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UNC Department of Medicine

Media Spotlight

Robert Berger, M.D., (Rheum.) was quoted for a front page article in the *Daily Tar Heel* about medical records and the Obama Stimulus Package. To read the article online, click here.

Myron Cohen, M.D., (ID) was quoted in an article on *TradingMarkets.com* about the Novartis vaccine plant in Holly Springs.

Shelton Earp, M.D., (Hem-Onc) published a letter to the editor in the *Daily Tar Heel* applauding those who participated in "Turn the Towns Pink."

Nortin Hadler, M.D., (Rheum.) contributed an entry on the Ethics Forum of *American Medical News* online. In it, he discusses the complications of funding continuing medical education. He was also quoted in a *Daily Tar Heel* article about the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force's new mammogram recommendations.

Russell Harris, M.D., (Hem-Onc) was also quoted in a *New York Times* article about the

From the Chair's Office

Marschall S. Runge, MD, PhD

The Best Doctors in America listings for 2009 were recently published. Again this year, many UNC physicians were listed. The Best Doctors database contains the names and professional affiliations of approximately 45,000 doctors in the United States, all chosen through an exhaustive peer-review survey that asks: "If you or a loved one needed a doctor in your specialty, to whom would you refer them?" The peer review process as well as additional research conducted by Best Doctors determines selections for each list.
As you may remember from last year, only 3 to 5 percent of physicians in this country are included in the Best Doctors in America database. This year, 219 UNC physicians were deemed among America's best doctors. This is about 20% of our physicians and reflects both their dedication and the high standards of our institution.

I am particularly delighted to tell you that 70 Department of Medicine physicians appear in Best Doctors this year. Once again, your hard work and devotion to excellent patient care has been reflected in this prestigious list.
These Department of Medicine physicians, listed by their medical specialty (as the specialty is identified in the Best Doctors database), are:

Allergy and Immunology - Nortin M. Hadler (also listed in Geriatric Medicine and Rheumatology), David M. Peden

Cardiovascular Disease - Kirkwood Adams, John Paul Mounsey, Marschall S. Runge, Sidney C. Smith, Jr., David Tate, Park W. Willis IV

Critical Care Medicine - David C. Henke (also listed in Pulmonary Medicine), James R. Yankaskas (also listed in Pulmonary Medicine)

Endocrinology and Metabolism - Susan Braithwaite, John B. Buse, David Clemmons, Jean Dostou, Thomas L. O'Connell, David A. Ontjes, Janet E. Rubin, Julie L. Sharpless

Gastroenterology - Douglas A. Drossman, Ian S. Grimm, Hans Herfarth, Kim L.

U.S. Preventive Services Task Force's new recommendations. Dr. Harris was recently a member of the task force.

Michael Pignone, M.D., (GIM) was featured in a *Daily Tar Heel* article about the medical home model of care.

David Ransohoff, M.D., (Gast-Hep) was quoted in a *New York Times* article about new mammogram screening recommendations.

Sidney Smith, M.D., (Cardio.) was quoted in a news story about prescription drug treatments for high cholesterol. He was also quoted in an *Associated Press* article about using CT scans to diagnose heart attacks, and in a *HealthDay News* article about new heart attack treatment guidelines.

UNC Lineberger recognized four staff members with the 2009 Oncology Nursing Excellence Awards and the Clinical Services Excellence Awards. Susan Hayden, Susan Mason, and Heather Rompel each received a 2009 Oncology Nursing Excellence Award. Timothy Cullip was recognized with a Clinical Services Excellence Award. For more, read the UNC Employee News article here.

Isaacs, Roy Charles Orlando, Robert Sandler, R. Balfour Sartor, Nicholas J. Shaheen

Geriatric Medicine – Jan Busby-Whitehead, M. Andrew Greganti, Laura C. Hanson

Hepatology – Michael Warren Fried, Paul H. Hayashi, Steven Zacks

Infectious Disease - Myron Cohen, Joseph J. Eron, Jr., P. Frederick Sparling, Charles M. van der Horst

Internal Medicine - Marco A. Aleman, Timothy Carey, Paul R. Chelminski, Cristin M. Colford, John S. Kizer, James E. Kurz (also listed in Pediatrics), Michael Pignone, Amy W. Shaheen

