



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Grand Rounds
Thursday, September 21, 2006, 12:00 Noon
Clinic Auditorium

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M&M Conference: Postthrombotic Syndrome

FYI

- The 31st Annual [Internal Medicine Conference](#) will be held March 21-23, 2007, at the Friday Center. Course Director, Dr. **Romulo Colindres**.
- The Landes/Merrimon Lecture is scheduled for January 31, 12:30 p.m. in 2204 MBRB. The lecture will be given by William F. Crowley Jr., M.D., Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Semi-Annual Medical Staff Meeting - Wed., Nov. 29, at the Friday Center. Influenza vaccine available to faculty at 5:00 p.m., beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres at 5:15 p.m., the business meeting begins at 6:15 p.m. concluding at 7:30 p.m.
- Fire alarm test in Burnett-Womack on Thursday morning, Sept. 21. Please call the Medical School Planning Office at 966-2441 for more information.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

This week I'd like to say a few words about our medical housestaff training program. I know you all know the very high quality of our interns and residents and now that they have a few months under their belts, I think it is fair to say that this year's new interns again represent an exceptional group.

Their interpersonal skills, work ethic and medical knowledge are outstanding, as our second and third year residents will attest. In our residents we have compassionate physicians and teachers, as well as outstanding mentors for the interns.

We are fortunate to have been matched with such a great group. Of course, a little bit of luck is involved in the matching process, but I think the continuing high quality of our training program is no accident. Medical students choose to pursue their internal medicine training at UNC for many reasons, but their experiences with our faculty members and housestaff are the deciding factors when it comes to ranking programs.

Our faculty and fellows spend a great deal of time working with housestaff to optimize patient care and housestaff education. Lee Berkowitz and our chief residents, Phuong Doan, Nate Lambert, and Dick Wardrop, as well as the entire education committee in the department, spend countless hours on rotation schedules and educational conferences. The committee meets weekly to keep up with the needs of our current residents and to discuss our recruitment efforts.

Although it seems like just yesterday when our new interns began, we are now warming up for interview season. I know many of you have participated in the past and I hope you will be willing to do so again. As attendings, taking a little extra time to recognize and welcome interviewing students can have an enormous impact. This year the education committee has set a goal to provide two faculty interviews per student. In the past we haven't been able to accomplish this and as a result received negative student commentary. From an educational perspective, we know that our faculty members are our greatest strength in the department and we want to show our commitment to residents, beginning with the interview stage and continuing through their training here at UNC.

We complement our faculty interviews with organized lunches and dinners to give medical students a more comfortable setting to ask questions they may not otherwise ask. As a department, we benefit greatly from the time the housestaff and faculty dedicate to meeting with medical students. We look forward to your input and insight again this year and very much appreciate the time you all put into the important educational mission of our department. If you would like to find out more about interviewing medical students, please contact our residency program administrator, Kristie Tomaro at kristie_tomaro@med.unc.edu.

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