



## CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

**Grand Rounds**  
**Thursday, April 30, 12 Noon - 1 p.m.**  
**Clinic Auditorium**

### **Aortic Stenosis: Something Old and Something New**

**Richard Lange, M.D., M.B.A., F.A.C.C., F.A.H.A., F.A.C.P.**  
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## FYI / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Swine Flu Outbreak Information Session, Wednesday, April 29, 8:30 a.m., 4th floor Clinic Auditorium. Organized by the Division of Infectious Diseases. Questions, email [cvdh@med.unc.edu](mailto:cvdh@med.unc.edu).
- UNC has received \$2.7 million from the Fogarty International Center of the National Institutes of Health to train HIV/AIDS researchers in China, Malawi, and Cameroon. The program supports long- and short-term HIV/AIDS research training and is run by UNC's Institute for Global Health and Infectious Diseases. UNC works with international partners to recruit trainees who will be hired at partner institutions in their home countries after they leave the program. For more, click [here](#), or read the recent *Herald-Sun* [story](#).

## IN THE NEWS

- **Juneko Grilley-Olson, M.D., William Irvin, Jr., M.D., and Shan M. Pradhan, M.D.**, fellows in the Division of Hematology-Oncology have received ASCO Cancer Foundation Merit Awards. These awards are given annually to recognize outstanding abstracts submitted for consideration for presentation at an ASCO scientific meeting. For more on the awards, click [here](#). For a list of these fellows' presentation/abstract titles, click [here](#).
- A team of scientists from the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, including **Shelton Earp, M.D.**, and **Young Whang, M.D.**, has received one of 10 creativity awards from the Prostate Cancer Foundation. The one-year awards are designed to support innovative ideas that have the potential to achieve breakthroughs for the detection and treatment of prostate cancer. The team's work involves the application of

- The newly re-designed website for the Institute for Global Health and Infectious Diseases has now been launched. Please visit it at <http://globalhealth.unc.edu>.
- UNC HIV Care 2009: Antiretroviral Therapy, Hepatitis B/C, Addiction, and Adherence conference, Monday, May 4, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at the Friday Center. Visit the Greensboro AHEC website [here](#) to register, and for more information, including an event brochure to download.
- Taking Control of Your Diabetes (TCOYD) conference and health fair, Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the Raleigh Convention Center. This event is aimed at educating those with diabetes and their loved ones. For more information, click [here](#).

nanotechnology to prostate cancer modeling and therapies. For more, click [here](#).

- **Myron Cohen, M.D.**, was interviewed about swine flu by a number of news sources, including the [News & Observer](#) and the [Charlotte Observer](#). **David Weber, M.D.**, was quoted in a WCHL [feature](#), a WRAL [story](#) and [Newsweek](#).
- **Robert Berger, M.D.**, was consulted for a *New & Observer* [story](#) about electronic medical records. He was also [quoted](#) in the *Daily Tar Heel*.
- **Thomas Shea, M.D.**, has been voted chair-elect of the Scientific Advisory Committee for the Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research (CIBMTR). He will serve one year as chair-elect before starting a two-year term as chair in 2010. The committee establishes policy for, and provides scientific direction to, the center. For more, click [here](#).
- The Southeast Regional Center of Excellence for Emerging Infections and Biodefense (SERCEB), headquartered here at UNC, has been awarded another five years of funding from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health. The award is worth \$7.1 million per year and supports basic and translational research on emerging infectious diseases and defenses against microbial agents of bioterrorism. To read more, click [here](#).

By now, you have all received numerous messages related to the outbreak of swine flu in the United States and internationally. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our physicians in the Division of Infectious Diseases for being so well-prepared for this situation. Although there have not yet been any outbreaks of swine flu in North Carolina, this group has quickly mobilized to get the word out about this virus, to educate other physicians, and to work with the hospital to ensure that we are prepared for any cases we may encounter. The ID Division has even arranged for a Grand Rounds-style conference providing in-depth information on this virus tomorrow morning, April 29, at 8:30 a.m. in Old Clinic Auditorium. I encourage all of you to attend if you can.

For updates on the swine flu situation and what UNC Health Care is doing in response, please visit the following website: <http://news.intranet.unchealthcare.org/empnews/flu>. You can also read a memo from Brian Goldstein, UNC Hospitals Chief of Staff, [here](#).

Thanks again to our ID physicians and all others for their efforts related this recent flu strain outbreak.

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