



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Grand Rounds
Thursday, March 26, 12 Noon - 1 p.m.
Clinic Auditorium

**Therapeutic Immunomodulation:
Scalpels for the Immune System**

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FYI

- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has provided the NIH with \$8.2 billion in extramural funding. Click [here](#) to read more from the NIH, or click [here](#) to view this week's notices from the NIH. For information on administrative supplements, click [here](#), but also be sure to look on your individual institute's website.
- Applications are now being accepted for the NIH Challenge Grant; deadline, Monday, April 27. Grants are for 2 years, with \$500K/year total funding. NIH has designated at least \$200M for this program, and will fund 200 or more grants. Click [here](#) to see a list of areas and topics covered. Click [here](#) to read the RFA.
- The UNC Association for Women Faculty

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Dean William Roper, M.D., M.P.H.** recently published an editorial in the *News & Observer* on the need for universal health care. Read it [here](#).
- **Ronald Falk, M.D.**, appeared in a *News 14 Carolina* online [story](#) about kidney disease in North Carolina.
- **Nortin Hadler, M.D.**, and his recent book, *Worried Sick*, is featured in a lead [article](#) in the current issue of *Reader's Digest*. This article has been reprinted widely, in such news sources as [MSNBC.com](#). Dr. Hadler was also quoted in [The Chicago Tribune](#), and appeared on NPR's "On Point" yesterday. To hear that interview, visit the show's [archives](#).

and Professionals (AWFP) invites nominations for this year's Mary Turner Lane Award, given annually by the AWFP to a woman judged to have made an outstanding contribution to the lives of women on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. Nominations should include a paragraph (or two) describing the nominee's contributions and why she is deserving of the award, along with the nominator's name, department name and contact information. Nominations due via email to [Joy Kasson](mailto:Joy.Kasson) by Monday, April 6.

- **CORRECTION: Raj Nair, M.D., and Amanda Nelson, M.D.,** are fellows in the Division of Rheumatology, not Nephrology, as was accidentally stated in last week's newsletter. In addition, **Yvonne Golightly** is a doctoral student working in the Thurston Arthritis Research Center (TARC). Our apologies for the error.

- **David Ransohoff, M.D.,** was quoted in a *New York Times* [article](#) about the emergence of doubts about the effectiveness of the prostate specific antigen test.
- **Kate Muessig,** a 2007 UNC Fogarty International Clinical Research Scholar (FICRS), has been awarded a Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). For more information, click [here](#).
- Darrell Kirch, M.D., AAMC President, will present "Will the Academic Medical Center Survive or Thrive? - The Challenge for Chapel Hill and Beyond!" on Monday, April 20, 12-1 p.m., in Old Clinic Auditorium. More information [here](#).
- Julie Ingelfinger, MD, Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and Associate Editor of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, will present, "How to Get a Paper Into a Premier Medical Journal," Wednesday, April 1, 2 p.m., in G100 Bondurant Hall. To add this event to your Outlook calendar, click [here](#).
- 10th Annual Women's Health Research Conference, Tuesday, April 6 and Wednesday, April 7. Keynote speaker, Katherine Hartmann, MD, PhD, Deputy Director, Institute of Medicine & Public Health, Vanderbilt University. For more information or to register, click [here](#) or call the Center for Women's Health Research at 843-7720. Registration is free.

- The new NC Cancer Hospital will open its doors ahead of schedule this September. Designed with extensive input from patients and their families as well as physicians and nurses, it will offer the latest technology and triple the space of the current facility. A dedication ceremony and an open house are planned. For details, view the Save-the-Date announcement [online](#).

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

Please see the announcement below from Douglas Morgan, M.D., M.P.H., Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, and others, regarding a new Office of International Activities for the School of Medicine.

The Office of International Activities (OIA) in the School of Medicine will officially open on Wednesday, April 1, with a reception from 12 – 2 p.m. on the 2nd floor lobby/balcony of the MBRB Building. The primary function of this office, located in 322A MacNider, will be the development of programmatic structure and support for UNC medical students interested in global health electives and guidance to medical student-led initiatives in global health formally supported by UNC. The OIA will also work with student affairs to improve the experience of international students working at UNC and with residency directors to promote international experiences for residents. In addition, the Office of International Activities will seek to foster collaboration and cooperation with broader initiatives in global health and education in the allied health sciences and across the UNC campus.

The office will be staffed by a Program Manager, and a global health resource area will be available for interested medical students to use. Our hope is that the OIA will become a hub for global health activities within the SOM. Come visit and let's see what we can do to work together in global ways!

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