



**CONFERENCES & MEETINGS**

**Grand Rounds**  
**Thursday, November 30, 2006, 12:00 Noon**  
**Clinic Auditorium**

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**Diet and Heart Disease: An Update**

**FROM DIVISIONS**

- **Laura Hanson, MD**, Associate Professor, received the Ewald W. Busse Award and the Harris Memorial Award. Read [more](#) on the Geriatrics webpage.
- UNC-Chapel Hill is applying for a \$75 million NIH grant, the Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA). The UNC CTSA program's website (<http://ctsa.unc.edu>) is now accessible for those interested in learning more about the program and grant application process.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The SECC campaign has been extended. Please return completed forms to Bruce Wicks.
- Our departmental holiday party will be held this Saturday, Dec. 2, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the Kenan Center. Free parking is available at the Business School Parking Deck.

**FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE**

This week, I'm going to return to our series on global initiatives at UNC. Dr. Nigel Key was recently elected as a medical representative to the Executive Committee of the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH). He represents the United States in this capacity and will serve a four-year term that runs through 2010.

The WFH has been active for over 40 years promoting the diagnosis and care of persons with bleeding disorders in the developing world. It relies upon volunteers from centers, such as our own Harold R. Roberts Comprehensive Hemophilia Treatment Center, in developed nations to participate in twinning and training programs with centers in the developing world. The WFH also hosts a biennial Congress that draws about 4,000 delegates.

UNC is one of a handful of Hemophilia Treatment Centers in the US designated as an official International Hemophilia Training Center (IHTC) for the WFH. The UNC Center has been funded by the CDC for longer than any other comprehensive center in the nation. We have participated and will continue to participate in the training of professional colleagues from the developing world, and will soon undertake a three-year official twinning with a specific center through the WFH program.

Many of you know of UNC's unique history in hemophilia care and research. Drs. Harold Roberts and Kenneth Brinkhaus brought UNC into the limelight with many sentinel observations on the mechanisms of coagulation, the importance of genetic deficiency of key coagulation enzymes in hemophilia and other bleeding and clotting disorders. Among Dr. Roberts' many discoveries was his elucidation of the role of Factor VII in coagulation and the potential for use of recombinant Factor VII therapeutically - a discovery in clinical use today. Dr. Brinkhaus established the first animal model for the study of hemophilia after receiving a dog with a bleeding disorder, and from this he developed the concept of studying these inherited disorders. Today Dr. Tim Nichols directs the large operation that evolved from their early work. The Francis Owen Blood Research Laboratory is one of the world's most unique resources for studying disorders of coagulation with inbred animal models for abnormalities in Factors VIII and IX, and von Willebrand Factor.

I've named only a few here, but there are many others at UNC who have also made major contributions to our knowledge in bleeding and clotting disorders. I am confident UNC will continue as a national and international leader and I will keep you abreast of new and exciting developments in these important areas.

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