



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Next Grand Rounds
Thursday, January 4, 2007, 12:00 Noon
Clinic Auditorium

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Management of Carotid Artery Stenosis

FROM DIVISIONS

- UNC-TV featured two of our cardiologists last week on "[HealthWise: Heart Disease](#)." **Dr. Paula Miller**, in a segment filmed at Meadowmont Clinic, and **Dr. Rick Stouffer**, as a panelist for a live call-in part of the program. The [program](#) can be viewed in full on the [UNC-TV](#) website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Help the Health Sciences Library [evaluate products](#) for possible purchase. Trials are currently underway for Future Drugs, Future Medicine, MDConsult/FirstConsult, Merck Index, and Natural Standard.
- No Grand Rounds will be held Dec. 21 or Dec. 28.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

From time to time, I think it is interesting to hear about the research efforts of groups within our department. I've asked our Division Chiefs to help me put together this information so that I can pass it on to all of you, both to learn what is happening and to identify potential collaborations.

The Division of Cardiology Clinical Research Programs, under the leadership of **Dr. Mauricio Cohen**, is currently involved in a total of 18 studies focusing on a range of cardiovascular issues. Two of these include a study of heart transplant patients and the NIH study WARCEF, which looks at the use of Warfarin vs. Aspirin in patients with cardiomyopathy. Several trials involved patients who come for procedures in the Cardiac Cath Lab, including the FEN-002 study on intra-renal use of Fenoldopam in patients at high risk for radiocontrast nephropathy, and the CORAL study which involves stenting with anti-hypertensive medical therapy compared to medical therapy alone for patients with high blood pressure and renal artery stenosis. A new study that is just getting underway, the FREEDOM trial, is being done in conjunction with the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery and investigates surgery vs. stenting for patients who have diabetes and multivessel coronary artery disease. Other studies utilize two of the hospital's research support facilities, including a study on an anticoagulant component for stable CAD that is done in the General Clinical Research Center (GCRC) and the Appraise-1 study on patients with recent ACS that is done in the

Carolina Center for Clinical Trials (CCCT). More information on these and other studies may be found on the [Division of Cardiology website](#).

Let us know about your work and we'll spread the word.

This will be the last newsletter for the year. I hope you'll find time to be with family and friends over the holidays and will take a few moments to catch your breath, reflect on the good things in life and get that extra rest and relaxation that helps us all carry on. Happy Holidays.

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