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UNC Department of Medicine

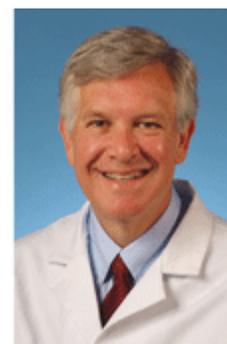
## Media Spotlight

**Richard Kahn, M.D.**, (Endo) was recently quoted in three news sources. These include a [Bloomberg story](#) on the cost effectiveness of diabetes screening, a [Reuters Health piece](#) about the lowered diabetes risk of women who breast feed, and a [MedPage Today story](#) about the FDA's refusal to approve the statin-fenofibrate combination therapy.

**Sidney Smith, M.D.**, (Cardio) was quoted in a *Wall Street Journal* [article](#) about the dangers of daily aspirin.

## From the Chair's Office

Match Day this year was Thursday, March 18 and was an exciting day for UNC students and for the Department of Medicine, as always. We again had a wonderful match, with all positions filled, and look forward to another group of outstanding interns joining us in June.



Marshall S. Runge, MD, PhD

The Department of Medicine residency continues to attract a large number of talented students. Our ranked students are also candidates at many top programs across the country. Because the overall pool of these applicants is small compared to the positions offered, these students compete in a "buyer's market". This results in having to recruit students aggressively. Our faculty, chief residents, and residents were all involved in the process and we thank them for their efforts.

For this year's NRMP report, compiled by residency program director Lee Berkowitz, click [here](#). The report summarizes this year's overall applicant pool, details the UNC selection process, and lists the students who filled the positions in our match. The report also shows how many students were ranked that ended up at other programs, and which programs those were.

For a video about this important day, click [here](#).

## Lectures

### Grand Rounds

Thursday, April 1, 12 - 1 p.m.  
Clinic Auditorium

### Richard Whitley, M.D.

Professor of Medicine  
University of Alabama at  
Birmingham School of Medicine  
"Varicella-Zoster Virus  
Infections: Changing

## Announcements

- **John Buse, M.D., Ph.D.**, (Endo) has been selected to receive a Clinical Excellence Award at the Castle Connolly National Physician of the Year Awards Ceremony. For more on Dr. Buse and the award, click [here](#).
- **Paul R. Chelminski, M.D.**, (ID) has been accepted as a fellow of the UNC Academy of Educators. He will be formally installed as a member of the Academy at a ceremony on Tuesday, May 18.
- **Marshall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.**, received the American College of Cardiology's 2010 Distinguished Scientist Award in recognition of his

Epidemiology, Prevention and Treatment"

**"Meeting the Challenges of Global Health: Novel Concepts and Actions for New Realities"**

Co-sponsored by the UNC Gillings School of Public Health and Duke University  
Thursday, April 1, 4:30-6 p.m.  
Julio Frenk, Dean and T & G Angelopoulos Professor of Public Health and International Development, Harvard School of Public Health  
Von Canon C, Bryan Center, Duke University

**Workshop: The Twelve Keys to Successful Grant Writing**

Thursday, April 8, 1-4:30 p.m.  
Dr. Robert Lowman, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research Space is limited, and [registration](#) is required.  
Questions, contact Jennifer Pruitt at 962-7757 or [jennifer\\_pruitt@unc.edu](mailto:jennifer_pruitt@unc.edu).

**UNC Gillings School of Public Health Lecture**

Friday, April 9, 1 p.m., 133 Rosenau Hall.  
James S. Marks, M.D., M.P.H., Senior Vice President and Director of the Health Group at Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Registration and more information [here](#).

**UNC Gillings School of Public Health's 42nd Annual Fred T. Foard Jr. Memorial Lecture**

Thursday, April 15, 6 p.m., Friday Center.  
Jeanne Lambrew, Ph.D., Director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Health Reform. Registration and more information [here](#).

contributions to the advancement of scientific knowledge in the field of cardiovascular diseases. This award has been given since 1982, and past recipients of this include the world's leading cardiovascular investigators over the past three decades. He received the award on March 15, 2010, at the annual ACC Convocation in Atlanta.

- **SOM Spring Faculty Meeting** - Wednesday, April 28, 4:45 - 6 p.m., in Room 2204 MBRB.
- Nominations are due this Wednesday, March 31, for the 2010 Thomas Jefferson Award, one of UNC's most prestigious awards for faculty, which is given out every year at the final Faculty Council meeting. Details on the award, instructions on how to make a nomination, and a list of previous recipients, are online [here](#). Award nominations may be submitted by email to Secretary of the Faculty [Joe Ferrell](#) or to [Anne Whisnant](#).
- Nominations are due Friday, April 9, for the 2010 Mary Turner Lane Award, given annually by the Association for Women Faculty and Professionals to a woman who has made an outstanding contribution to the lives of women on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. Nominations should be emailed to [Brooke\\_Church@unc.edu](mailto:Brooke_Church@unc.edu) and should include a paragraph or two describing the nominee's contributions to women at UNC and why she is deserving of the award, and the nominator's name, department, and contact information.
- Nominations for the Norma Berryhill Distinguished Lecture are due Wednesday, April 21. For more information about nominations and about the lecture series, click [here](#).
- Nominations are now being accepted for the Hyman L. Battle Distinguished Cancer Research Award. Established in 2007 by the Battle Foundation of Rocky Mount, this award recognizes exceptional cancer research at the UNC School of Medicine. The Battle Foundation prefers to recognize outstanding basic science research, but leading achievements in clinical research can also qualify. All nominations must include a curriculum vitae, a primary letter of nomination, and at least one additional letter of support submitted to Dede Corvinus by e-mail at [dede\\_corvinus@med.unc.edu](mailto:dede_corvinus@med.unc.edu). The nominations and supporting documents are due no later than Friday, April 23. The recipient will be named in May.
- On March 1 the NC TraCS Institute submitted its second annual progress report to the NIH. To review the very positive data contained therein, click [here](#).
- NC TraCS Institute poster sessions and open house, Thursday, April 8, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Health Sciences Library. TraCS faculty and staff will be on hand to answer questions and to share information about the wide range of services and resources TraCS offers. For more information about TraCS, call 966-6022, visit <http://tracs.unc.edu>, or email [tracs@unc.edu](mailto:tracs@unc.edu).
- The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is now accepting grant proposals for Round 5 of Grand Challenges Explorations, a US \$100 million initiative to encourage unconventional global health solutions. Anyone can apply, regardless of education or experience level. Grant proposals are being accepted online at <http://www.grandchallenges.org/explorations> until



Wednesday, May 19. For more information, visit the Web site.

- The 2nd Annual Coping with Cancer Symposium will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kitty Hawk, NC, on April 30 and May 1, 2010. Featuring such hot topics in cancer care as genetics, exercise, targeted therapies, and psychosocial interventions, this symposium is open to oncology faculty and staff, patients, and caregivers. [View brochure](#). [Download registration form](#).

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