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UNC Department of Medicine

Media Spotlight

Lisa Carey, M.D., (Hem-Onc), UNC Breast Center medical director, will give the December commencement address at UNC-Chapel Hill, Chancellor Holden Thorp announced. For more, click [here](#).

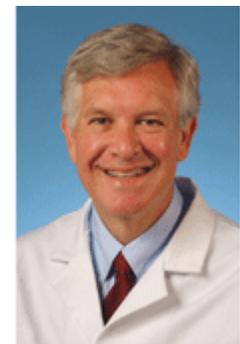
Thomas Stinchcombe, M.D., (Hem-Onc) recently had research highlighted in a *HealthDay News* [article](#). The study found that maintenance therapy with the drug pemetrexed improves the survival of some people with non-small-cell lung cancer.

Charles van der Horst, M.D., (ID) organized a protest calling for health care reform. For details, read [here](#) and [here](#). Dr. van der Horst was also recently consulted for an *American Medical News* [article](#) on the ethics of scientific research conducted abroad.

David Weber, M.D., (ID) was featured in a *WUNC* radio [interview](#) about North Carolina's preparations for the flu season.

From the Chair's Office

Welcome to another academic year of Department of Medicine Newsletters. As you will see, we have a new look, but the mainstay of our newsletter is news from you about the Department. As always, we ask that you bring to our attention announcements, news, or items of interest you might like included in this weekly communication. Submissions can be emailed to [Sarah Perry](#) in my office.



Marschall S. Runge, MD, PhD

The past year has been one of economic challenges and change for all of us. Nonetheless, you - our faculty, staff, and residents - seem to keep doing all the things you do so well. Our clinical programs continue to grow and improve. The quality of our care, reflected by our performance on many benchmarked measures, is outstanding and continues to improve. Over the past year we again saw growth in the number and complexity of patients we care for. Our research programs also continue to grow and prosper with higher than ever levels of NIH funding, high-profile peer-reviewed publications and election of our faculty to prestigious national and international leadership positions. Likewise, many of you have continued your involvement in teaching through all four years of medical school and for our interns and residents. Another stellar group of interns began in June, and they continue to grow in their knowledge and patient care skills. On behalf of all of us (maybe most of all, last year's interns), we welcome our new interns to UNC and the Department of Medicine.

No doubt this year will bring more challenges or opportunities (depending on how you look at it). Exciting changes in healthcare are on the horizon and the visibility of many of you, along with Dr. Roper's health policy leadership, means that UNC continues to occupy a prominent place in the spotlight.

Thank you for all that you do. I look forward to our work together this year.

Lectures

Grand Rounds

Thursday, October 1, 12 Noon - 1 p.m., Clinic Auditorium:

Hyman Muss, M.D., Division of Hematology-Oncology, "Breast Cancer in Older Women: No Longer the Silent Majority"

Announcements

- Al Daugird, M.D., M.B.A., will become the Chief Operating Officer of UNC Physicians & Associates effective Oct. 1. Please click [here](#) for the full announcement.
- Information on flu vaccines for faculty and staff, as well as treatment and evaluation of patients with possible flu infections, can be found on the UNC Hospitals Intranet [here](#).
- The State Employees' Combined Campaign, led by Dean William Roper, has begun. Please submit forms to Bruce Wicks, Campus Box 7005, or drop them off at the DOM Administration front desk in 125 MacNider Hall. For more information, visit the SECC website at www.unc.edu/secc. Please join us in this important community effort.
- ConnectCarolina, UNC's new integrated administrative system, was launched this summer. It is very important that you sign in to [MyUNC](#) and review your contact information in the online campus directory. These listings are now linked with payroll, benefits, and other databases. Incorrect or out-of-date listings could create problems such as improper change-of-address letters being sent to benefits vendors. For help, contact the Help Desk, 962-4357.
- Nominations are now being accepted for the [Fuller Award](#) and [Nursing Award](#). Nominations are due Friday, Oct. 9 at 5 p.m.
- University Day, Monday, October 12, 11 a.m., in Memorial Hall. Guest speaker, Hon. Beverly Eaves Purdue, Governor of North Carolina. Faculty interested in marching in the procession, contact Jane_Smith@unc.edu.

To submit items, contact Sarah_Perry@med.unc.edu. Archived issues can be found [here](#).