



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

The 30th Annual Internal Medicine Conference
April 5-7, 2006
William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education

FROM DIVISIONS

- Last week's column focused on the 2006 Department of Medicine Presentation to the Dean. The presentation is now available on the web, so off-campus faculty and staff can view it easily. The presentation will be available [online](#) for two weeks.
- Women's Health Research Day 2006 is today, April 5, 2006. More information [online](#). Events are being held at MBRB all day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Thurston Arthritis Research Center presents "Therapeutic Advances in Lupus." April 8-9 at the Friday Center. [Registration](#) and [information](#) online.
- Conversational Living Room, Wed., April 19, 4:30 - 6:00 pm in the Hooker Atrium. This event is an informal gathering for faculty and postdocs to get to know each other while discussing research ideas and exploring opportunities for collaboration.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

March 16th was Match Day and I'm pleased to report that we did quite well this year. Our medical students received excellent placements around the country and we filled all our positions for this coming year with another group of remarkable students.

First, I want to thank all of you for the time you gave for the resident interviews, and for your overall dedication to the education mission. This year we received 1794 applications and interviewed 379 candidates over a three-month period. These interviews were in addition to the many hours our faculty has already devoted to medical student and resident education, everything ranging from didactic and small group sessions for the first four years of medical school, to intensive teaching of housestaff through their three years of residency and subspecialty resident training.

I wanted to share some interesting statistics about this year's Match Day with you: (1) 45% of categorical candidates and 25% of preliminary candidates applied to our program; (2) 2,668 students from US medical schools chose internal medicine, leading to an overall fill rate of 56%; and (3) we competed well against premier training programs across the U.S., including Duke, Vanderbilt, UAB, UVA, and many others. For several years the number of internal medicine resident applicants has remained at a lower level than measured in previous decades.

I want to recognize a few people who make the whole Match Day process a success: **Lee Berkowitz**, MD, Associate Chair for Education and Program Director and his staff, **Kristie Tomaro**

and **Mari Roig**; and Chief Residents, **Jamie Chang**, MD, and **Ryan Mattison**, MD. They did a phenomenal job of handling the recruitment process. They reviewed all the applications, sent out invitations for interviews, and set-up individualized itineraries which included selecting the faculty members to interview candidates. Lee has provided us with a [detailed report](#) regarding Match Day, with some additional information I think you will find interesting.

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