



**CONFERENCES & MEETINGS**

**GRAND ROUNDS**  
**Thursday, January 13, 2005, 7:30 AM**  
**Clinic Auditorium**

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Vice Chair, Medicine

**Hypoglycemia in a Cachectic Patient with Diabetes Mellitus**

**FROM DIVISIONS**

- **News from the Division of Cardiology:**
  - 32 UNC abstracts were presented at the recent American Heart Association meeting representing everything from basic to population-based research, including translational research, clinical trials and registries.
  - **Venu Menon, M.D., FACC**, Associate Professor, was one of 20 US faculty selected to participate in an American College of Cardiology Foundation Teaching Skills Workshop for the Early Career Physician.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Department of Medicine Junior Faculty Poster Presentation and Symposium-** Friday, January 28, 2-6pm. MBRB Lobby and G-202 Auditorium.
- **Blythe Lecture.** Defective Control of Platelet Clumping in Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura. Joel Moake, M.D., Rice University and Baylor College of Medicine. Thursday, January 27, Old Clinic Auditorium, 7:30am. Details: [blythe lecture](#)
- **Women and Heart Disease Luncheon & Fashion Show.** Saturday, Feb. 12th, 11:00am-1pm. Maggiano's Restaurant, Southpoint. [Details and registration](#)
- **Excellence in Teaching Seminar. Facilitating Learning in Small Groups.** Jan. 20th, 4-6pm. Facilitators: Sandro Pinheiro, PhD and Cherri Hobgood, M.D. [Registration](#)

**FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE**

Announcements went out last week for the 2005 annual department faculty retreat scheduled for Tuesday, January 18th from 5-8pm in the Old Clinic Auditorium. Because of the various initiatives involving the clinical mission of the School of Medicine and the Health Care System, we have decided to dedicate the January 18th retreat to clinical and teaching topics. We will hold a second retreat soon that will be entirely focused on research. Details are forthcoming.

On January 18th, we will review many of the important recommendations (or interventions as they call them) proposed by Navigant. We will discuss which of these interventions are already going forward (see below) in one fashion or another, other important topics being considered, and how we can make the most of these recommendations, as well as integrate these improvements in how we deliver clinical care with our teaching mission.

Although the assessment of the entire Navigant report is still underway, there were three important topics that were felt to be too important to delay. For this reason, the Health Care System and the School of Medicine have already initiated processes to implement solutions to the issues Navigant raised in these areas. The three topics are: 1) improving the process by which we care for hospitalized patients - "hospital throughput"; 2) the development of an incentive-based compensation (which I've summarized recently in the UNC Physician's Newsletter); and 3) the so-called "revenue cycle", that is, everything between when a patient calls for an appointment and when we collect the final payment from all payers. This will be discussed some by me and also in the ambulatory clinics session. A number of the consultants from Navigant will take part in the retreat, giving us all a chance to get to know them and learn from their experiences at other academic medical centers. There will be plenty of time for discussion and I hope that you all will make an effort to attend and help us shape the future for the clinical mission of the Department.

The Retreat agenda is outlined below, and if you can come, and have not responded, the link to the RSVP form is also below. As in previous retreats, we will follow the same format: presentations followed by break-outs and then back together to hear break-out outcomes.

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I	Overview
II	Hospital Throughput
III	Time and Effort/Incentive-Based Compensation
IV	Q&A on II. and III.
V	Break-out sessions
	A. Time and Effort/Incentive-Based Compensation - Impact on Clinicians
	B. Time and Effort/Incentive-Based Compensation - Impact on Researchers
	C. Hospital Throughput
	D. Ambulatory Clinics
	E. Teaching in the Context of Navigant Changes
VI	Presentation of Outcomes from Break-Out Session Leaders

to RSVP, go to: [RSVP form](#)

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