



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

NO GRAND ROUNDS THIS WEEK

NEXT GRAND ROUNDS
Thursday, November 3, 2005, 12:00 Noon
Clinic Auditorium

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FYI

- The deadline for the Excellence in Research Administration Award has been extended to Nov. 4, 2005. This award recognizes a University employee for meritorious and distinguished accomplishments in research administration at UNC at Chapel Hill. [Information](#) and [nomination form](#) available online.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The [Seed Grant Program](#) of the [UNC Center for Functional GI & Motility Disorders](#) will support three grants up to \$37,500 per grant in direct costs in FY06. The Center provides funds to collect pilot data essential to successful NIH applications, and mentoring in grant writing as well as the conduct of research. Deadline Dec. 10.
- On Fri. Oct. 28, at Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Dr. Donna Stewart will present a topic of potential interest to all of us. Her presentation is entitled "Stress in Academic Physicians" and will be at 1:30 - 3:00 PM in the 321 MacNider conference room.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

Continuing along, in more or less of an alphabetical order, this week's focus is on the Division of Cardiology, now under the leadership of Cam Patterson.

This has been a year of change for Cardiology, especially with the departure of Magnus Ohman. It is an opportune time to reflect back on the many accomplishments of the division to date with an eye towards the future. During the past four years, the Cardiology Division forged numerous new collaborative agreements with UNC Hospitals. A prime example is the UNC Heart Center, the first service-oriented center for cardiovascular care at UNC. The outpatient cardiology clinics were moved from the ACC to the Meadowmont facility, with added programs in Cardiac Rehabilitation and Women's Health. Also during this time a number of new and talented faculty members joined the division, bringing with them additional expertise in heart failure and transplantation, vascular medicine, electrophysiology, cardiac interventions, and clinical trials programs. The tenure of Dr.

Ohman marked the continued ascendancy of clinical cardiology at UNC, building on the excellence of prior division directors, Sidney Smith, Len Gettes, and Ernie Craige.

The Division now enters a new era under the direction of Cam Patterson, who most of you already know well. Cam ably built the Carolina Cardiovascular Biology Center from scratch to become one of the premiere centers for cardiovascular research in the country during the past 5 years, and we all expect him to direct the same energy toward leading the Division of Cardiology. Already, plans are underway to enhance programs within the division that are established centers of excellence, including electrophysiology and echocardiography. Major developments are planned in the areas of cardiac imaging, atrial fibrillation, and cardiac genetics as well as an expansion of the Women's Health Program. Research programs in health disparities and heart failure are being developed in collaboration with other units on campus. The close association of the Division of Cardiology and the Carolina Cardiovascular Biology Center will continue to foster collaboration between clinical investigators and basic scientists in cardiovascular medicine and to facilitate translational components of research into the most common cause of death in our society, heart disease.

With all the changes in medicine, and the reduced growth of the NIH budget, these are challenging times for all of us and it is no different for the Cardiology Division. My perception of the sense of mission and purpose within Cardiology is, if anything, even more invigorated than ever and I am certain that we'll continue to see great things from this outstanding group in the years to come.

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