

**CONFERENCES & MEETINGS**

**Grand Rounds**  
**Thursday, October 18, 2007, 12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m.**  
**Clinic Auditorium**

**Adam O. Goldstein, MD**  
Professor, Department of Family Medicine  
Director, UNC Tobacco Prevention & Evaluation Programs

**Clinical Update on Nicotine Dependence:  
New Guidelines, Policies and Medications**

**FYI**

- The National Science Foundation has announced its Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program, which is designed to increase access to scientific and engineering equipment for research and research training. Through its MRI Program, the NSF offers grants to support the acquisition or development of major research instrumentation that is, in general, too costly for support through other NSF programs. Submissions are limited and must be coordinated first through the Office of Research Development. For more details, please see the announcement [here](#). Questions, contact the Office of Research Development, 2-7504, or [diane\\_royle@unc.edu](mailto:diane_royle@unc.edu).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Eating Disorders Program of the UNC Department of Psychiatry is proud to announce the Third Annual UNC Conference on Eating Disorders, Overweight and Obesity, Fri., Nov. 30, at The Friday Center, featuring special guest speaker, Kitty Westin, President of The Anna Westin Foundation and President of The Eating Disorders Coalition. The conference will provide intensive training for physicians as well as a wide range of allied health and education professionals interested in the treatment of eating disorders. Further information and to register (UNC discount available), click [here](#). Questions, call the UNC Office of Continuing Medical Education, 2-2110, or visit their [website](#).

**FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE**

For the next two weeks we will focus on the initiatives underway here related to the state of North Carolina's investment in cancer at UNC. This week our message is from Dr. Roper. Next week I will continue this discussion as it relates to the Department of Medicine.

From Dr. Roper:

There has been much conversation on both the North Carolina Cancer Hospital - which remains on track to open late fall 2009 - and the University Cancer Research Fund. Together these represent unprecedented investments that will enable our institution to make major advances in the treatment, diagnosis and prevention of cancer across the state of North Carolina and beyond.

One issue that has come up on many occasions was put succinctly by one of our faculty members who recently asked, "What does this mean for me?" This question was posed by a person whose work has not been strictly oriented towards cancer.

This seemingly innocuous question is more complex than one might at first think. The person was wondering whether there would be the opportunity for him, and others not currently involved in the cancer programs, to become involved in the research and clinical programs that will come from these new funding streams. In their recent memo, located [here](#), Drs. Shelly Earp and Etta Pisano discussed the initial plans for the University Cancer Research Fund. Clearly, research in many areas may bring knowledge on topics relevant to cancer - from the most basic of research to population-based studies and studies on survivorship and on clinical outcomes. A second discussion point relates to whether we can predict the effect of our anticipated growth in cancer research and clinical care on other important disciplines. The short answer is, I believe, "Yes we can predict the effect and it will be very positive." You will be hearing much more from me on developments in these important programs.

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