



December 2, 2009
UNC Department of Medicine

Media Spotlight

Lynda Bell, M.D., (I.D.) was quoted in a *Herald-Sun* [article](#) about the Durham County World AIDS Day event.

Russell Harris, M.D., (Hem-Onc) was quoted in a *Florida Today* [article](#) the about the recent U.S. Preventive Task Force mammography recommendations.

Peter Leone, M.D., (I.D.) was quoted in a *News & Observer* [story](#) about the resurgence of syphilis in North Carolina.

From the Chair's Office

This week, I'd like thank those of you who have donated to the 2009 State Employees Combined Campaign, and remind everyone that there are only a few days left to donate to the charities of your choice. Pledge forms can be printed online at <http://www.unc.edu/secc/pledgeform.htm> and sent through campus mail to Bruce Wicks at CB 7005.



Marshall S. Runge, MD, PhD

Our department generally leads the School of Medicine in giving, and is one of the top departments across the university. Last year, we raised over \$28,000 for the campaign that campus-wide raised over \$800,000 for various charities locally and across North Carolina. This year, we have collected less than half of that amount, only about \$13,000 so far.

All forms should be submitted by Thursday, Dec. 10. Donations can be made using cash, check, credit card or payroll deduction. I hope you will consider giving to the SECC.

Lectures

Grand Rounds

Thursday, December 3
Noon - 1 p.m. Clinic Auditorium

Paul Watkins, M.D.

Verne S. Caviness Distinguished
Professor of Medicine
Division of Gastroenterology &
Hepatology
"Why Good Drugs Are
Sometimes Bad for the Liver"

Announcements

- All employees are strongly encouraged to take the [2009 Patient Safety Culture Survey](#), which is available online Dec. 1-15. Completing this very important survey takes only 15 minutes, and your feedback is essential. We must reach a 60 percent participation rate in order to interpret the data in a meaningful way. Patient safety is a critical component of health care quality, and a complete and accurate understanding of the patient safety culture will help us to assess and manage risk. Please understand that your participation is vital and responses are anonymous. Click [here](#) for the survey.
- The Medical Alumni Association invites nominations for the 2010 Distinguished Faculty Award, presented to a full-time faculty member who gives of themselves to the alumni and to the state. Nominations are due Monday, Jan. 4, 2010. For nomination guidelines, click [here](#).
- Last call for responses to the University Gazette's annual writing assignment. Submit a brief anecdote about your favorite men's



basketball memory to gazette@unc.edu by Monday, Dec. 7, and be eligible to win a pair of men's basketball tickets or a copy of, "One Fantastic Ride," both donated by the athletics department; a gift certificate from Student Stores; or autographed copies of Roy Williams' "Hard Work" or Art Chansky's "Light Blue Reign," both donated by the Bull's Head Bookshop. All entries will be included in either the print or online edition of the Gazette on Wednesday, Dec. 16. More information [here](#).

- The Office of the Governor is seeking nominations for the 2010 Dr. John R. Larkins Award. The award is a tribute to a state employee whose contributions to human and race relations in the workplace or community are especially noteworthy and exemplary. The award will be presented during the State Employees' Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observance Program and John R. Larkins Award Ceremony. Nominations should come from an employee's manager or supervisor. Nomination forms and more information [here](#). Nominations due Monday, Dec. 14.

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