



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Grand Rounds
Thursday, December 7, 2006, 12:00 Noon
Clinic Auditorium

Donald E. Wesson, M.D.
Chairman, Department of Internal Medicine
Texas Tech University School of Medicine

Cigarette Smoking and Progression of Type 2 Diabetic Nephropathy

FROM DIVISIONS

- Investigators at the [UNC Kidney Center](#) received a grant from the [Halpin Foundation](#) to support research into membranous glomerulopathy. The grant will be used to support a case-control study to evaluate the role of environmental factors, occupational exposures and family medical history. **Susan L. Hogan, PhD, MPH**, will serve as principal investigator.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The SECC campaign has been extended. Please return completed forms to Bruce Wicks.
- 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.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

This week I want to update you on a few changes in the department. I'm pleased to announce that we've hired Jim O'Neill as our new Director of Information Systems. As you all know, we have been without a director since Jack Zeng moved to Stanford last spring. I know we have had some frustrating moments over the last several months, but we are sure that under Jim's direction we will have things running smoothly. Some of you may know Jim through your experiences with OIS, where he worked before joining us last week. For the next few weeks Jim will be spending most of his time trying to address the most critical issues. He will soon be able to get us on track with more routine desktop support issues, but I'd ask that you try to prioritize your requests for now. When things are up to speed, we'll let you know.

One of Jim's first challenges will be to help us get back on track with our weekly newsletter. Due to a number of technical issues (far too technical for me to try to describe), our listserv was corrupted and we have been unable to use it for several weeks, and Jim is working on this. Jim is bringing years of experience and new ideas to our department's information services. And I'm sure you will all welcome him as I do.

I'd also like to update you on some office relocations within the departmental administration. Dr. Lee Berkowitz, the chief residents, and the Residency Program staff have moved to 126 MacNider, and interviews for the 2007-2008 interns are in full swing. Our human resources group has also moved to MacNider, and are now located in Suite 121. Bruce Wicks and I and our support staff will move to 125 MacNider the week of December 18, along with Ermine Hastings and Karen Pulido. Dr.

Andrew Greganti and Pat Loftus will join us in 125 MacNider in a few weeks. In addition, the finance group will also be moving to the 43 MacNider office suite located just below 125 MacNider sometime soon. The department is most fortunate to have this newly-renovated space for our administrative activities.

In terms of logistics, beginning December 18th our departmental receptionist will move to 125 MacNider. Please bring IRBs, grant-related forms, and any items requiring signature to 125 MacNider. Our phone numbers will remain the same. I'll make another announcement once we have settled in 125 MacNider, but I wanted to give everyone a heads-up before we get started with the move.

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