



**CONFERENCES & MEETINGS**

**Grand Rounds**

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

**FROM DIVISIONS**

- **Roshan Shrestha**, MD, Professor, Gastroenterology & Hepatology has been nominated to represent Region 11 (includes 5 US States) in the United Network for Organ Sharing/Organ Procurement and Transplant Network) Liver/Intestine Committee. He will serve a 2-year term and also will serve as Chairman of the Region 11 Review Board.
- **Nortin M. Hadler**, M.D., Professor, Rheumatology, Allergy and Immunology, has written a book entitled, "Occupational Musculoskeletal Disorders" which will be published August. For details, go to: <http://www.lww.com/>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Department of Medicine Policy on Student Maltreatment.** The School of Medicine has a specific policy on appropriate treatment of medical students. This policy defines maltreatment as sexual harassment: discrimination based on race, color, religion, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or age; purposeful humiliation, verbal abuse, threats, or other forms of psychological mistreatment; and physical harassment, physical endangerment and/or physical harm. All members of the Department of Medicine including faculty, residents, and staff should be aware of this policy and report violations properly. To find out more, go to: [www.med.unc.edu/curriculum/](http://www.med.unc.edu/curriculum/)

**FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE**

The annual AHEC medical faculty day (August 26) will be here before you know it, and I thought this would be a good time to provide an overview of the AHEC Program. Thanks to State and Hospital support, the North Carolina Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Program is the largest and best AHEC program in the nation, and our Department of Medicine (DOM) plays a central role. The UNC AHEC Program was initially established in 1972. Its goal is to improve the supply, distribution and quality of health care professionals in North Carolina through its nine regional centers. AHEC works with the State's four university medical centers,

of which we are one, to sponsor a wide range of educational activities related to health manpower development, including community training for health science students, medical residency training programs in primary care, continuing education and information services.

The DOM has ten full-time faculty members, over 20 hospital based clinician-teachers, and about 450 talented voluntary faculty members (at latest count) involved in the AHEC regions. Regional centers with regular rotations of 3rd and 4th year students and DOM Directors are as follows: Charlotte (**Raymond Bianchi**); Coastal (**Charles Schleupner**); Greensboro (**Samuel Cykert**); Wake (**John Perry**). Wake is integral to our residency whereas the former three have affiliated residencies of their own. The other five AHECs have many student preceptorships with practicing internists. Many of our Chapel Hill Faculty are actively involved in AHEC teaching programs, often traveling to the various sites. Tom Nuzum in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology is the AHEC Liaison for the DOM. He coordinates speakers and student programs in the AHEC locations and is the best person to contact if you have thoughts or questions about the Program.

The **Annual Medical Faculty Day** (this is the 7th year) mentioned above will be held on **Thursday, August 26th** from **9:30am-4:30pm** at the **Friday Center**. The program is being finalized, but will include a variety of important sessions. There will be two plenary sessions in the morning after remarks by Tom Bacon, Director, NC AHEC Program and Dean William Roper: 1) *The Life Program: Resident Fatigue and Impairment* (Robert Cefalo, Assistant Dean, UNC GME and Kathryn Andolsek, Duke GME); 2) *Follow-up on the LCME Accreditation Report emphasizing the issue of student mistreatment* (Cheryl McCartney, Executive Associate Dean, Medical Education and Georgette Dent, Associate Dean, Student Affairs). The afternoon will start at 1pm with a panel on perceived student mistreatment followed by one of the most interesting and interactive parts of the day. At 1:45pm, attendees (faculty and chief residents) from each discipline gather for their own "departmental meetings." A major issue, this year, is the broad curriculum revision being drafted by Dr. McCartney and the Curriculum Management Committee. The idea of an "academy" of teaching physicians will doubtless come up. Of special interest to the AHEC Leaders will be the new possibilities of support and quality control for our far-flung preceptorships.

If you are interested in attending this meeting, then fill out a registration form ([www.gahec.org](http://www.gahec.org)) which you will submit on-line through the Greensboro AHEC. Be sure to write in "Department of Medicine" under "Discipline/Specialty". Also, do not fill out the payment section because Greensboro will invoice the department for the \$50 registration fee. The deadline is August 20th, but to be sure the Department has time to pay, we ask that you pre-register by August 16.

We hope you will be able to attend for the full-day or at least for the afternoon.

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