



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Grand Rounds
Thursday, December 8, 2005, 12:00 Noon
Clinic Auditorium

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Advances in the Pathophysiological Basis of Metabolic Alkalosis

FROM DIVISIONS

- **Leigh Callahan**, Ph.D., Division of Rheumatology, Allergy, and Immunology, received the Arthritis Foundation's Charles B. Harding Award for outstanding volunteer. This is the highest national honor at the Arthritis Foundation. Dr. Callahan also received an ARHP (Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals) Star Award as part of ARHP's 40th Anniversary celebration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Important NIH information:
[Pilot Study to Shorten the Review Cycle for New Investigator R01 Applications](#)

[Non-Competing Grant Awards Under the Current Continuing Resolution](#)

[First Phase of the Interdisciplinary Research Consortium Program: Transition to the SF424 \(R&R\) Form and Electronic Submission through Grants.gov](#)

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

It seems an appropriate time to talk about our Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism. Just last week, the Division and our Departmental Research Advisory Committee hosted our most recent multidisciplinary research symposium, "Frontiers in Medicine – Complications of Diabetes Mellitus – Clinical Challenges and Research Advances." This was the fourth that we've had in the Frontiers in Medicine Symposia Series since September 2003. Diabetes is important in nearly all areas of medicine and in many research disciplines. We were most fortunate to have ten featured speakers, seven from UNC and three from outside the institution, representing at least six different specialties. The program drew a large audience, nearly 150 people attended all or part of the symposium, and the quality of the presentations and the discussion were outstanding. I'd like to thank Dr. Clemmons, Dr. Buse and many others for making this symposium such a success. Jill Cunnup, Bonnie Hayes, Mitchell Pope, and Ermine Hastings, whose new role includes research functions previously performed by Rosemary Simpson, all worked very hard and spent many hours to put the program together and to ensure that it ran smoothly and efficiently.

Our Division of Endocrinology is highly regarded nationally and internationally and looked on as being one of the best. The division receives high marks in all areas, from research and teaching to clinical care. Diabetes Care, located at our Highgate Clinic, is outstanding, as those of you who have patients or colleagues who receive care there know well. You may also be interested to know that all of our Diabetes doctors were named in Best Doctors in America and our educators have received national recognition for excellence. The number of clinical trials that we've been offered has completely overwhelmed the clinical trials program's capacity to conduct them. In addition, we've developed a new relationship with Cape Fear Valley Hospital that should help to extend our reach to patients in North Carolina.

Activities and growth are also vibrant in other areas of endocrinology, with major interests in hormonal disorders and bone diseases. In addition to our current, outstanding faculty, we have been fortunate to recruit a new full professor, Dr. Janet Rubin from Emory, who will bring with her robust research, translational and clinical expertise in bone metabolism.

We look forward to providing you with further updates in the coming year on exciting developments in endocrinology.

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