



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Grand Rounds
Thursday, April 9, 12 Noon - 1 p.m.
Clinic Auditorium

WEBCIS: Rounds Report and Two-Year Plan

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FYI

- The Research at Carolina Recovery Act Funding Information [webpage](#) has been updated with some important new funding opportunities and key announcements.
- 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 National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) has announced its 2009 Avant-Garde Award program to support individual scientists of exceptional creativity who propose high-impact

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sidney Smith, M.D.**, was quoted in a *Bloomberg* [story](#) about the effectiveness of different heart stents, and in a *New York Times* [story](#) about the use of statins to prevent blood clots.
- **Nortin Hadler, M.D.**, appears in a [video](#) on *currentmedicine.tv* about the misleading use of relative risk statistics. Dr. Hadler was also [quoted](#) in a *News & Observer* story about variations in medical care.
- **Cam Patterson, M.D.**, was quoted in a *WebMD* [article](#) entitled, "10 Ways to Protect Your Heart From the Tolls of Recession."
- **Kristy Richards, M.D.**, is among the contestants in The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Eastern North Carolina

research that will open new avenues for prevention and/or treatment of HIV/AIDS among drug abusers. The Avant-Garde Award is modeled after the NIH Pioneer award and provides \$500,000 per year in research support for 5 years to support projects that are not suited to standard grant mechanisms. Application deadline, June 2. More information [here](#), full RFA [here](#).

- The application deadline for the Gordon H. DeFriese Career Development in Aging Research Awards has been extended to Monday, April 13. Click [here](#) for more information.
- The April 2009 issue of UNC's Research Support online newsletter is now available [here](#).

chapter kicked off their Man & Woman of the Year competition, which raises money for blood cancer research and patient services. For more about the competition and the other contestants, click [here](#).

- Spring Faculty Meeting, chaired by Dean Roper, Tuesday, April 21, 4:45-6 p.m., in Room G202, MBRB. To add this event to your Outlook calendar, click [here](#).
- Click [here](#) for information about upcoming Spring Blood Drives on campus.
- 6th Annual UNC School of Medicine Golf Tournament to support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m., Finley Golf Course in Chapel Hill. Registration is \$90 for alumni, faculty, and staff, and \$60 for current residents. This event is limited to the first 144 players; [register](#) ASAP.
- The Town of Chapel Hill's Hargraves Center, 216 N. Roberson St., will host an annual [health fair](#) that will offer free dental screenings, blood pressure checks, and other health service information from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 4. Professionals from the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine and Orange County Health Department will offer health screenings and wellness checks and provide information.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

This week, I'd like to give James O'Neill, Director, Department of Medicine Information Services (DOM-IS), the opportunity to share some IT news:

Congratulations

Department of Medicine Information Services (DOM-IS) has received several nominations for the annual IT Awards for UNC. Individuals from the DOM-IS team have received two nominations. Keith Gerarden has been nominated for the third time in five years and Eric Chapman has been nominated for the second year in a row, after having won last year. Thanks to all the people in the department for your support, continued recognition, and appreciation. We are blessed to have the best group of people in the SOM.

Online Voting Tool

DOM-IS has developed a new web application to permit online faculty voting on issues of professorship, promotion, and reappointment. The program works as follows: a packet (or group of packets) containing CV's and other documentation is placed on a website. Once the packets are all loaded, a link to the site is sent via email and faculty can vote anytime while the packets are still posted. Each candidate will have the available choices of Yes, No and Abstain. We are trying to keep the packets up for voting for two weeks after posting. This process enables faculty members to exercise the right to vote while saving time by not attending an in-person voting session. Please join us in using this new time-saving tool.

Anti-Virus Updating

Just a note asking everyone to make sure that their anti-virus is up-to-date and operational. There is a lot of publicity regarding the supposed impending release of the Conflicker worm. I won't go into details here, but we must all do our part to make sure that this virus does not infect not only our computers, but others on the network. Please practice safe computing by not opening any unexpected attachments without verifying with the sender, by not clicking on links in emails that are from unknown senders, and by not replying to any emails asking for you for your passwords, bank information, social security numbers, or any other personal information. If possible, complete a total antivirus scan of your computer as soon as you can. Tonight as you leave work would be a good idea. If you have questions, feel free to contact our office at 843-6487.

Large File Sending

Did you know that you have the ability to upload large files to people (even those that are not UNC employees)? There is a utility that can be used to send a link to a large file that will reside on a server once uploaded. The process is simple, just go to this [website](#) and follow the directions. There is no limit, at present, for the file size of the upload.

Thanks for reading, and be sure to [contact](#) us for all of your IT needs.

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