



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Grand Rounds
Thursday, October 26, 2006, 12:00 Noon
Clinic Auditorium

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Percutaneous Treatment of Vertebral Compression Fractures

FROM DIVISIONS

- Alan Hinderliter and colleagues published an important paper in [JAMA](#) ([Blumenthal JA, et al. JAMA 293: 1626-1634 \(2005\)](#)) that has received a great deal of attention recently. Titled, "The Effects of Exercise and Stress Management Training on Markers of Cardiovascular Risk in Patients with Ischemic Heart Disease," the study demonstrated that benefits of exercise and stress management go above and beyond usual medical care.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- "Call Room," a poem by Resident Physician **Sachin Patel**, MD, will be published in the upcoming anthology, ["Body Language: Poems of the Medical Training Experience."](#) Copies will be available Nov. 15.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

Today I write to let you know about important leadership changes that will take place January 1, 2007 involving a new center and the Divisions of Endocrinology and General Medicine. As you may know, diabetes clinical care and research is an area of excellence at UNC. In recognition of this, the School of Medicine has formed a new school-wide center, the Diabetes Center. Dr. David Clemmons, a world-renown investigator in many areas, but particularly in insulin-like growth factors and the link of insulin resistance to cardiovascular diseases, has agreed to be the Director of the Diabetes Center. The Center's leadership will also include Drs. John Buse and Ed Fisher (from the UNC School of Public Health). This center is charged with furthering research in the critically important area of diabetes, covering the spectrum of approaches to this disease from basic science to public health. Across the United States and throughout the world, there is an epidemic of diabetes, related significantly to world-wide increases in the prevalence of obesity. I can think of no better group to help us develop basic, translational and clinical research and care in this area.

As Dr. Clemmons' focus will now be on the new center, Dr. Buse will, in addition to his role in the Diabetes Center, become our next Chief of the Division of Endocrinology. This move is a good fit with Dr. Buse's long-term interests and with his upcoming role as President of the American Diabetes Association. Since Dr. Buse will be leaving General Internal Medicine,

Dr. Michael Pignone has agreed to become our next Chief of General Medicine.

This is a unique congruence of national prominence, interests and opportunity for all of us and UNC. Drs. Clemmons and Buse have done outstanding work in their roles as Chiefs of Endocrinology and General Medicine, respectively, and I know they will continue their extraordinary success and contributions in their new roles. Dr. Pignone is viewed nationally as one of the stars in academic General Internal Medicine, has been very involved in the division as Associate Chief, and is poised to continue our growth and excellence in this area.

Please join me in congratulating Drs. Clemmons, Buse, and Pignone. I know we all look forward to the opportunities the Diabetes Center will bring to UNC and also the future of the work of these divisions.

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