



**CONFERENCES & MEETINGS**

**Next Grand Rounds**  
**Thursday, June 1, 2006, 12:00 Noon**  
**Clinic Auditorium**

**Nigel Key, MD**  
Professor  
Division of Hematology-Oncology

**Management of uncontrolled medical and surgical bleeding: new developments and controversies.**

**FROM DIVISIONS**

- On May 12, **Christopher Klipstein, MD** and **Alica Ma, MD**, were honored at the SOM graduation ceremony. Both were selected by the graduating class to confer the doctoral hoods on the students as they graduate.
- **Jan Busby-Whitehead, MD** has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Medicine Programs and has been appointed to represent the American Geriatrics Society on the Council of the Association of Subspecialty Professors.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Our annual Department of Medicine Retreat will be held Wed. June 14 from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. in 103 Berryhill Hall. Full session followed by breakout sessions. Boxed dinners provided. Topics include Residency Program changes, NIH Budget, and New Clinical Programs. For more information, contact [Ermine Hastings](#).

**FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE**

This is a transitional time of year for our chief residents as our incoming chiefs become involved in many departmental matters, and our outgoing chiefs move on to exciting new things. I would like to take this opportunity to thank this past year's superb chiefs for their insight, their innovation and their commitment to our educational programs.

As you may know, chief residents are selected in their second year by our Departmental Education Committee based on a host of criteria and their interest in obtaining administrative experience. The chiefs have vast responsibilities in our housestaff program, serving as the direct supervisors for the residents, spending months in attending roles, and each year selecting a special project to take on.

I think that the two most difficult things about being a chief are dealing with the unexpected and striving to attain a balance between housestaff advocacy and administrative supervision. Our chiefs this past year have been remarkable once again. Moreover, their special project was one that had been on my personal radar for a number of years - developing a system to

replace the Medical Admitting Officer (MAO) role. After a number of aborted attempts in past years, many of us had come to the conclusion that we would never be able to get rid of the MAO obligation, so the success of this year's chiefs with this project is that much more remarkable.

Alissa Clough, Ryan Mattison, and Jamie Chang have all done a fantastic job as chief resident and I speak for everyone when I say thank you for spending this year with us.

Alissa will be continuing her service at Wake Med in Raleigh. She will join the team of hospitalists in Internal Medicine for 75% of her time, and will spend the remainder working for the pediatrics diabetes program. She will also spend two months attending on the medicine teaching teams. Her husband Aaron is a practice manager for an oral surgeon and she has a 13-month-old son Andrew.

Ryan is going to the University of Chicago for a hematology/oncology fellowship to pursue his clinical interest in hematologic malignancies as well as his interests in health services research and how to determine the effectiveness and quality of cancer care as it is delivered in the US health care system. Ryan and his wife, Amy, will be settling into the Hyde Park neighborhood with their twin 10-month-old sons, Dietrich and Elliott.

Jamie has been accepted for a nephrology fellowship at Vanderbilt. He, his wife Rachel, and their 7-month-old daughter, will be relocating to Nashville.

I'd also like to take a moment to welcome our new chiefs for the 2006-2007 year - Phuong Doan, Nate Lambert, and Dick Wardrop (Wake Med) - who will take over for our departing chiefs on June 1. I think we can all look forward to another great year of exciting changes and opportunities here in the department.

Questions or submissions, contact [katie\\_obrien@med.unc.edu](mailto:katie_obrien@med.unc.edu).