UNC SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

Newsletter

May 23, 2007

CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Thursday, May 24, 2007, 12:00 Noon - 2:00 p.m.
Clinic Auditorium

Pam Bilbrey and Lynn Pierce
Baptist Health Care Leadership Institute, Pensacola, Florida

Commitment to Caring

FYI

- The DOM is pleased to co-sponsor the nationally recognized workshop, "Write Winning Grants" with Duke University, on Mon., July 9 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Duke University School of Nursing. The seminar features Stephen Russell, DVM, PhD, co-founder of Grant Writers Seminars and Workshops, LLC, and comprehensively addresses both practical and conceptual aspects that are important to the proposal-writing process. Emphasis is given to idea development, identification of the most appropriate granting agency, how to write for reviewers, and tips and strategies that are of proven value in presenting an applicant's case to reviewers. Participants are taught to organize their grants using a linear progression of logic. To register, email kprograms@med.unc.edu by Fri., June 8 with your name, phone number, and email address. Registration is free and food and beverages will be provided. Attendance is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have any questions, please call Tricia Byrns at 3-7232.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Upcoming Grand Rounds:
  - May 31 - David Marx, JD, "How a Just Culture Improves Safety in Patient Care"
  - June 7 - Shannon Carson, MD, "Critical Care of the Elderly: Too Much or Too Little"
  - June 14 - M&M Conference - Larry Klein, MD, Eric Yang, MD, Andrew Greganti, MD, "False Negative Cardiac Stress Testing"
  - June 21 - Lee Berkowitz, MD, "Internal Medicine Residency Education Redesign"
- The Department of Medicine Newsletter will not be issued next week, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

The School of Medicine recently announced the Investments for the Future program which provides $8 million in funding for 13 projects designed to have significant impact on the health of the citizens of North Carolina. The thirteen projects have been selected to complement each other and to create partnerships with health care providers across the state. Awards are for one to three years and contingent upon periodic review. These projects were selected by the Dean's Office after careful review and ranking by a peer-review committee led by Tim Carey, MD, Sarah Graham Kenan Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology and Director of the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research. I'm pleased to tell you that seven of the thirteen projects, representing nearly $5 million in funding, are multidisciplinary efforts led by faculty in the Department of Medicine.

Below is a list of these projects. Please join me in congratulating the faculty members listed below, and all of those who worked with them, for their outstanding performance and commitment to the people of North Carolina.

"UNC Palliative Care Program: Improving Palliative Care Quality" - Dr. Laura Hanson.

"North Carolina Integrated Response to HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment" - Dr. Joseph Eron.

-"Improving the Health of North Carolina's Underserved Elderly" - Dr. Jan Busby-Whitehead.

-"Center for Latino Regional and Global Health" - Dr. Doug Morgan.

-"Understanding Clinical Cardiovascular Disease and Health Disparities in North Carolina Using a Systems Biology Approach" - Dr. Cam Patterson.

-"Outreach Network for Cancer Care and Research in North Carolina" - Dr. Thomas Shea.

-"Transferring Scientific Discoveries in Gastrointestinal Motility Disorders from the Laboratory to Community Practitioners: Treating Fecal Incontinence and Constipation in the Frail Elderly and Women" - Dr. William Whitehead.

"Enhancing Quality in Psychiatry with Pharmacists (EQUIPP) Trial" - Dr. Lea Watson.

"Initiative to Identify and Eliminate Racial Ethnic Disparities within UNC Health Care" - Dr. Don Pathman.

"Center for Robotic and Computer-Assisted Surgery: Establishing a New Surgical Program" - Dr. John Boggess.

"Closing the Gap: Bringing Genetics to Clinical Medicine" - Dr. James Evans.

"The Perinatal Quality Collaborative of North Carolina" - Dr. Martin McCaffrey.

"New Opportunities in Infant Mortality Prevention: Interconception Health for High-Risk Women" - Dr. Kathryn Menard.

Questions or submissions, contact sarah_perry@med.unc.edu.