



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Grand Rounds
Thursday, April 20, 2006, 12:00 Noon
Clinic Auditorium

William W. Busse, MD
Chair, Department of Medicine
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Role of the Common Cold in Asthma

FROM DIVISIONS

- Balfour Sartor and Nick Shaheen have both been elected as chairs of sections of the American Gastroenterological Association. Dr. Sartor will serve as the vice chair of the Immunology, Microbiology and Inflammatory Bowel Disease Section and Dr. Shaheen as vice chair of the Clinical Practice Section. They will serve two years as vice chair and two years as chair. It is unprecedented to have chairs of two sections from a single academic medical center and signifies the prestige of the UNC Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A memorial service will be held for John T. Sessions on Sat., April 22 at 5 p.m. at the Friday Center. Dr. Sessions was the founding member of the GI Division and served as chief for 25 years.
- Update in Gastroenterology and Hepatology: Advances in Diagnosis and Management, April 21 – 23, at Friday Center. Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, MPH, Conference Director. [Brochure](#) and [registration](#) online.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

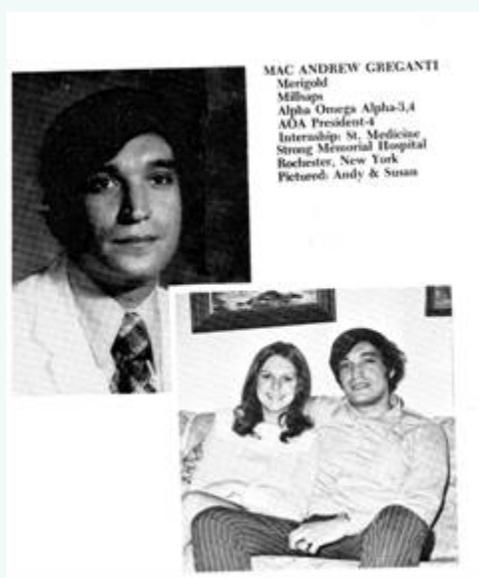
It's getting to be that time again, the end of the academic year. New housestaff will join us in June. Our senior residents will look to moving on, some will enter practice while others pursue additional training in a subspecialty or begin again as a student in Public Health or other related disciplines. We've all experienced change here over the last year, and I hope our residents embrace these new opportunities in their professional careers.

As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter, Lee Berkowitz, Ryan Mattison and Jamie Change are working on an application to the Internal Medicine Residency Review Committee for a program to be called, "Innovation in Education." The RRC invited internal medicine programs with two consecutive

highly favorable reviews (resulting in five year accreditation cycles) to propose new approaches to residency training. The carrot at the end of the stick is not only the opportunity to make important changes in residency education, but also to move to a ten year review cycle.

We welcome input from any and all of you as to how we might approach our application. We, as well as most other internal medicine residency programs, have struggled over the past several years with how to optimize education and excellence in patient care while adhering to the ever-changing guidelines of the RRC and ACGME. In considering this, I re-read a presentation by Larry Smith, given at Medical Grand Rounds about a year ago, on generational issues in medical professionalism. The presentation, as summarized in his article, "[Medical professionalism and the generation gap](#)", is thought-provoking for all of us in the "baby boomer generation."

Speaking of baby boomers, Thursday was an important day for one of our faculty. It was Andrew Greganti's birthday. Through a highly secretive process (possibly involving one more governmental agencies), I was given a couple of photos from the time of Andrew's graduation from medical school.



As hard as it may be for you to imagine, all of us senior faculty members were once active in bringing change to medicine and beyond. I hope we can all return to that spirit as we strive to provide the best educational opportunities for our students' and residents' future in medicine.

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