Medical Genetics - James P. Evans

Medical Oncology and Hematology - Stephan Alan Bernard, Lisa A. Carey, Elizabeth Claire Dees, Richard M. Goldberg, Nigel S. Key, Stephan Moll, W. Kimryn Rathmell, Thomas C. Shea, Mark Anthony Socinski

Nephrology - Randal K. Detwiler, Ronald J. Falk, Maria E. Ferris (also listed in Pediatric Specialist), Gerald A. Hladik, Patrick H. Nachman

Pediatric Specialist – Debbie Sue Gipson, Elisabeth S. Potts Dellon, William Primack

Pediatrics - Kimberly Kylstra

Pulmonary Medicine - Richard C. Boucher, Michael Jon Cicale, James F. Donohue, Michael Ray Knowles, Peadar Noone, Maria Patricia Rivera.

Rheumatology - MaryAnne Dooley.

For the full UNC list, click here. For more information about Best Doctors, click here.

Lectures

NO GRAND ROUNDS THIS WEEK
Happy Thanksgiving!

Announcements

- Dean Roper recently provided an update on the successes of the School of Medicine in 2009. To watch the video, click here. This is the first in a four-part series with Dr. Roper that will also discuss growth, research, and health care reform.

- The 2009 N.C. Children's Promise topped $1 million in donations for the

HIV and Human Rights Panel Discussion
Monday, Nov. 30, 7 p.m.
Hanes Art Center Auditorium.
Co-sponsored by GlobeMed and Student Global Health Committee.

World AIDS Day
Tuesday, Dec. 1
Click here for a list of global health-related events.

CFAR 11th Annual HIV/AIDS Symposium
Tuesday, Dec. 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tate-Turner Kuralt Buiding., Room 136. For more information and to register, click here.

NC TraCS Institute Symposium: Translational Research to Address Health Disparities Across the Lifespan, Friday, March 19, 2010. Register for free by Friday, Jan. 22, 2010. The symposium will showcase presentations of scientific findings and practical application of strategies for implementing best-practice models in translational research and evidence based interventions.

second straight year. View footage of performers, DJs, volunteers and patients who helped make this event so special at the N.C. Children's Promise blog. You can still donate at www.ncchildrenspromise.org.

- The UNC McAllister Heart Institute was dedicated on Wednesday, Nov. 4. Hugh "Chip" McAllister, M.D., a School of Medicine alumnus, made a three-part gift to establish the Institute, which formally changes the name of the Carolina Cardiovascular Biology Center. For more details, read the *News 14 Carolina* article here or the UNC Employee News article here.

- The Fall Harvest Farmers' Market will be open on Tuesday, Nov. 24, in the Children's Hospital Lobby, from 2-5 p.m.

- Carolina Winter Blood Drive, Tuesday, Dec. 15, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in Fetzer Gym. Individuals who would like to volunteer can go to www.unc.edu/blood and click on the volunteer link for details and shift options. Questions, contact Benefits Services at 962-1483.

- UNC Kidney Center's Annual Kidney Kare and Kids Kare 2010 Charity Run/Walk Saturday, March 20, 8:30 a.m. Please follow these links for details.

- Medical students interested in doing research next summer are now looking for mentors. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please read Dr. Nicholas Shaheen's message about the process, posted here.

- Nominations for the University Awards for the Advancement of Women are due Monday, Nov. 30, 5 p.m. Each year, three individuals - one faculty member, one staff member, and one undergraduate/graduate/postdoctoral scholar - may be selected to receive the award. The faculty/staff recipients each receive $5,000 and the student recipient receives $2500. Nomination form here. Questions, contact Dr. Donna M. Bickford, Director of the Carolina Women's Center, at dbickford@unc.edu or 843-5620.

- The deadline for nominations for the 2009 Robert R. Cornwell Unsung Hero Award has been extended to Wednesday, Dec. 2. This award recognizes an employee who has provided significant service in support of the University over a long period of time, generally from a background position. More information here.

- Nominations for the 2010 Oliver Max Gardner Award are now being accepted. This award is presented each year to the UNC faculty member, "who, during the current scholastic year, has made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the human race." Nominations due Wednesday, Dec. 9. Read more here.