



January 29, 2010
UNC Department of Medicine

Media Spotlight

John Buse, M.D. (Endo) appears in a [video](#) on the UNC School of Medicine Employee News Web site, speaking about the new recommended use of A1C tests to diagnose diabetes.

James Evans, M.D. (Hem-Onc) was quoted in a [story](#) about gene patenting.

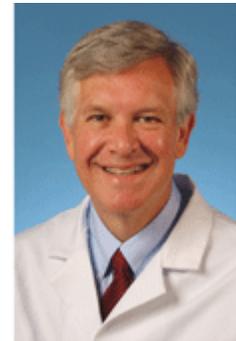
Victor Garcia-Martinez, M.D. (ID) was quoted in a *WRAL* [story](#) about HIV treatment and HIV disease models in mice.

Nortin Hadler, M.D. (Rheum) published an [essay](#) on comparative effectiveness research in influential *Health Care Blog*. In addition, his books *Last Well Person* and *Worried Sick* appeared on *The Nation's* list of recommended health books.

Each month, the NIH Clinical and Translational Science Awards [Web site](#), highlights the activities of a CTSA at a local level. **UNC** is the featured institution for the month of January, 2010.

From the Chair's Office

The devastating effects of the earthquake that hit Haiti on Jan. 12 are still in full force, and we at UNC have been deeply saddened by this tragedy. Our community has demonstrated its characteristic compassion, as well as its ability to mobilize to provide help to victims of crisis. I'm very proud of our faculty, staff, and students who have become involved, whether by giving money to the Red Cross, donating supplies and medical kits, or making plans to travel to Haiti to provide medical care and other assistance.



Marshall S. Runge, MD, PhD

Etta Pisano, M.D., Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, and Mike Cohen, M.D., Director, Institute for Global Health and Infectious Diseases and Associate Vice Chancellor for Global Health, are currently working to identify clinicians who might be available to help provide care in Haiti as the recovery effort continues months and possibly years into the future. To indicate your interest, please email them at etta_pisano@med.unc.edu and myron_cohen@med.unc.edu.

Last week, a message went out to the School of Medicine news list identifying UNC Web sites that provide information on the quake and what you can do to help. To read that message, click [here](#). Additional Web sites of interest include the [Carolina Center for Public Service](#) and the [Gillings School of Public Health](#). You can also view and read a story about UNC Health Care's patients from Haiti [here](#), and [read](#) a message by Dr. Cohen.

Announcements

Lectures

Grand Rounds Next Week

Thursday, Feb. 4

Noon - 1 p.m. Clinic Auditorium

Ross J. Simpson, Jr., M.D.

Professor of Medicine

Professor of Epidemiology,

"PVC's - Are they really benign?"

UNC Global Health Seminar

Michael Magee, M.D.

Author of *Healthy Waters: What*

Every Health Professional

Should Know About Water, and

former UNC medical resident

["Drops of Life"](#)

Tuesday, Feb. 2, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Blue Cross Blue Shield

Auditorium, Hooker Research

Center, Gillings SPH

Sponsored by the Office of

Global Health and the

Department of Surgery

21st Annual Challenges in

Geriatrics Practice

Conference

Thursday-Friday, Feb. 18-19,

Friday Center. Keynote speaker,

John B. Murphy, M.D.

Chairman of the Board,

American Geriatrics Society,

Professor of Medicine & Family

Medicine, Brown Medical

School,

"Health Care Policy in an Aging

America." For more information

and to register, click [here](#).

- Members of the UNC Health Care community who are going to Haiti to assist with relief efforts and are interested in [sharing](#) their stories can call the UNC Medical Center News Office at 966-8757.
- Applications are available for the Medical Alumni Endowment Fund Grant. The Fund offers grant support to investigators that will promote excellence in education, research, or service. Deadline, Feb. 19. For more information, click [here](#).
- Nominations for Faculty Mentoring Awards, sponsored by the Carolina Women's Leadership Council, are due Friday, Feb. 19. Each winner to receive \$5,000. These awards will honor faculty-to-student mentoring and faculty-to-faculty mentoring, with one award given in each category. For more information and submission guidelines, click [here](#).
- **H. Shelton "Shelley" Earp III, M.D.** (Hem-Onc) was honored Friday, Jan. 8 with the General Alumni Association's Faculty Service Award. The award honors faculty members who have performed outstanding service for the University or the association. Besides his role as director of the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, Dr. Earp's service to the University includes chairing the committee for the current provost search. He also has chaired a search for a medical school dean and served on search committees for a chancellor and a provost. For more about Dr. Earp and the award, click [here](#).
- **Leigh F. Callahan, Ph.D.**, (Rheum.) served on the steering committee for the creation of A National Public Health Agenda for Osteoarthritis, which will be launched by the CDC and the Arthritis Foundation on Thursday, February 4, in Washington, D.C. Dr. Callahan will be present at this important event, which is expected to bring national attention to osteoarthritis.
- **Elisabeth Potts Dellon, M.D., M.P.H.**, (Pulm) was among four American physicians [named](#) on January 13 as recipients of the first-ever Hastings Center Cunniff-Dixon Physician Awards for exceptional work in end of life care.
- The complete collection of the Norma Berryhill Lectures is now available online. For more information and to access the lectures, click [here](#).
- The library office hours for Spring 2010 for the School of Medicine can be found [here](#).
- NC TraCS Institute, home of the NIH CTSA at UNC-Chapel Hill, has joined ResearchMatch through the Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Consortium. "ResearchMatch has a simple goal - to bring together two groups of people who are looking for one another: (1) people who are trying to find research studies, and (2) researchers who are looking for people to participate in their studies." Therefore, both volunteers and UNC researchers are needed to join the registry. To join, go to: <https://www.researchmatch.org>.
- The Department of Romance Studies at Duke University is offering a course titled, "Haitian Creole for the Haitian Recovery," which is open to both Duke and UNC students. The course aims to prepare current and future participants in the Haitian recovery for a culturally sensitized and



linguistically prepared experience. This course is particularly geared toward preparation for interactions within the health care sector, but students' diverse work plans will be integrated into the class structure. The course code is French 199.01, and is held Monday and Wednesday evenings, 6:00-7:15 p.m. The first day of class was Monday, January 25. For more information, email Deborah.Jenson@duke.edu.

- Artist Murry Handler, a patient of Dr. Paula Miller of the UNC Heart Center, donated a piece of artwork titled "Spring Fall" to the Heart Center to show his appreciation for the care he's received over the years. A video about the donation can be found [here](#).

To submit items, contact Sarah_Perry@med.unc.edu. Archived issues can be found [here](#).