



**The Brody School of Medicine - Department of Internal Medicine
16th Annual Research Day
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
Deadline Monday, 5:00 p.m., April 1, 2002**

To: Department of Internal Medicine Faculty, Staff, Residents and Fellows
From: Carlos A. Estrada, MD, MS
Vice Chair of Research, Department of Internal Medicine
Date: January 16, 2002

The Department of Internal Medicine will hold the **16th Annual Research Day** on **Thursday, May 9, 2002**, in Brody 2W-40. Organized by the department's Research Advisory Committee, the major purpose of Research Day is to provide a forum for discussion of research ideas and to promote professional and social interaction within the department.

The format will include both oral presentations and a poster session. Oral presentations will consist of a standard 10-minute presentation followed by a 5-minute discussion period. All departmental faculty, staff, residents, fellows, and students are encouraged to present their research at the scientific sessions. Research recently published or presented at national meetings is welcome. Projects can also be in more preliminary stages but should be supported by data. We hope to accommodate all submissions in the program, and ask that you designate your preference for a slide or poster presentation.

Features of this year's Department of Internal Medicine Research Day include:

- **The W. James Metzger, Jr., MD Junior Faculty Research Award.** This award will be presented to the most outstanding presentation by a Junior Faculty Instructor or Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine. A peer-review process will select the winner. The recipient of the award will receive a certificate and their name engraved on a plaque, which will be displayed in the Department of Internal Medicine Library. They will also receive recognition on the Department of Internal Medicine web site. Faculty who wish to be considered for the Metzger Award should check off the appropriate box on the Abstract Form.
- **Trainees Research Award.** This award will be given to the most outstanding presentation by a medical student, house-officer, or fellow in the Department of Internal Medicine.
- **William L. Roper, MD, MPH, Dean of the School of Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.** Dr. Roper will be our Guest Speaker. He was Director of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and has international recognition in AIDS epidemiology.

Abstracts must be submitted on the Abstract Form electronically by 5:00 p.m., April 1, 2002. Abstracts received after this date may not be reviewed. The Call For Abstracts may also be found on the ECU Department of Internal Medicine Web site at http://www.ecu.edu/internalmed/research_day_2002.htm.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please call Cathy Collins at 816-2875 or Dr. Carlos Estrada at 816-4633.

We urge you to keep May 9, 2002 open on your calendar so that you can attend this important event in the academic life of our department. The meeting will adjourn in time to attend the Medical Students Award Ceremony.

ABSTRACT INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES

Deadline for Submissions - Monday, 5:00 p.m., April 1, 2002

Abstracts will be submitted electronically by e-mail. Abstracts must conform to the following instructions. **Use the attached form for your submission or go to the ECU Department of Internal Medicine Web site at http://www.ecu.edu/internalmed/research_day_2002.htm**. Please e-mail completed forms to Collinsca@mail.ecu.edu. **FAXED ABSTRACTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** No revisions will be accepted to submitted abstracts after the deadline.

Note: If you do not include the file as an attachment, your abstract will not be processed. If you have any questions regarding this procedure, please contact Cathy Collins at 816-2875 or Collinsca@mail.ecu.edu. Further step-by-step instructions are listed below and will be on the web site.

1. **Type the abstract** in the 4" x 6" box. The type should be Arial and the size no less than 10 point. Please note that **copy and paste** is available. You can copy and paste your text directly into the box that comes up. If your abstract contains Greek symbols, superscript and/or subscript characters, tables and/or graphs, please be sure to enter them exactly as they are to appear so that formatting will be retained. **Do not change format!**
2. **Title and Authors.** The title should be brief, clearly indicating the nature of the study. Do not use abbreviations in the abstract title. **BOLD AND CAPITALIZE ENTIRE TITLE.** State all authors' initials and last names. Underline presenting author only.
3. **Body.** Organize the body of the abstract in the following manner:
 - **BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE:** a brief statement giving the rationale for your project
 - **METHODS:** the methods used in the study
 - **RESULTS:** a summary of your results
 - **CONCLUSIONS:****Skip a line** between the title and body of the abstract and justify the margins.
4. **Abbreviations.** Abbreviations should conform to the *Style Manual for Biological Journals* (American Institute for Biological Sciences, 3900 Wisconsin Ave., Washington, DC 20016). Place nonstandard abbreviations in parentheses after the full word the first time it appears in your text. **Do not use abbreviations in the abstract title.**
5. Be sure to fill out all other required information on the form.
6. **Save document as "AbstractYourLastName.doc."** Please e-mail completed forms to Collinsca@mail.ecu.edu. You will receive confirmation of receipt of your submission. If you do not receive confirmation within 48 hours of your submission, please call Cathy Collins at 816-2875.

Proper Format

EVALUATION OF THE PARASYMPATHETIC FUNCTION IN GERIATRIC PATIENTS WITH ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASE. S. Watanabe and T. Kano

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES. It is still controversial that circulatory autonomic reflexes are depressed in elderly patients. . .

METHODS. Patients with IHD were classified into the middle age (M) group of less than 65 yrs old (n=14 for Atr stress test, n=16 for Edr stress test) . . .

RESULTS. Systolic blood pressure did not change with Atr or Edr injection, though heart rate (HR) increased with Atr (M-group; 49 to 55 bpm, E-group; 47 to 57 bpm, p<0.01) . . .

CONCLUSIONS. The results of Edr and Atr stress tests suggest that the parasympathetic response is potentiated with aging



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Download this form to your workstation. When completed, email to Cathy Collins, General Internal Medicine.

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