



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

No Grand Rounds this week

Next Grand Rounds
Thursday, February 2, 2006, 12:00 Noon
Clinic Auditorium

Richard Kahn, Ph.D.
Chief Scientific and Medical Officer
American Diabetes Association

Metabolic Syndrome: Truth or Fiction

FYI

- The Health Sciences Library will provide support for professional posters for conference presentations and online learning products such as interactive tutorials and Web-based course materials. More information about using and scheduling [HSL Media Kitchens](#) is available online.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society bake sale, Thurs., Jan. 26, 11:00-2:00 on the "brick beach" between Berryhill, Brinkhous-Bullit, and MacNider. All proceeds will benefit the Chapel Hill Ronald McDonald House.
- ["Robotics: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly"](#) Feb. 1, 12:00-5:30, Carolina Club. [Register](#) online.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

This week I'd like to talk about an ongoing planning process for new research initiatives in the School of Medicine. As many of you know, we anticipate opening a new medical research building, the Genetic Medicine Building, in the fall of 2007. Construction of this building, located between the Bioinformatics Building and the Ambulatory Care Center, is underway.

Anticipating the availability of a significant amount of lab research space, Dean Roper and Vice Dean Golden have initiated a process to plan prospectively for high-impact research that can be done here on the UNC campus. Attached is a [memo from Dr. Bill Marzluff](#), Executive Associate Dean for Research, providing additional details. Many of you may have received this memo already. A major emphasis is the development of broad-based transitional research programs. The reason I highlight this opportunity for you, and for all of our faculty, is that I believe many of you think broadly in terms of research, from the most basic programs to initiatives that may be helpful to our patients.

For many of our faculty, their research is housed in centers as well as in divisions, and I anticipate

you will all work with other investigators in those centers. For others, it may be useful to think about DOM initiatives that could involve colleagues in basic science and other clinical departments, as well as in other schools on campus and other investigators in the Research Triangle area. The deadline for these initiatives is Monday, February 6, so I encourage you, if you have not already, to put together your ideas for high-impact research programs.

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