



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

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

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The Future of Medicine

FROM DIVISIONS

- **Amy Weil, M.D.**, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of General Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology, received the 2005 Eugene Mayer Community Service Award.
- **Sidney Smith, M.D.**, Professor of Medicine, Division of Cardiology, will serve as chair on the American Heart Association Guidelines Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Department of Medicine Faculty Research Retreat** is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2005. Details forthcoming.
- **Series on War and Health-Children of War.** March 2, 6:30 PM Stone Center, Cobb Theater: A panel of UNC students who have lived through wars in Iraq, Kosovo, Liberia, and Lebanon share their personal stories of survival and talk about the real effects of war.
- **"Educational Strategies for Building Learners' Cultural Competency."** Marco Aleman, M.D., Medicine and Dain Vines, M.D., Family Medicine, Wednesday, March 2, 4-6pm, 238 MacNider.
- **2005 Summer Job Fair**, Tuesday, March 8, 9-1pm - go to: hr.unc.edu/specialprograms/jobfair for details.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

This week I would like to highlight two recent important events for the Department of Medicine. First, we underwent our comprehensive evaluation by the Residency Review Committee (RRC) of the ACGME. Our internal medicine residency and all of our subspecialty training programs were evaluated over about two weeks. This is a big deal, as many of you who participated well know, and very labor intensive. Before the site visit, each program provided extensive documentation to the Residency Review Committee regarding compliance with the requirements for accreditation. These documents were reviewed by an assigned site visitor who in turn met with all the program directors, designated faculty, and trainees to assure compliance and to review any queries. The site visitor then prepared a report which was submitted to the RRC. The parent committee of the RRC will

complete a final review, and we will be notified late this spring of our status. The preliminary feedback we received from the site visitor was very positive reflecting the careful work done by many of you in preparation for this visit, and, of course, the very high quality of our training programs. Many thanks to all who were involved, and we'll be sure to let you know when we hear back.

Second, this year UNC was host for the North Carolina Chapter of the American College of Physicians annual meeting, which was held at the Millennium Hotel in Durham. Marco Aleman, the program chair, put together an outstanding meeting with lectures from UNC Faculty including Ada Adimora, Brian Boehlecke, Mauricio Cohen, Darren DeWalt, Mike Fried, Paul Godley, Abhi Kshirsagar, Tom Keyserling, Stephan Moll, and Mike Pignone. Joseph Cassara, Chief Resident, also gave an excellent case presentation on TB peritonitis.

In addition to these outstanding presentations, our residents performed exceptionally well. Bill Meikrantz , a Med-Peds resident, won the ACP resident poster contest and the team of Sanjeev Shah, Raj Subramanian, and Rhagav Wusirika, won the resident jeopardy contest defeating teams from the other training programs in the state. All of these residents will go on to compete at the national ACP meeting in April.

As I have said previously, and steadfastly believe, we have an outstanding department and it is wonderful to see accomplishments like the ones described in this week's newsletter. This excellence comes from many individual contributions and I, and we, thank each and every one of you. In the coming weeks, I'll continue to highlight a few of the many outstanding programs that help define our Department of Medicine and UNC.

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