



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

NO GRAND ROUNDS this week

NEXT GRAND ROUNDS
Thursday, October 6, 2005, 12:00 Noon
Clinic Auditorium

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ANCA: New Insights

FYI

- Two new spine surgeons have joined the Orthopaedics faculty group – Assistant Professors Sameer Mathur, MD, and Moe R. Lim, MD. Dr. Mathur's practice will focus on the treatment of degenerative and traumatic disorders of the spine. He specializes in complex spine deformity, kyphoplasty, and minimally invasive surgery. Dr. Lim's practice will focus on the treatment of disorders of the adult spine. Cervical spine and spine trauma are his areas of expertise. Appointments can be scheduled through Orthopaedics (96-BONES) or the UNC Spine Center (966-4868).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The final Department of Medicine Attending Meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 11, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Old Clinic Auditorium. To RSVP, or for more information, contact [Katie O'Brien](#).
- Infectious Diseases Division Conference. Friday, Sept. 30, 8:30 a.m. Marin Kollef, MD, of Washington University presents "Ventilator Associated Pneumonia" in the Clinic Auditorium.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

Today, I'll update you on several small topics.

First, in the coming months we will again "take a tour" of the divisions in the newsletter. In past years, this has been a great opportunity to highlight some of the exciting activities taking place in our diverse department. I have asked all of the Division Chiefs to provide me with information for the column. Like many of you, I am very much looking forward to hearing about new activities and the latest on projects and initiatives that I am familiar with.

Second, our newly renovated Medical Grand Rounds schedule is taking off, albeit with a couple of early hiccups. So far, we have had three terrific Grand Rounds at noon. John Buse gave an outstanding presentation on the most recent clinical trials in the treatment of diabetes. Andrew Greganti coordinated a Mortality and Morbidity session led by Alice Ma and Doug Dirschl. Victor Dzau, Chancellor for Health Affairs at Duke, gave one of the best presentations on translational research in medicine that I've heard. While we did not have lunches lined up for the first week, we are now providing box lunches for attendees, and the attendance has been excellent. As you may recall, we took the last Thursday of the month off last year (and will tomorrow). Given the enthusiasm for Grand Rounds, and provided we can continue the extremely high level of presentation, we are now considering scheduling every Thursday each month. I would just like to thank Lee Berkowitz, our speakers, and all of you for kicking off the academic year with a bang.

As there continue to be many exciting issues for our Department, the School of Medicine, and the UNC Health Care System, we will continue with our plan to focus mainly on departmental topics in this column and clinical/HCS topics in the UNC Physicians' Newsletter. If you are not on the distribution list for the UNC Physicians' Newsletter and would like to be, just let [Jack Zeng](#) or [Katie O'Brien](#) know.

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