



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

GRAND ROUNDS
Thursday, September 22, 2005, 12:00 Noon
Clinic Auditorium

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Chancellor for Health Affairs
President and Chief Executive Officer, Health System
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**Novel therapeutic paradigm for cardiac repair and regeneration:
Is there a role for stem cell?**

FROM DIVISIONS

- **Nurum Erdem, M.D., MPH** joins the Division of Geriatric Medicine on October 1 as an assistant professor, after completing her fellowship at UNC September 30th. Dr. Erdem will see patients at The Cedars Continuing Care Retirement Community and the ACC, as well as continue research in urinary incontinence and work on a Reynolds Grant project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The final Department of Medicine Attending Meeting will be held Oct. 11, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Old Clinic Auditorium. To RSVP, or for more information, contact [Katie O'Brien](#).
- Grand Rounds sign-up sheets will now be available at all Grand Rounds. If you attended Grand Rounds on Sept. 15 and were unable to sign up, please contact Chief Resident [Ryan Mattison](#).

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

Since my last [newsletter column](#) on the topic of in-hospital attending and teaching, we have had three evening meetings with faculty. We have had terrific discussions on the challenges and opportunities for our inpatient attendings, far more so than Andrew Greganti, Lee Berkowitz or I could have hoped for. We've discussed a variety of topics, ranging from how to be efficient in rounding to how to incorporate medical student and resident education into their schedules and ours. At each meeting, Andrew and Lee have opened with presentations of the issues we all face. Mitchell Wilson has discussed the the new Department of Care Management and its role in improving the efficiency with which our patients obtain needed diagnostic tests and consultations, as well as the care manager's role in the discharge process. We have had in-depth discussions on how we can meet the general goals of optimal patient care and improved teaching, while not becoming completely exhausted during our attending stints. We have also talked about the importance of setting expectations for the housestaff and medical students who are on our services, and ways we can help them meet their needs to grow as physicians and to round out their educational experience.

I don't have the answers for you today. Andrew, Lee and I have all kept notes on various suggestions and we will put together guidelines based on a host of important factors including faculty suggestions, housestaff suggestions and RRC and GME requirements. As I have jokingly commented to everyone who attended these meetings, "...we really appreciate your coming to this mandatory meeting," and I really do appreciate your attendance. And I believe these discussions have been productive.

Finally, I know as you think about this, many of you will have useful thoughts. Please send those to [Andrew](#), [Lee](#) or [me](#).

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