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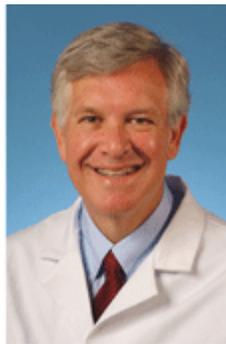
Media Spotlight

James Evans, M.D.,
(Hem-Onc) spoke about
patents on genetic
sequences in a *Wall Street
Journal* [article](#).

Nortin Hadler, M.D.,
(Rheum.) was quoted in an
ABC News [story](#) about
increased incidence of
heart attack and suicide
following prostate cancer
diagnosis. He was also
quoted in a *Medical
Consumers* [article](#) about
diabetes drugs.

Eugene Orringer, M.D.,
(Hem-Onc) was quoted in
a *Bloomberg.com* [article](#)
about sickle cell disease.

Cam Patterson, M.D.,
(Cardio.) was quoted in an
ABC News [article](#) about
the use of statins in healthy
people.



Marschall S. Runge, MD, PhD

From the Chair's Office

*The following message is sent on behalf of
Brian Goldstein, MD, MBA, Chief of Staff and
Executive Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs
and Celeste Mayer, PhD, Patient Safety
Officer.*

Please take 10-15 minutes to fill out our new
[survey](#) that asks your opinion about our culture as regards patient
safety. No one knows our clinical environment better than you,
and in order to continue to change for the better it is crucial that
we get feedback from as many of you as possible. You will help us
to make things better for our patients and for your colleagues.

Click on the link below to take this short survey:

<https://www.patientsafetygroup.org/survey/unch>

The survey was validated by the Agency for Healthcare Research
and Quality and is used by hospitals nationwide. The survey
measures health professionals' perception of patient safety, an
important, reliable proxy measure of quality. We will use the data
that we get from the Survey to tell us how we can better reduce the
risks of avoidable patient harm. The survey also allows us to
compare our self-assessment of our culture with that of peer
hospitals. In order to have meaningful data, we must hear from as
many of you as possible.

The survey is open until Monday, December 21, at midnight.
Please take a moment to complete it today. Thank you.

[Announcements](#)

Lectures

No Grand Rounds until January

The next Grand Rounds will be Thursday, Jan. 7. Noon - 1 p.m., Clinic Auditorium

Park W. Willis, IV, M.D., Distinguished Professor of Medicine, Division of Cardiology
"Aortic Stenosis in the Elderly"

"Toward Health Care Reform Through Electronic Medical Records"

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC Foundation Auditorium, Gillings School of Public Health.
[Register](#) by Tuesday, Jan. 5.

- **David Clemmons, M.D.,** is stepping down as the Director of the Diabetes Center, in order to focus on his new role as the NC TraCS Institute CTSA Core Director for Kannapolis. The search for a new Director for the Diabetes Center will soon begin. In the meantime, John Buse, M.D., will serve as Interim Director.
- The next Department of Medicine newsletter will be published in the first week of January.
- Dean Roper posted another video [update](#), this time on health care reform and its potential impact on the UNC Health Care system.
- UNC and Duke University faculty have attracted an estimated \$287 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to the benefit of the state of North Carolina. To learn more, click [here](#).
- Thanks to the generosity of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, eligible breast cancer patients who develop lymphedema may apply for funds awarded to the Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation to provide them with compression garments and wraps critical to their therapeutic intervention. For more information, click [here](#).
- **Francisco Martinez-Torres, M.D., Ph.D.,** (ID) has been named a National Researcher in Medicine and Health Sciences by Mexico's Council for Science and Technology (CoNaCyT). For more, click [here](#).

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