



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 Department of Family Medicine produces a weekly one-hour radio talk show on patient health, called "[Here's to Your Health.](#)" The weekly show airs on 1360 WCHL and features health experts, patient experiences and health topics in the news. The producers are currently seeking doctors for half-hour interviews in early June. If interested, email Adam Goldstein, M.D, Dept. of Family Medicine, at Adam_Goldstein@med.unc.edu.
- 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. The Research at Carolina Recovery Act Funding Information [webpage](#) has also been updated with some important new Funding Opportunities and Key Announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- On March 16, Marschall Runge, M.D., Ph.D., had the opportunity to speak with the UNC Health Care System Board of Directors on the importance of research to our academic medical center. For more about that presentation, and to download the [slides](#), visit our department [website](#).
- Dean William Roper, M.D., M.P.H., Marschall Runge, M.D., Ph.D., and Gary L. Park recently distributed a memo regarding increasing efficiency in the hospital OR. Click [here](#) to read the full text.
- **David Margolis, M.D.**, coauthored a paper in the March 6 issue of the journal *Science*, entitled, "The Challenge of a Cure for HIV Infection." In this paper, he and other leading HIV/AIDS researchers issue a challenge to the scientific community: to find a way to effectively purge latent HIV

- The Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) Biostatistic Core is ready to help faculty. To request help from the Core, email Chelu Mfalila at CFARbios@med.unc.edu. For more information, visit the CFAR [website](#).
- 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. Letter of intent deadline, Wednesday, March 25. Full information [here](#).
- 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. The full RFA is posted [here](#).
- Click [here](#) for a recent memo from William Marzluff, regarding NIH equipment grants.

infection and eliminate the need for chronic, suppressive therapy to control the disease. To see a video about this publication, click [here](#).

- Several Nephrology fellows have recently assumed important positions of leadership. **Raj Nair, M.D.**, was named an Associate Member, American College of Rheumatology (ACR) Subcommittee for Classification Criteria. **Amanda Nelson, M.D.**, joined the Osteoarthritis Research Society International (OARS) Young Investigator Subcommittee, a subcommittee of the OARS Outreach Committee charged with retaining a new network of young investigators interested in osteoarthritis research. **Yvonne Golightly, M.S., P.T.**, became a student representative on the Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals (ARHP) Research Committee.
- "[A Conversation with Dr. Oliver Smithies](#)," Excellence Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, 2007 Nobel Laureate. Moderated by Dr. Tony Waldrop, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development. Monday, March 30, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Room 527, Health Sciences Library. Space is limited and [registration](#) is required.
- "Cancer Transitions: Moving Beyond Treatment," a program designed to help cancer survivors bridge the gap between cancer treatment and life after, will be offered at UNC. Program sessions will be held on six Tuesdays beginning March 31, from 4-6:30 p.m., at 1700 Martin Luther King, Blvd. Spaces are limited; for more information or to register, click [here](#) or email

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FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

This week, I'd like to relay a message from the NC TraCS Institute.

The [NC TraCS Institute](#) is pleased to announce weekly walk-in and by appointment clinics where UNC faculty are available to consult across various NC TraCS Institute service areas.

Consultation clinics now being offered include:

Grant Proposal Consultation

Experts will advise on all areas of proposal development including finding appropriate public and foundation funding opportunities.

Regulatory Consultation and Protocol Guidance Consultations

Information and advice regarding regulatory aspects of clinical trials, drug safety, Data and Safety Monitoring Boards (DSMB), safety monitoring plans, genomics, and subject advocacy.

Child Health Consultation

Consult with Child Health Core members about conducting translational child health research in clinical and community-based settings.

Biostatistical Consultation

Biostatistics faculty will provide consultations on the design and analysis of clinical and translational science studies.

Clinical and Translational Center (formerly GCRC / CCCT) Consultation

Meet with the CTTC Director, Director of Nursing, Director of Bionutrition and Administrative Director

Contact NC TraCS Institute by email at nctracs@unc.edu or by phone at 966-6022 for the daily and weekly walk-in and by appointment clinic schedule.

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