

Department of Medicine Research Advisory Committee (DoM-RAC)

The DoM-RAC has the broad role of promoting and facilitating research activities in the Department of Medicine and encouraging interdivisional relationships. The members of this committee are Fabio Cominelli, Molly Hughes, Shyr-Tu Ju, Jonathan Lindner, Barbara Mann, Sue Moenter, Mark Okusa, Mike Smith, Amy Tucker, and Bess Wildman. If you have any ideas that would enhance the research and/or collaborative work within the department please contact one of the members of the DoM-RAC.

Faculty webpages

The Graduate Programs Office maintains a website and database of individual faculty webpages. These pages also have a new intranet (UVA access only) feature that lists specific expertise, resources, and equipment that faculty are willing to share and/or provide access. These sites are widely used by prospective students and fellows. This page can be linked to your Division website. The new intranet feature should be particularly valuable for finding specific resources and potential collaborators here at UVA. You do not need to have graduate students to have one of these webpages.

To verify that you have a faculty webpage check the UVA intranet site:

http://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/intranet/gpo/res_faculty/12_2004.cfm

If you don't have one, please send your name to: bims-web@virginia.edu. Using this common webpage avoids the hassle of maintaining and updating multiple pages.

If you already have a webpage please check to make sure that it is up to date. You can also add information to the expertise and resource intranet. To log on to the intranet you use your email login and password.

Instructions for updating your webpage can be found at:

<http://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/internet/gpo/bims/facultyupdate.cfm>

Grant Reviews

Early input on the specific aims and design of a research proposal can be helpful in putting together a successful grant application. As a service, members of the DoM-RAC will review the specific aims of your proposal and provide feedback. Review of a more complete proposal may also be possible. Specific aims and enough background to place the aims in context should be emailed to Barbara Mann, bjm2r@virginia.edu, at least three months before the application deadline. If you have questions about this service please contact Barbara or one of the other members of the committee.

Grand Rounds

Beginning August 1st, 2005, the first Medicine Grand Rounds of every month, and several other additional dates, will be part of the "Chair's Lecture Series" These Grand Rounds will feature "state of the art" talks by leaders in Clinical Research both from within and outside UVA. A schedule of the talks will be announced later this summer.

Faculty & Staff in the News

DAVID A. PEURA (GI) was elected president of the American Gastroenterological Association (AGA), the oldest medical specialty association in the United States.

JONATHAN LINDNER (CV) has been elected to the American Society of Clinical Investigation.

KEVIN WEI (CV) is the recipient of the 2005 Feigenbaum Award. He will receive this award at the Annual Scientific Session of the American Society of Echocardiography in June. It is given on a yearly basis to someone <45 years of age for his or her body of scientific work in echocardiography. You can also find Faculty in the News on our Department website.

<http://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/internet/internal/facnews.cfm>

Grant Reminders & Tips

To make the grant submission process less stressful for everyone involved please check out these reminders and tips for submitting a grant application.

All grant applications must be signed by the appropriate officials in Division, and Department before they can be submitted to the SoM Grants Office. Applications should be submitted to the DoM at least 10 days before the sponsor's deadline.

Institutional support letters must be signed by your Department Chair and the Dean, not just your Division Head.

Want to be sure that you are using the most up to date application forms? Check the SoM Grants and Contracts Office website and download the forms directly from this site each time you submit an application (<http://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/internet/grants/-click FORMS>). This site is always up to date, and contains lots of useful information for the grant submission process. In addition to grant application forms the site has links to a variety of forms such as the goldenrod form, MTA, and useful checklists.

Looking for other resources, besides NIH, to fund your research? There are a number of private foundations that fund topical basic and clinical research. Check <http://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/internet/grants/type.cfm> for a list of these opportunities.