

CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Grand Rounds
Thursday, November 8, 2007, 12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Clinic Auditorium

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Update on HPV and Shingles Vaccines

FYI

- "The CRLT Players Theatre Program" from the University of Michigan will be presenting several performances here at the school next week. These performances are funded by the National Science Foundation and are based on research concerning underrepresented students and faculty; each one engages participants in discussions of multicultural teaching, learning, and institutional climate.

These performances will include the following:

1) "The Fence" focuses on a tenure meeting discussion at the executive committee level of a science department, and poses questions regarding the fairness of some common issues and dynamics in tenure discussions:

Mon., Nov. 12, 3:00 p.m. Hanes Art Center 121 (performance for female faculty)

Tues., Nov. 13, 9:00 a.m. Global Education Center 1015 (all faculty)

2) "The Faculty Meeting" depicts a faculty discussion regarding an important topic – a faculty search – and how gender dynamics and faculty rank influence the conversation and participants:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The American Diabetes Association (ADA) has recognized the Diabetes Self-Management Education Class at UNC Health Care for offering education that is "an essential component of effective diabetes treatment." The self-management class is a service of the Enhanced Care Diabetes Program offered through UNC's Internal Medicine Clinic, and focuses on the interactivity between care provider and patients, and on individualized patient education, medical intervention and evaluation through clinic visits and phone contact. The class is set up as a one-time workshop, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 8:00 – 11:30 a.m., in the Internal Medicine Clinic, 3rd floor Ambulatory Care Center. For more information, or to refer interested patients, call 843-0391 or email diabetesclass@med.unc.edu. Medicare, Medicaid, and many private insurance companies will cover this service with a physician referral.
- The UNC Health Sciences Library announces The 2007 Global Theme Issue, organized by the Council of Science Editors, which represents global health research in 85 countries from 235 international scientific journals - more than 1000 articles published simultaneously. For lists of the articles and participating journals, visit the [Fogarty International Center](#). Many of the

Wed., Nov. 14, 9:00 a.m. Global Education Center 1015 (all faculty)

We hope you will be able to attend. Additional information on CRLT is available at their [website](#).

journals are available in UNC-CH electronic or print journal collections. Articles from journals not owned by campus libraries can be ordered through Interlibrary Loan for \$5. For more help finding global health research articles email [Mellanye Lackey](mailto:Mellanye.Lackey).

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

As November is American Diabetes Month, I would like to take this opportunity to focus on this prevalent disease. Dr. John Buse, our Chief of Endocrinology and President of the American Diabetes Association (ADA) has put together this week's column, and it has a great deal of information on what is going on nationally through the ADA and other major organizations interested in diabetes treatment and prevention.

Considering there are nearly 21 million children and adults in the U.S. with diabetes, and that an additional 54 million are at-risk for developing type 2 diabetes, this is a topic of concern to us all. In this newsletter, we have included information regarding diabetes self-care classes for patients; the ADA [website](#) is another great resource for patients wanting to learn more about how to prevent, treat, and manage this disease. I have also included a message from the ADA below, detailing their plan to raise diabetes awareness in November.

Most importantly, I strongly encourage you to screen your patients for diabetes, not only because of the effects of the disease itself, but because diabetes can complicate the provision of care related to other conditions.

Next week's Grand Rounds seminar, to be given by Frederick L. Brancati, MD, MHS, of Johns Hopkins University, will be entitled, "The Epidemic of Type 2 Diabetes and its Complications in African Americans." This will also be the 1st Annual Andrew H. Kaplan, MD Memorial Lecture, in honor of our recently departed friend. I encourage you to attend this timely and informative lecture, and to do your part to help raise diabetes awareness.

From the American Diabetes Association:

Every week during November, the ADA will raise awareness about the importance of knowing the risk factors and symptoms associated with diabetes, as well as its serious and life-threatening complications such as heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney disease and amputation. To help prevent this epidemic from growing further, ADA is highlighting some of the many faces affected by diabetes and the resources available from the ADA to the public.

- Caregivers (November 1-3): Supporting a loved one with diabetes can present its own unique challenges.
- Employees (November 4-10): Promoting healthy lifestyles in the workplace can help to prevent type 2 diabetes and its complications, saving companies thousands of dollars a year.
- Diabetes around the world (November 11-17): Worldwide over 246 million people have diabetes. By 2020, that number is expected to rise to 380 million.
- At-risk populations (November 18-24): One in two minorities born in 2000 will develop diabetes in their lifetime if current trends continue.
- Youth and Type 1 Diabetes (November 25-30): Youth diagnosed with type 1 diabetes have the most urgent need for care. The new ADA Planet D campaign will provide resources and networking to those youth and their families.

In addition, the ADA will recognize the "Many Faces of Diabetes" globally on World Diabetes Day, November 14. The ADA is a proud supporter of the United Nations (UN) Resolution on Diabetes, which was driven by the International Diabetes Federation. The Resolution invites supporters to fight the diabetes epidemic through public awareness and the development of policies for the prevention, treatment, and management of the disease.

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