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A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Dr. Wise completed his residency and fellowship at the Medical College of Virginia campus of VCU. He has been a faculty member here since 1992. Since 1995, he has served as director of the Division of Rheumatology’s Ambulatory Care Center Practice and has been course director of the M2 musculoskeletal course since 2000. Dr. Wise has been recognized among the “Best Doctors in America.”

Upcoming Grand Rounds

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Jan. 8 "Clinical-pathological Conference: A 68 Year Old Man with Renal Failure”
Discussant: Dr. Joyce Beltran-Keeling, Assistant Professor
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Jan. 15 "Pain Management in the Elderly”
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Jan. 22 "Community Acquired Pneumonia”
Dr. Josh Metlay, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology
Senior Scholar at the Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics (CCER)
Division of General Internal Medicine, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Philadelphia

Jan. 29 "Dealing with Death and Dying in Medical Education”
Dr. Laurie Lyckholm, Associate Professor
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Grand Rounds are held at 12:00 noon in the Medical Sciences Building Auditorium. The calendar is subject to change.

Faculty Member Wins Grant to Develop Cost-Effectiveness Models for Cancer Treatments

Dr. Bruce E. Hillner, Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine and Associate Chair for Information Systems, has been awarded a $687,000, four-year Research Scholar Grant by the American Cancer Society. He will develop models that could help clinicians and cancer policymakers better evaluate potential treatments for cancer patients by weighing projected survival rates, enhanced quality of life and other outcomes against financial costs.

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