



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Grand Rounds
Thursday, March 5, 12 Noon - 1 p.m.
Clinic Auditorium

Cystic Lesions of the Pancreas

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FYI

- Applications for the second round of pilot project funding through the University Cancer Research Fund and the Clinical Translational Sciences Award are due Wednesday, March 4, 5 p.m. The pilot awards are designed to support use of technologies in UNC core facilities. For full information, click [here](#).
- The UNC Institute for Global Health and Infectious Diseases (IGHID) and the Office of Global Health (OGH) in the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, is pleased to announce the fourth round of funding for the Faculty Research Partnership Travel Grants program to support global health initiatives for UNC-Chapel Hill faculty. Approximately 4-5 grants will be awarded this year in amounts up to \$5,000. Proposals are due Friday, March 20, at 5 p.m. Proposals

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Myron Cohen, M.D.**, will speak on the Radio In Vivo program on WCOM-FM 103.5, today, March 4, at 11 a.m. Dr. Cohen will discuss international HIV prevention efforts, universal HIV testing and early antiretroviral therapy as disease eradicators.
- **Bill Miller, M.D.**, has been selected to receive a 2009 Distinguished Teaching Award for Excellence in Post-Baccalaureate Instruction. The awards are presented annually at UNC to recognize inspirational teaching at all levels. To read more, click [here](#).
- Last week's *Independent* featured a two-page spread on **Dr. Mitch Collman's** new record label, Robust Records. To

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- The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research funds highly-qualified individuals to undertake broad studies of the most challenging health policy issues facing America. Approximately 10 grants of up to \$335,000 each are available to investigators from a variety of disciplines to support projects that combine creative and conceptual thinking with innovative, policy-relevant approaches. Letter of intent deadline, Wednesday, March 25. Full information [here](#).

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- **Sidney Smith, M.D.**, was quoted in articles in [USA Today](#) and on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services [website](#) regarding the results of a study he recently published that indicate that more evidence is needed to back many heart disease treatments.
- **Hendrik van Deventer, M.D.**, was quoted in a [WAFFNews.com article](#) about his recent discovery that fibrocytes are linked to the spread of cancer in the body. WAFF is based in Alabama.
- **Nortin Hadler, M.D.**, published an [article](#) on [ABCnews.com](#) regarding patients' rights to be informed. He was also quoted in an [MSNBC.com article](#) on fibromyalgia.
- A number of fellows and students in the Division of Rheumatology have earned recognition for their leadership efforts. **Raj Nair, M.D.**, is an Associate Member of the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) Subcommittee for Classification Criteria. **Amanda Nelson, M.D.**, is a member of the Osteoarthritis Research Society International (OARSI) Young Investigator subcommittee, a subcommittee of the OARSI Outreach Committee formed to take on the challenging yet exciting task of forming and retaining a new network of young investigators interested in osteoarthritis research. **Yvonne Golightly, M.S., P.T.**, is a student representative on the Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals (ARHP) Research Committee.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

A few months ago, this column was devoted to the Department of Medicine's new Publications Project, which was created as a way to share the research accomplishments of our faculty. Since then, our Publications Committee, made up of representatives from each of our divisions, has spent time reviewing the various publications that have come out of the department – categorizing them, summarizing them, and discussing the relative impact of each on their fields. You can find the results of that work [here](#), in a categorized list of all Department of Medicine publications to appear in PubMed between August and December 2008. Of course, if you notice that we have missed anything, do not hesitate to let us know by emailing [Sarah Perry](#).

The breadth and quality of the work recently done by Department of Medicine researchers has been most impressive, and the task of reviewing all these publications has been a considerable one. We would like to thank the members of the Publications Committee for their dedication to this project. These individuals are listed below.

After a few iterations of the plan for the Publications Project, we have decided to reduce the size of this committee in order to streamline the review process and share results with you in a more timely manner. Henceforth, we will create and publicize a review document like the one linked above on a quarterly basis. In the future, we will design a database to hold all this information; we will keep you updated as we look into the best way to do this and make this available to all.

We intend to stick with our original plan of periodically highlighting some of the most impactful, novel, and interesting work done by our researchers, as determined by committee members' careful review. Some of the strongest work from this past fall will be highlighted in an upcoming column. We will also repeat this process each quarter.

We hope that this project will improve the lines of communication among our various divisions, and that you will enjoy perusing the exciting work that is being done by your peers and hope that this mode of communication will continue to foster the cross-discipline collaboration the DOM is known for.

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Kristine Patterson, M.D., Chair, Publications Committee

UNC Department of Medicine Publications Committee Fall 2008

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