UNC SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

Newsletter

March 21, 2007

CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Grand Rounds
Thursday, March 22, 2007, 12:00 Noon
Clinic Auditorium

David A. Kass, MD, FAHA
Abraham and Virginia Weiss Professor of Cardiology
Professor of Biomedical Engineering
Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions

Diastolic Function and Dysfunction:
Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction

FROM DIVISIONS

- Congratulations to **Doug Drossman**, MD. The American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) has endowed the 2007 Research Mentors Scholar Award permanently in his name and the names of several fellow honorees.
- CBS News noted a paper published by UNC nephrologists for World Kidney Day earlier this month. Drs. **Kshirsager**, **Klemmer**, **Falk**, **Gipson**, and **Colindres** published a paper titled, "SCreening for Occult REnal Disease (SCORED): A Simple Prediction Model for Chronic Kidney Disease" in the Archives of Internal Medicine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Kidney Kare 5k Run/Walk to benefit the UNC Kidney Center Education Outreach Program is this Saturday, March 24. Visit www.unckidneycenter.com for more information.
- Dr. Stephen Tilly presents Rheumatology Grand Rounds, "Interstitial Lung Disease." Fri., March 23, 8:30 am - 9:30 am, Dickson Conference Room, 3200 Thurston Bldg.
- 31st Annual UNC Internal Medicine Conference begins today at the Friday Center. Conference brochure and registration form are available online.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

Last Thursday was Match Day for our medical students here at UNC and across the country. I'm pleased to say that we did extremely well in the match again this year, and are looking forward to welcoming our new interns this summer. Nearly half of all medical students applying in Internal Medicine applied here and the group we interviewed was exceptionally talented this year. We filled all of our 35 spots with top people. It is only appropriate for me to thank all the many of our faculty who interviewed residency candidates as well as our housestaff who are also an integrally important part of the interview process.

Our residency program accepts 23 categorical residents and six preliminary (one year) residents. Four of six prelims have decided to stay at UNC for both the year of internal medicine training and their subspecialty training. We also work closely with the Department of Pediatrics with our Medicine-Pediatrics combined program, under the directorship of Allen Liles. As has been the case, we were highly successful in recruiting six top Med-Peds residents this year.

The new residents are mainly from the Southeast, with eight choosing to stay at UNC after finishing medical school. A full list of the applicants is included below.

Many thanks again to the residency program and all of the faculty members in the department who helped to interview and rank these applicants.

Categorical
James Altman - Medical University of South Carolina
Amy Auerbach - University of Maryland
Andrew Avery - New York Medical College
Rebecca Burkhart - University of North Carolina
Emily Chang - University of North Carolina
Margaret Davis Hovda - Florida State University
Krista Fajman - Cornell University
Anne Peery - University of North Carolina
Catherine Kizer - University of North Carolina
Timothy Kubal - Florida States University
James Laudate - University of North Carolina
Thomas O'Neill - University of Virginia
Emily Oldham - University of Virginia
David Pillinger - University of South Carolina
Erika Hamilton - University of North Carolina
Lisa Rose-Jones - Virginia Commonwealth University
Adriano Salicru - University of Texas Medical School at Houston
Ryan Sanford - University of North Carolina
Kunwardeep Sohal - University of Maryland
Jill Tichy - University of Tennessee
Kristine Vissage - Medical University of South Carolina
Brandon Williams - Eastern Virginia Medical School
Taylor Wofford - University of Mississippi

Preliminary
Lauren Brubaker - University of North Carolina
Amy Fox - Tulane University
Jeffrey Hovarth - Duke University
Manisha Palta - University of Florida
Aleksandra Stark - New York Medical College
Matthew Volk - Baylor College of Medicine

Med-Peds
Kristen Amann - SUNY-Buffalo
Megan Brundrett - Wright State University

Sara Faber - University of Maryland
Patricia Jones - Albany Medical College
William Kwan - University of Virginia
Andrew Smitherman - East Carolina University

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