



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

M&M Conference
Thursday, November 10, 2005, 12:00 Noon
Clinic Auditorium

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Drug Induced Cognitive Dysfunction and Extrapyrarnidal Syndromes

FYI

- **Nortin Hadler, MD**, Professor, Division of Rheumatology will be discussing his book, "The Last Well Person: How to Stay Well Despite the Health Care System," this Saturday (Nov. 5th), 9:15 a.m., at the Friday Center. The [event](#) is presented by [The Order of the Grail-Valkyries Honorary Society](#) (UNC).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

Big news on the education front this week for our department. All of our residents passed the Internal Medicine Board Examination this year, as has been the case for the previous two years. This means that our rolling three-year pass rate is 100%!

First of all, I'd like to congratulate all of our residents for this accomplishment. As a close second, I'd like to congratulate all of our dedicated teachers, of which there are many. This is a great accomplishment.

So, why all the excitement? Of course, it is just great that all our residents passed. It is a tribute to them and to our program. In addition, the three-year rolling average Board pass rate is one of the many ways in which our program is judged by our applicants. This number is published and accessible to all applicants. AND, it is extremely rare for large, top-tier program to have a 100% pass rate. For several years we have been in the upper cohort of top-tier programs (usually one of the top four or five) with a 99% pass rate. Last year, Stanford was the only top-tier program to have a three-year rolling average 100% pass rate. I do not know what it will be this year, but this accomplishment clearly puts us in the upper echelon of medicine residencies. Since we will soon begin the interview season, this great news couldn't have come at a better time. While I'm thinking about it, let me just ask you to consider increasing your commitment to interview residency candidates through your division's overall commitment. In order to be able to offer each candidate two interviews for the entire interview season, we really need your help.

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