**, M.D., the Division of Infectious Diseases received one of the original NIAID-funded CRCs 14 years ago and has maintained continuous funding ever since.
- **Melanie Joy**, PharmD, Division of Nephrology and Hypertension, was awarded an NIH K23 for her project entitled, "Pharmacokinetics and Genomics in Glomerular Diseases."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- UNC University, Research Publications and Annual Reports can be found at: research.unc.edu/services/publications.
- The AAMC believes that a **mandatory public clinical trials** registry would be a significant step toward strengthening the reliability and credibility of clinical research. Go to: www.aamc.org/newsroom/pressrel/2004/

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

A few months ago, I discussed some of the changes we are implementing this year for Medical Grand Rounds. Lee Berkowitz, Associate Chair for Education, is spearheading the program for the coming year, and we will be outlining plans soon via this newsletter.

A new initiative we are implementing which is relevant to our plans for Grand Rounds is an events calendar for the department. With so many events and educational opportunities occurring, just within the Department of Medicine, it is often difficult to keep abreast of it all. Sometimes I miss a particular event because I did not see the announcement when it came out or forgot to add the event to my calendar. Our goal is to make a central repository of events for the Department, including Divisions and Centers. We hope that this new tool will prove helpful to everyone and will perhaps (thinking optimistically) increase attendance at key conferences like Medical Grand Rounds.

Lee Berkowitz, Jack Zeng and Rosemary Simpson are working together on this project. Rosemary will be contacting staff responsible for handling events in divisions and centers to ask for their upcoming events list. She also will share the site address to allow staff to enter their own events, if preferred.

Each week we will e-mail you a highlight of the events being held the following week. This also will serve as a reminder that the calendar exists and allows the opportunity to search for topics of interest. No schedule or calendar program is perfect, but Lee, Jack and Rosemary looked at all that were available and I think what they have chosen will serve us well.

We will continue to look for ways to increase communication in the department. If you have ideas on this, please let us know.

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