



## CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

### Grand Rounds

This week's Grand Rounds will feature a Mortality & Morbidity (M&M) Conference:

**Kevin E. Behrns, M.D.**

Assistant Professor, GI Surgery

**Alphonso Brown, M.D.**

Assistant Professor, Gastroenterology and Hepatology

**David M. Warshauer, M.D.**

Associate Professor, Radiology

### Management of Necrotizing Pancreatitis

## FROM DIVISIONS

- **Robert Orlowski, M.D.**, Assistant Professor, Hematology/Oncology, was selected to receive a four-year Jefferson-Pilot Fellowship in Academic Medicine.
- **Daniel S. Reuland, M.D.**, Associate Professor, **Marco Aleman, M.D.**, Associate Professor, General Medicine and others have received a four-year grant from The Duke Endowment to develop and implement an advanced medical Spanish program for UNC medical students.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Reminder: The role of the Medicine Admitting Officer (MAO) has changed in the ED Department.** See link for revised admissions process [here](#).
- Research faculty and staff, note that the Word version of the Internal Processing Form (IPF) can no longer be used. The **new electronic IPF Form** can be found at: [cfx2.research.unc.edu/ipf](http://cfx2.research.unc.edu/ipf) - questions, A. Reynolds at 24396.
- Don't forget to **RECYCLE old phonebooks** in the blue "newspapers and magazines" carts...so they do not end up in the landfill.

## FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

As promised, this week, we will begin a tour of the department's divisions. In these overviews, I also will mention centers closely linked to divisions and try to focus on accomplishments that occurred since our last division tour.

The first on our tour is Cardiology, and I will begin by telling you about some of the new clinical programs offered by the division. **Magnus Ohman, M.D.**, Division Chief and Director of the

UNC Heart Center and his faculty have accomplished a great deal in the last two years. A number of new programs have been added, including: the peripheral vascular disease program directed by **Walter Tan**, M.D., Assistant Professor; an increased emphasis on cardiac MRI; more aggressive lipid treatment programs that now include the only "lipopheresis" program in the mid-Atlantic, directed by **Sidney Smith**, M.D., Professor and **Ross Simpson**, M.D., Professor; a novel program for the treatment of chronic angina patients that involves external counterpulsation; and multiple outreach programs, including the move of the cardiology clinic from the ACC to Meadowmont. The UNC Heart Center Clinic opened at Meadowmont in 2003 with 14 exam rooms and with a goal of offering rapid turn-around consultation with convenient cardiovascular testing in a single location. Also opened, around the same time, and already a success story, is the cardiac rehabilitation program at the UNC Wellness Center. **Paula Miller**, M.D., Associate Professor, is Director of this and the women's heart program, and deserves full credit for this success.

Under the direction of **Patty Chang**, M.D., Assistant Professor, **Carla Sueta**, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor, and **Kirk Adams**, M.D., Associate Professor, the cardiomyopathy/transplantation service has grown very rapidly, as have other consultative services. In part, due to these services in 2003, UNC was recognized as a "Center of Excellence" status in cardiac transplant. The UNC Heart Center became an entity in 2001 and today has blossomed into a full-fledge multidisciplinary operation which encompasses faculty/programs from many UNC departments. The Heart Center webpage can be found at: <http://www.uncheartcenter.org>. This Center has also been the focus of a great deal of media coverage and marketing and our Office of Public Affairs recently received the prestigious Asker Award for the Heart Center campaign.

Faculty in the division participates in research of all kinds including basic, translational, clinical and outcomes. The Carolina Cardiovascular Biology Center (CCBC), directed by **Cam Patterson**, M.D., Professor, serves as a focal point for interactions among all aspects of cardiovascular disease across the entire campus. The CCBC website is: <http://ccbc.unc.edu>. Between the accomplishments of our clinical investigators, translational investigators and center investigators, these efforts are highly funded by both federal and non-federal sources, the publication record has been prolific and many faculty were recognized by a variety of research awards.

There is a lot of teaching being done, by the faculty in this division, at many levels. Special mentions should go to **Park Willis**, M.D., who directs the Cardiology Fellowship Training Program; **Ross Simpson**, M.D., Professor, who directs a research training program and **Venu Menon**, MD, FACC, Assistant Professor, who was chosen by UNC students as the Cardiology teacher of the year.

This is an exciting time for Cardiology at UNC-CH. While I've mentioned only a few faculty, many others have contributed enormously and will be recognized in later newsletters. To find out more about the division, its faculty, and its services, go to the Department's website: <http://medicine.med.unc.edu>. We can all be thankful for the many accomplishments of the division in clinical care, teaching and research.

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