



**CONFERENCES & MEETINGS**

**Grand Rounds**  
**Thursday, November 9, 2006, 12:00 Noon**  
**Clinic Auditorium**

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**M&M Conference: Carotid Artery Dissection**

**FROM DIVISIONS**

- **Ron Falk, MD**, was recently elected councilor of the [American Society of Nephrology](#), and is on track to become President of ASN. The last UNC faculty member to hold that position was Carl W. Gottschalk, MD, who served as President of ASN in 1975-76.
- **Larry Stephenson** has joined the Division of Geriatric Medicine as their new administrator. He can be reached at [larry\\_stephenson@med.unc.edu](mailto:larry_stephenson@med.unc.edu) or by phone at 966-5945 ext. 260.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- We are updating the Grand Rounds sign-in sheets for faculty and fellows. If your name does not appear on the Grand Rounds list, and you have filled out a CME Bio form in the past, please email [Denise Wicker](#) with your full name and credentials. If you have not filled out a CME Bio form, it is available [online](#). Please complete and submit to [Denise](#) via email.
- SECC forms may be submitted through the end of the month. Please contact Bruce Wicks if you have any questions about the campaign.

**FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE**

Several weeks ago we talked about the work some of our faculty members are doing on a global scale. This week, I thought I would talk about a local project one of our faculty members is undertaking.

Dr. Giselle Corbie-Smith received an R01 in September from the NIH/NINR, which is funding her research project, "Increasing Access to HIV Trials for Rural Minorities," from September 2006 to June 2010. As you all know, R01's are extremely valuable grants for UNC. The nature of the R01 allows the principal investigator to pursue original research in creative ways, as long as the research is consistent with the NIH mission. Dr. Corbie-Smith and her colleagues have put together a fascinating study that targets the individual, community, and provider factors that influence participation in HIV/AIDS research by individuals living in rural minority communities. The study will test the feasibility of providing clinical trials in a mobile unit based in these communities. Co-investigators on this study are Drs. David Wohl (SOM), Joanne Garrett (SOM), Christine McQuiston (School of Nursing), and Margaret Miles (SON).

The research project has three main goals. (1) To define community and individual factors that influence the willingness of rural racial and ethnic minorities to participate in HIV/AIDS clinical trials. (2) To refine a theory-based, culturally-responsive outreach strategy to increase enrollment in clinical trials and evaluate the acceptability of components of this outreach from the perspective of community members, providers and individuals with HIV/AIDS. (3) To determine the feasibility of the individual enrollment session and mobile unit alone and in combination to increase willingness to participate and attendance at a follow-up referral appointment and explore the relationship between constructs from the conceptual model (i.e., perceived barriers, perceived benefits, perceived and social resource availability) and willingness to participate in HIV/AIDS trials.

Dr. Corbie-Smith's research project will develop in three phases, with the first and second focusing on establishing and refining an outreach strategy. The third phase will be a 12-month pilot.

This study comes at a time when HIV infections are rising in racial and ethnic minorities, specifically African-Americans and Latinos, but those groups are not participating in HIV/AIDS trials at a similar rate. The study will investigate the barriers to access to clinical trials as well as the influences on research participation at individual and community levels.

Again, I encourage you to contact us about the work you're doing so we can share it with the department. We hope to have series of columns covering these issues and I know there is much to be talked about just within the DOM.

Questions or submissions, contact [katie\\_obrien@med.unc.edu](mailto:katie_obrien@med.unc.edu).