



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

M&M Conference
Thursday, April 13, 2006, 12:00 Noon
Clinic Auditorium

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FROM DIVISIONS

- **Rich Goldberg, MD**, was elected the first president of the International Society of Gastrointestinal Oncology. His term begins September 2006. More information is available on the society's [webpage](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Nominations are being accepted for the MSEC House Officer Award until April 15. Any attending physician or UNC Health Care employee may nominate any full-time house officer. The nomination form is [online](#) and additional forms are available in Public Affairs, 6002 E. Wing, and the Office of GME, 1st floor, Memorial Hospital, rm. 204.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

For today's newsletter, I wanted to update you on a few topics.

Medical Admitting Officer. As of March 29, 2006, we no longer have a Medical Admitting Officer. Thanks to the many hours of innovative thought and planning by Ryan Mattison, Jamie Chang, and several medicine residents, and the input of many of you. The process is outlined on the [Department of Medicine website](#). You can access it by clicking on Medicine Admissions under Patient Care. There are still some areas that need additional tweaking, but overall I have to say that I am very pleasantly surprised at how smoothly this transition is going - so far, so good. For those of you who have had problems in the last week or so, please let Ryan know. As many of you know, I have

pushed transitioning from the MAO model for some time, feeling that though our residents have served an important role as MAO, it has not provided much of a medical education experience for them. I am most grateful to all who have helped in this process.

Changes in the State Health Plan (SHP). As I mentioned in a previous column, the SHP is in the process of changing and will offer expanded options for state employees. You may already be familiar with these options, but if not, there will be a series of opportunities to learn more about these in coming weeks. We'll be announcing times and places for those meetings, as well as links to additional information.

Department Retreat. We scheduled our next DOM retreat for June 14 at 4 p.m. Over the past six years, we have had retreats once or twice a year that oftentimes focused on one of our missions - clinical care, research, or teaching. This year we are planning to discuss the department as a whole, our goals and aspirations, and how to get there. We are also going to include broad presentations about what is going on in all of our divisions. Hopefully this will all be very useful to all of you. As usual, we will use breakout sessions to discuss topics in more detail. Ermine Hastings is leading the effort to put this together so if you have comments or ideas, please let her know.

Future Newsletter Topics. About this time of year, I begin to run low on topics to write about (as evidenced by this week's column). Our goal with the newsletter is to provide for useful information to you and so I would ask that if you have topics you would like addressed in this forum to please let me or Katie know.

Until next week...

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