

THE UNC MEDICINE CHIEFS' CORNER

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Academy of Educators (AOE) is accepting nominations for new faculty and resident members who are committed to the educational mission. Instructions for submitting nominations can be found here: <https://www.med.unc.edu/aoe/membership/new-member-nomination/>. Nominations will be due on March 4, 2019. Please let us know if you are interested in being nominated!

Volunteer to teach the CBLC session on hypertension, diabetes and prevention to the medical students! A discussion guide will be provided and you will help run small groups of students. Thursday, March 14th from 12-2pm in Bondurant G-10. Contact Julie Golding (Julie_golding@med.unc.edu) if you are interested.

Unlike at UNC Main, there is no VIR "Consult service" at HBH. If you put in an order for a VIR consult, it will *not* get done. You must put in the order of the procedure you want and then page (or call) VIR to schedule. See attached PDF for details

Please reach out to UNC House-staff Council VP of Quality Improvement, Patrick O'Shea (Patrick.oshea@unchealth.unc.edu) if you have any challenging cases between the Emergency Department and Internal Medicine that could serve as a discussion point for the next interdisciplinary M&M.

If you are taking care of a patient who has:

1. cirrhosis
2. confusion and
3. a possible diagnosis of **hepatic encephalopathy**

Please let Andrew Moon know about these patients so he can approach them about inclusion in a study examining speech patterns in patients with hepatic encephalopathy.

If you identify a potential participant, please contact Andrew Moon via email andrew.moon@unchealth.unc.edu or pager at **216-5771**.

As per our previous agreement for the renovation of 3 Anderson, the cardiology call rooms will be distributed as follows:

- 3 Anderson call room on the right: CICU resident
- 3 Anderson call room straight ahead: Cardiology Fellow
- 4 Anderson call room: Cardiology floor resident

Please keep all lactation supplies in the common area of the 3 Anderson call room. We are excited for the improvement to patient care areas and physician workspaces with the current renovations!

CLINIC CORNER

The Internal Medicine Clinic Pain Management and Opioid Policy is now live! You can access it on our Sharepoint site ([Link](#)) anytime using your Epic login credentials. Here are a few highlights:

- Need a refresher on the controlled substance schedules? What can be e-prescribed, for how long with how many refills? See pages 6, 15-16
- You should be e-prescribing all controlled substances (e.g., opiates, benzodiazepines, sedatives, etc.) unless you have extenuating circumstances. If you cannot e-prescribe, you must document the reason in Epic. See pages 2, 6-7
- Consider referral to the pain management clinic, directed by Dr. Ives, for patients with substance or alcohol abuse history, taking ≥ 90 MME, on concomitant opioids and benzodiazepines. See pages 3-4.
- Urine toxicology screens (and corresponding confirmations, where applicable) should be obtained at least annually. See page 11.
- Patients prescribed chronic opioids, even outside of pain clinic, should have a pain contract signed. See page 4.
- You must review the prior 12 months in the NC Controlled Substance Reporting System prior to prescribing any opioid agent. This review must be documented in Epic (NC STOP Act). See page 2

Drug Information Question: Can bupropion cause false-positive amphetamine urine screens? Although not fully elucidated, there is evidence to suggest that patients on bupropion therapy may have a false-positive amphetamine result in a urine toxicology screening, likely as a result of metabolite cross-reactivity with the amphetamine screens.

BIRTHDAYS

Jeremy Meier 2/10

Dale Iglesia 2/11

Tia Brown 2/12

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Beautiful Brain exhibit! Friday the 8th at 6:30 at the Ackland Art Museum

This exhibit features the drawings of Santiago Ramon y Cajal, a Spanish scientist and aspiring artist. His drawings helped build the foundation upon which the field of modern neuroscience sits. You can read more about the exhibit, and Cajal's biography, here: <https://ackland.org/exhibition/beautiful-brain-drawings-santiago-ramon-y-cajal/>

Lenny Feldman MD, Associate Professor at Hopkins and editor of the “Things We Do for No Reason” series in the Journal of Hospital Medicine (as well as former UNC Med-Peds resident and WakeMed chief), is going to be giving a talk on various Things We Do for No Reason in the hospital.

The meeting is free to attend and is on February 13th at 6:30 pm at the Embassy Suites in Brier Creek (and will also be broadcast as a webinar). The registration link is: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5563050944597031426>.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Morning Report and Noon Conference Schedules can be viewed [here](#)

SPOTLIGHT ON



Josh Hudson, MD

Josh is from Killingworth, CT, a small town just off the coast of Connecticut. He attended UConn (Go Huskies!) for undergrad and studied Molecular and Cell Biology. After graduation, he headed south for medical school at EVMS in Norfolk, VA. During medical school, Josh spent significant time as a peer tutor and working in student government. He was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha society. Josh enjoys cooking, card games, numerous Netflix shows, hiking, and spending time with his girlfriend.



Coordinated for morning report





Intern Breakfast! Thank you for all you do to keep the hospital running.



Mason, Hillary and Mike enjoying the UNC-NC State game (kudos to the Wolfpack for putting up more than 24 points)

[Check out our website here!](#)

If you have something you would like to include in next week's edition of Chiefs' Corner, or if you catch any errors, please email the chiefs!

[Ben Robey, Grace Prince, Alison Raybould and Benjamin Sines](#)
