



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Grand Rounds
Thursday, September 27, 2007, 12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Clinic Auditorium

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Cocaine and the Heart

FYI

- This year the state of North Carolina provided funding to establish the UNC Research Competitiveness Fund. This fund was created to support strategic investments in emerging areas of importance to the economic competitiveness of the state. Funding limits for successful proposals will range from \$100,000 up to \$500,000. The awards would emphasize interdisciplinary research to encourage the involvement of multiple UNC campuses. Click [here](#) for more information. Proposals are due to the Office of Research Development no later than October 12, 2007.
- Dr. Robert Lowman, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, will be conducting a workshop that presents twelve key concepts related to success in grant writing. This workshop will be held in two duplicate sessions and is designed for the grant writer with limited experience. The first session will occur on South Campus on Wed., Oct. 3; click [here](#) to register. The second session will be held on North Campus on Thurs., Oct. 4; click [here](#) for more details. Questions,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Grand Rounds are now being videotaped, and can be found on the Department website [here](#). Both streaming and archived files are available. Our thanks to Jim O'Neill, Robb Kehoe, and Bob Imperial for their work in launching this exciting new feature.
- Joanne Jordan, MD, and several colleagues, including Bruce Caterson, PhD, recently returned from a 2-week Visiting Professorship to the Institute of Endemic Diseases of Xi'an Jiaotong University in Shaanxi, PR China to study Kashin-Beck Disease, a disabling and deforming osteoarthropathy with onset in childhood or early adolescence. It is observed in parts of China with severe selenium deficiency in the soil. Dr. Jordan has studied the role of selenium in adult-onset osteoarthritis in the Johnston County Osteoarthritis Project.

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FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

It is that time of year when we have the kickoff for the State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC), which will begin this Monday, October 1st. Many of you have used this as an important opportunity to contribute to charities and social-assistance organizations, joining faculty and staff here and thousands of others around the state. As you know if you participated before, there are many, many choices of excellent organizations that will make the most of your contributions.

This year's theme is "Carolina Cares, Giving for a Brighter Tomorrow." Those who wish to participate will be helping to prove this motto, and will contribute to the campaign's goal of raising \$850,000. These funds are collected by the campaign through one-time payments or ongoing payroll deductions throughout the year, and then distributed to a central pool or to the specific charity or charities of one's choosing.

A kickoff event will be held on Monday in the Great Hall of the Frank Porter Graham Student Union from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. All are invited to attend the buffet luncheon and special fair, which will highlight 50 local charities. You will have the opportunity to visit the exhibits of each charity and learn about their needs, hear brief remarks from Chancellor James Moeser, enjoy lunch, and perhaps win a door prize. Jose-Marie Griffiths, Dean of the School of Information and Library Science and Chair of the SECC Campaign, will also be present to give a few remarks.

My thanks to all who have participated in the past and those who will do so this year. Special thanks go to our SECC Division Leaders and Team Captains - your enthusiasm and logistical support is key to ensuring that the Department makes a robust contribution to the campaign. We will identify these individuals and provide any further information in next week's newsletter.

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