



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

GRAND ROUNDS
Thursday, October 6, 2005, 12:00 Noon
Clinic Auditorium

Ronald Falk, MD

Doc. J. Thurston Professor and Chief
Division of Nephrology and Hypertension
Director, UNC Kidney Center

ANCA: New Insights

FROM DIVISIONS

- Construction on the new N.C. Cancer Hospital is scheduled to begin soon. More than 350 invited guests attended the groundbreaking ceremony last week, featuring Dr. Andrew von Eschenbach, director of the National Cancer Institute. The N.C. Cancer Hospital, tentatively scheduled to open in late 2009, will provide complete cancer care and research facilities in one facility. Comments made by William L. Roper, MD, MPH are available at: www.unchealthcare.org/site/roperspeech

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fuller Award call for nominations - This award recognizes attending medical staff who demonstrate the highest standards of patient care, teaching and community service. Nomination forms available [online](#) and in Public Affairs & Marketing.
- The final Department of Medicine Attending Meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 11, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Old Clinic Auditorium. To RSVP, or for more information, contact [Katie O'Brien](#).

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

Before we get started on our tour of the divisions and centers, I'll take an opportunity to update you on several important topics.

First, I'd like to introduce you to Bruce Wicks, our new Department of Medicine Administrator. Bruce will have big shoes to fill, following Keith Gran, who now is full-time COO of UNC P&A. Many of you have already met Bruce, who joined us in August. For those of you who have not, we were fortunate to recruit Bruce from the University of Virginia, where he was the administrator for the Department of Pediatrics. Bruce is an alumnus of Cornell and Duke. In addition to his experience as administrator for a major department, Bruce has a great deal of experience in both hospital and academic group practice management. He and his wife of 25 years, Susie, moved to Jones Ferry Road just into Chatham County, where I hear often about his ambitious gardening. They have two

children, Tim, a sophomore at Virginia Tech, and Molly, a recent Virginia Tech graduate who is a 4th grade teacher. Please join all of us in welcoming Bruce to our department.

Second, it is that time of year again - time to organize our departmental retreats. Typically, one is research oriented and the other is oriented towards clinical care and teaching. Bruce and Katie O'Brien will be working with me, Andrew Greganti, Lee Berkowitz, David Clemmons and the Division Chiefs as we decide on topics for these retreats. We would welcome input from you on topics that you would find of interest and appropriate for discussion and planning.

Third, residency interviews are rapidly approaching. Every year we interview close to 400 medical students who are applying to one of three programs we offer: our three-year residency in internal medicine, a one-year preliminary position (prior to becoming a resident in another field) or our combined medicine-pediatrics program. Your participation in these interviews is vital to our success in recruiting the highest caliber of students that have characterized our training programs for many years. Our applicants continue to be highly competitive and we need to continue to do everything we can to help educate and recruit them. There are many ways to have a positive impact - from signing up to interview, to taking the time to respond to queries from applicants with whom you may have a connection, to helping a lost applicant find his or her way. We need your help, and I thank you in advance.

Finally, we have one more scheduled meeting with faculty on our shared role as attendings on October 11th. As I mentioned in an earlier note, we have had terrific feedback. Andrew, Lee and I will be putting together a guideline, based on resident and faculty suggestions and look forward to widely distributing this guideline and discussing it with you.

See you next week.

Questions or submissions, contact katie_obrien@med.unc.edu.