



**CONFERENCES & MEETINGS**

**Grand Rounds**  
**Thursday, September 14, 2006, 12:00 Noon**  
**Clinic Auditorium**

**Joseph Loscalzo, MD, PhD**

Hersey Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine  
Harvard Medical School Chairman, Department of Medicine  
Physician-in-Chief Brigham and Women's Hospital

**Homocysteine and Atherothrombosis: Mechanisms, Controversies, and Future Directions**

**FROM DIVISIONS**

- The Biomedical Institutional Review Board has joined the other campus IRBs in a consolidated, modernized information system (IRB-IS). More information can be obtained from the [Office of Human Research Ethics](#).
- Request for pre-proposals from the [Seed Grant Program](#), Center for Functional GI & Motility Disorders. The program will support three grants up to \$37,500 per grant in direct costs. October 3 is the deadline for pre-proposals.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Leslie Parise, PhD, was appointed Chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics. She served as Vice Chair in the Department of Pharmacology and will maintain a joint appointment.
- 2006 [NC Conference on Aging](#), "Boomers Turning 60-Implications for All of Us." Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Conference Center, RTP.
- 2006 [NC Cardiovascular Update](#), Sept. 15-16, Friday Center. Joseph Loscalzo, MD, PhD, to give the Craige Lecture, titled "Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension: New Concepts in Pathobiology and Treatment."

**FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE**

Last week, we hosted Dr. Robert Anderson, Chair of Medicine at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. We had a great turnout for Grand Rounds, well over one hundred attendees. This year we are hoping to keep you all informed about Grand Rounds well ahead of time. We have posted the [schedule](#) for fall 2006 online, and will add to it as we schedule more speakers for 2007. We'll also update it when we have new information, because as you'll see we still have a few titles to confirm. To reach the online schedule, click [here](#), or go to the DOM homepage, choose "Conferences and Lectures" in the Education column, and click on "Medicine Grand Rounds" (left side of the screen).

Grand Rounds is the department's premier lecture series, and Lee Berkowitz, Andrew Greganti and I have invited some fantastic speakers from around the country, as well as from here at UNC, where we are lucky to have so many. If you have

suggestions for topics you would like covered, or speakers you would like to hear, please contact us with your ideas, we'd be glad to hear from you. We realize that many of our faculty members are unable to attend Grand Rounds because of clinical commitments, so we are looking looking into some options for how to make these presentations available to those who are unable to attend on Thursdays.

I think it's important to note that the divisions are also hosting their own conferences and grand rounds that are at different times of the day, and feature well-known speakers as well. In addition to Medicine Grand Rounds, we are able to provide some information on divisional conferences to you through our [calendar](#), which is emailed on Fridays and accessible online. This is another area where we are working towards getting more information to you, and making it accessible via the website. The link for the department-wide calendars is located on the DOM homepage (at the upper right-hand side).

All in all, I think we have a great set of conferences ahead of us. I hope that our efforts to provide you with more information now, will help you be able to plan to attend Grand Rounds. I know how busy all of us are on a day-to-day basis.

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