



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Grand Rounds Next Week
Thursday, April 30, 12 Noon - 1 p.m.
Clinic Auditorium

Aortic Stenosis: Something Old and Something New

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FYI / ANNOUNCEMENT

- A new Community Engagement Walk-in clinic will offer consultation on community-based research design, project implementation plans for service regions, community-based recruitment, identification of community research partners, and community-based dissemination plans. The walk-in clinic is one of several hosted by the [NC TraCS Institute](#). Contact NC TraCS Central Coordinator, Karen Demby, at nctracs@unc.com with questions.
- A new version of WebCIS was released on Tuesday, April 21. Click [here](#) to read a memo from Robert Berger, M.D., describing its new features.
- Graduation will be held Saturday, May 9, at 5 pm in the Dean Smith Center. All School of Medicine faculty are invited to

IN THE NEWS

- **David Weber, M.D.**, was [quoted](#) in the *News & Observer* about a new molecule developed at NCSU that prevents biofilms and thereby increases the efficacy of antibiotics.
- **Nortin Hadler, M.D.**, was quoted in a *News & Observer* [story](#) about healthcare reform. His quotations were taken from his recent reading of his book, *Worried Sick: A Prescription for Health in an Overtreated America* at the Regulator bookshop in Durham.
- **John Buse, M.D.**, was quoted in a *TIME* [story](#) about heart risk for diabetics.
- **Thomas O'Connell, M.D.**, was quoted in a

participate. RSVP as soon as possible to [Jeri Copeland](#).

- Dean Roper's presentation at Tuesday's Spring Faculty Meeting can be found [here](#). Questions regarding the presentation can be emailed to [Angela Tulloch](#) in the office of UNC Hospitals' President, Gary Park.
- UNC Hospitals' WebXchange service now has a new web address, at <http://directory.unch.unc.edu/webdirectory/>

WCPO-TV (Cincinnati) [story](#) on new technology for diabetes patients.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

U.S. News and World Report released their medical school rankings today and I am proud to say we are ranked 2nd in primary care and 20th in research this year. Thanks to all of you for everything you do to support our missions of teaching, research, and patient care.

UNC has a long tradition of excellence in primary care and I have no doubt that will continue to be evident. Our department has recruited another excellent class of residents. Our medical students do so much to serve the population, here on campus and through SHAC and other community clinics. I know we all value them as a vital part of our patient care, and are proud to teach the next generation of physicians. Of course, the success of our medical students and residents is possible because of the time our faculty members spend with them, teaching and serving as mentors.

The School of Medicine was also ranked in the top ten in three specialty areas – Family Medicine, Rural Medicine, and AIDS. I especially would like to recognize and thank our AHEC faculty who play a major part in Rural Medicine. We were ranked 6th in the nation for Rural Medicine, and that is a tribute to our former residents and fellows working in other parts of the state, our physicians traveling now to reach underserved areas, and again, our AHEC faculty through the state.

We were ranked 9th in AIDS by US News. I think you are all aware of how devoted our Infectious Diseases group is to helping those affected with HIV/AIDS to live better lives, as well as that group's never-ending pursuit of ways to stop the spread of HIV. These faculty members have been recognized over and over again for their excellence in research and patient care. This is one more nod to the excellence of AIDS research and care here on campus.

If you would like to read more about the US News rankings and the methodology behind them,

information is available on the US News and World Report [Web site](#).

Thank you again. Keep up the good work.

Questions or submissions, contact sarah_perry@med.unc.edu.