



## CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

**Grand Rounds Next Week**  
**Thursday, January 29, 12 Noon - 1 p.m.**  
**Clinic Auditorium**

### **Weight Loss Surgery**

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## FYI

- The Carolina Women's Leadership Council is accepting nominations for its Faculty Mentoring Award, due Wednesday, Jan. 28. The Women's Leadership Council is a network of women from across the country who are committed to supporting UNC and UNC students' educational experiences. The Faculty Mentoring Awards recognize outstanding faculty members who go the extra mile to mentor and lead students and/or junior faculty. Two recipients will receive \$5,000 each. For more information about the awards and about nomination, contact [Carol Tresolini](#), Associate Provost for Academic Initiatives, at 962-3907. To learn more about the Women's Leadership Council, click [here](#).
- The Spring 2009 cycle of the [NC IDEA](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Community Service Day and Zollicoffer-Merrimon lecture on Feb. 20. Poster presentations by the Eugene S. Mayer Community Service Honor Society inductees from 12 to 1:30 p.m. in the Women's and Children's Hospital Lobby. Oral presentations by Mayer Society inductees from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Old Clinic Auditorium. Lecture by [Dr. Sandra Harris-Hooker, Ph.D.](#), from 4 - 5 p.m. in the Old Clinic Auditorium. Click [here](#) for more information and to add to your calendar.
- The Health Sciences Library is now offering Sunday evening office hours from 9 - 10 p.m. This is a special question-and-answer session to help all SoM students, interns, fellows, and faculty with any library or research-related questions. Each hour will start with a brief

grants program is open. With over \$1.2 million awarded to 32 companies in North Carolina since 2006, NC IDEA helps start-up companies by bridging the funding gap between government and private equity support. Firms interested in grants of up to \$50,000 are invited to submit an online pre-proposal application by Friday, Jan. 30 at [ncidea.org](http://ncidea.org). There is a new grants management system this year. If you have previously registered with NC IDEA as a grant applicant or just to receive updates on programs, please re-register with the new system. To register, click [here](#).

- Landes-Merrimon Lecture and Student Research Day, featuring Chancellor Holden Thorp, presented by the John B. Graham Student Research Society, Wednesday, Jan. 28. Lecture, 12:30-1:30 p.m., 2204 MBRB. Student research presentations, 2-5:30 p.m., MBRB lobby. To add this event to your Outlook calendar, click [here](#).

(10 minutes or less) intro to a special topic; the rest of the time will be open for questions. Topics will range from how to use point-of-care resources such as FIRSTConsult, to reference manager software EndNote and RefWorks, to an overview of poster design resources offered at the library. Click [here](#) to see a schedule of the topics planned for this semester's office hours or click [here](#) to go right to the website for online office hours. For more information contact [Lara Handler](#).

- Thurston Bowles water will be turned off this Saturday, Jan. 24, from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Service may be restored sooner, but please plan on being without water for the entire day. Construction of the Dental School has necessitated this work.

## FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

In coming weeks and months we will be discussing many of the important initiatives that have resulted from the UNC Health Care System Strategic Planning Process. One of the more complex initiatives involves a renewed focus on transplantation. This has led to the formation of the Solid Organ Transplant Center (SOTC), led by Dr. Ronald J. Falk, and involving heart, kidney, liver and lung transplantation.

This week I would like to highlight the advances being made in lung transplantation where much progress has been made recently. For the past four years, Dr. Peadar G. Noone has served as the Medical Director of the Lung Transplant Team and Dr. Noone will now lead an expanded effort in lung transplantation. In the calendar year 2008, 15 patients were transplanted, an increase of almost 50% over prior years. Our surgical team, led by Dr. Ben Haithcock along with Drs. Nirmal Vermacheneeni and Michael Bowdish, has achieved outstanding outcomes.

With an increased institutional emphasis on lung transplantation and Dr. Noone's leadership we look forward to continued growth in the program in coming years. The UNC leadership is delighted to support these initiatives, as well as offer its wholehearted support to Dr. Noone and the Lung

Transplant Team in all aspects of these exciting changes in the program.

Questions or submissions, contact [sarah\\_perry@med.unc.edu](mailto:sarah_perry@med.unc.edu).