UNC SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Newsletter

Department of Medicine June 4, 2009

CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Grand Rounds Next Week
Thursday, June 11, 12 Noon - 1 p.m.
Clinic Auditorium

M&M Conference:
Heparin Prophylaxis in Cirrhosis:
What are the risks?

Stephan Moll, M.D.
Associate Professor of Medicine
Division of Hematology & Oncology

M. Andrew Greganti, M.D.
Vice Chair, Department of Medicine
Professor, Division of Geriatrics

FYI / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The NC TraCS Institute has announced the awardees of the second cycle of TraC$10K grants for clinical and translational research projects. Seventy applications were received and nineteen were chosen for funding. Medicine awardees were **Michael Gilchrist, M.D.,** and **Crystal Wiley-Cene, M.D.** In addition, **Kenneth Ataga, M.D.,** will collaborate on a project with awardee Julia Brittain (Biochemistry & Biophysics).

- UNC's Information Technology Services Research Computing group provides world-class computing infrastructure and other technology tools to support your research needs. These capabilities include a robust set of cyberinfrastructure components that can be leveraged in grant proposals.

  Ruth Marinshaw, assistant vice

IN THE NEWS

- **Cam Patterson, M.D., M.B.A.**, has been invited to join the editorial boards of the Journal of Clinical Investigation and Molecular and Cellular Biology.

- **Jean Dostou, M.D.,** was named by *USA Today* as one of the United States' most influential doctors.

- **Nortin Hadler, M.D.,** was quoted in an *ABCNews.com* article about controversial medical conditions. He was also quoted in a *Sacramento Bee* article about fibromyalgia.

- A number of news outlets recently focused on the research of **Dr. Nicholas Shaheen,** who has examined the effectiveness of preventing esophageal cancer by using heat to destroy precancerous cells in patients with Barrett's esophagus. These news outlets included, among many others, the *Associated Press*, *MedPage Today*, and

chancellor for research computing, can provide boilerplate information to be used in the body of your grant proposal or in an accompanying support letter.

For more information, contact Ruth Marinshaw at 962-4314.

- The UNC Center for Women's Health Research (CWHR) quarterly newsletter is now available. Read it here.

- The Health Sciences Library's "online office hours" for School of Medicine specialist Lara Handler will now be Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m. Ms. Handler will begin each session by introducing a special topic, then will open the floor for general questions. Click here for more information.

- Scheduled water outage for the Physicians Office Building, Monday, June 8th, starting at 8:15 a.m. and lasting for a maximum of one hour. All water in the building will be off for this period. Questions, call Bob Marriott, 6-2441.

WebMD.

- **Richard Goldberg, M.D.,** was quoted in a *Reuters* article about the experimental drug picoplatin, intended for treatment of advanced colorectal and prostate cancer.

- **Kristy Richards, M.D.,** was interviewed by the *News & Observer* about the collaborative research she is doing with the N.C. State Veterinary School, using dogs as models for Large B Cell lymphoma in humans.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

This week, our new Chief Residents for the 2009-2010 year began their work. My congratulations to new UNC Chiefs Alan Cheng and Jason Haag, and our new WakeMed Chief, Leslie Proctor. I would also like to congratulate Andrew Sampson, who has filled the new position of Outpatient Chief. Each of these individuals has been selected for demonstrated dedication to excellent patient care and teaching, and they are extremely capable people. The job of Chief Resident is very demanding, but I know that they will do an excellent job.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing chiefs, Wood Gibbs and Cheryl Davis here at UNC, and John Meier at WakeMed. Their hard work has been invaluable to all that we do.

In other residency news, the Residency Awards Ceremony was held on Tuesday, May 19. Congratulations to all our award winners, listed below.

Chairman's Award:
Bridger Clarke
Kristi Scruggs

Wake Award:
Paul Ossman
Kelly Mitchell

Bryan Award:
Alisa Alker
Katie DePlatchett
Jill Tichy
TJ O'Neill
James Hawk
Palak Parikh

Faculty Award:
Deb Bynum

Fischer Award:
Darrell Laudate

Ontjes Award:
Paul Johnson
Nicole Tintera
Jack Kuritzky
Michael Contarino

Ney Award:
Tyler Buckner
Mily Kannarkat

Golden Boots Award:
Emily Chang

Fellow's Award:
Millie Long

Farmer Award:
Lindsay Kruska – PGY1
Andrew Smitherman – PGY2
Mily Kannarkat – PGY3
Jennifer O'Brien – PGY3

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