



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

GRAND ROUNDS
Thursday, February 3, 2005, 7:30 AM
Clinic Auditorium

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Antibiotics - What's New and What's Coming Up

FROM DIVISIONS

- **Joseph Eron, M.D.**, Associate Professor, Infectious Diseases, has been selected to receive a 2005 Distinguished Teaching Award for Post-Baccalaureate Instruction. Dr. Eron will be recognized at the UNC Basketball Game, half-time, February 3.
- **Marco Aleman, M.D.**, Associate Professor, General Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology, will become the President of N.C. College of Internal Medicine, the NC Chapter of the American College of Physicians in February 2005.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following are Friday Center Programs to be held in February. Details can be found at:
www.med.unc.edu/cme/events.htm

- 16th Annual Conference. **Challenges in Geriatric Practice.** Feb. 11-12. Registration deadline Feb. 4.
- SOM/Anesthesiology-Pain Medicine. **"Pain, Addiction, and Law"** conference, Feb. 19. Program will share aspects of management of chronic pain patients.
- SOM/Psychiatry. **Recognizing and Treating Onset of Mental Illness in Adolescents and Young Adults.** Feb. 26. Deadline Feb. 18.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

It seems that it has been many weeks since we last visited our tour of the divisions, but we are ready to begin again - Nephrology and Hypertension is next on our list.

When Dr. **Ronald Falk**, Thurston Professor of Medicine, began as chief ten year's ago, he started with 8 faculty members and a very good division. Now, the faculty numbers 25 and he has built what it arguably one of the best nephrology divisions in the nation. Our faculty in nephrology are highly accomplished in many different ways. They are clinical leaders, both on campus and off, as described below. Quite uniquely, the division works as a true group practice, with all the members participating in the various clinical activities. This spirit carries over into the research arena as well. Led by Ron, and with collaborations with Dr. Charles Jennette and his group in Pathology, UNC is among the most accomplished institutions anywhere in the understanding of vasculitis - from the bench to the bedside. Patients travel from the world over for care here.

The Division of Nephrology and Hypertension has more outreach activities than the remainder of the department combined, and more than any other sole entity in the School of Medicine, with the exception of the primary care network. Faculty treat adult and pediatric patients not just at UNC, but at 7 clinics, Carboro, Pittsboro, Siler City, Sanford, FMC and DaVita, Burlington, and Yanceyville. Drs. **Cynthia Denu-Cioca, Randy Detwiler, Maria Ferris, Gerald Hladik, Phil Klemmer, and Cammie Moore** are just some of the faculty involved in patient-care, and also are among our leading clinician-educators for housestaff and students on both the inpatient service and on the very busy nephrology consult service. Another very important educational initiative of the division are the top-ranked urinary systems course for second year medical students, and the renal epidemiology program and training grant.

In terms of clinical and basic research, the division portfolio has grown many-fold from ten years ago to having a \$10M portfolio of NIH funding: PPG, P01, U01, T32, K as well as a minority supplement and 9 industry grants. Many of the faculty have given keynote presentations at national and international meetings and as visiting professors at the nation's leading medical centers. Drs. **David Alcorta, Donna Bunch, Ronald Falk, William Finn, Debbie Gibson, Melanie Joy, and Patrick Nachman**, are just a few who are actively involved in research.

Last, but certainly not least, I would be remiss not mentioning our Internal Medicine Conference which is in its 29th year. The popularity of this course just continues to grow. Many faculty members from across the department participate in our Internal Medicine Conference every year, and guarantee its success. However, I think we all owe a debt of gratitude to the leadership and vision of Dr. **Romulo Colindres** from this division who has organized the meeting for many years. This year's meeting will be in April and you can find the details at: www.med.unc.edu/cme/events.htm

This is, of course, only a cursory overview of the division. There is much more to talk about, but we'll leave that to another day.

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