



**CONFERENCES & MEETINGS**

**Grand Rounds**  
**Thursday, September 16, 2004, 7:30 AM**  
**Clinic Auditorium**

**Fred Sparling, M.D.**  
Professor, Division of Infectious Diseases

**Emerging Infections and Biodefense**

**FROM DIVISIONS**

- **Nortin M. Hadler, M.D.**, Professor, Rheumatology, Allergy and Immunology, has written a book entitled, "The Last Well Person". How to Stay Well Despite the Health-Care System. For more: [www.mqup.mcgill.ca/](http://www.mqup.mcgill.ca/)
- **Mark Russo, MD, MPH**, Assistant Professor, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, is a recipient of the Research Excellence in GI and Liver diseases award (REGAL). This Program recognizes junior faculty members nationally who have demonstrated excellence in research in gastrointestinal and hepatobiliary diseases.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mark your calendars - details on both coming out soon!
  - **Frontiers in Medicine - Genetics.** December 1 - 9-6pm. Sponsored by the Departments of Medicine and Genetics.
  - **Scholarly Writing - How to Write and Publish a Manuscript.** November 18 - 8am-5pm. Sponsored by the Department of Medicine.
- Heart Center Grand Rounds - Monday, September 20, 2004 from 5:30 - 6:30pm, Bioinformatics Auditorium. **Estrogen Therapy and CHD - Some Questions Two Years after WHI.** Gerardo Heiss, M.D., Ph.D., Professor, Department of Epidemiology, School of Public Health.
- The **Department has integrated the Google search engine into its web site.** Users can individually search specific sites. See an example: [medicine.med.unc.edu/about](http://medicine.med.unc.edu/about).

**FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE**

Last week we began Medical Grand Rounds for this academic year. This was Mortality and Morbidity week - in keeping with our new monthly schedule and Andrew Greganti organized a superb group - **Alphonso Brown, Kevin Behrns** and **David Warshauer** - to discuss the many facets of necrotizing pancreatitis. It was really an outstanding presentation and as opposed to the sometimes anemic attendance when Morbidity and Mortality Rounds were held

at noon on Tuesdays, we had excellent attendance. Not only that, there was food as well!

I focus on this activity for several reasons. First, **Lee Berkowitz**, M.D., has worked hard to revitalize our Medical Grand Rounds. I think for many of us, we have enough trouble keeping up on our specialties and disciplines and the many responsibilities in clinical medicine, teaching, and research that bide for our time. So you may ask yourself why is it important to attend Medical Grand Rounds. Let me give you a few reasons. First, medicine departments have grown and evolved over the years, such that few activities remain where we will see and spend time thinking about disciplines other than our own. Same goes for interacting with our colleagues in those disciplines. Medical Grand Rounds is the only such activity for our department, as is the case for most medicine departments. Second, we all share the common tie that our lives revolve around, internal medicine and the clinical aspects and research aspects of internal medicine, are relevant to us all. Given Lee's work, I can assure you that the presentations will be top-quality and may offer that little spark of an idea that will help you in your own discipline. Certainly this week's Medical Grand Rounds/M&M report was emblematic of this new effort.

Finally, for those of you who are faculty, including division chiefs, section chiefs, service chiefs, and the like, **please make an effort to attend Medical Grand Rounds regularly**. We want you there. Your fellows and residents will follow you there, and together we can make this a forum of value to all of us. Of course I understand that everyone travels, gets busy with clinical or research activities, etc., but I assure you that your regular attendance will make an enormous difference. There will even be food!

The grand rounds for this week, **Fred Sparling** will talk about Emerging Infections and Biodefense. Unfortunately, this is one of my travel weeks, so I will miss his presentation, but I urge you to attend. Until next week...

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