Congratulations to Ken Steinberg who was appointed as Director of the Medicine Residency program at the University of Washington this past July. Ken joined Nirmal Charan and Lakshmi in stepping down from their positions as Section Heads. Thank you to all three for their many years of leadership in the Division.

New Section Heads have been named at the three sites and I am looking forward to working with Paula Carvalho at the Boise VA, Randy Curtis at Harborview, and Rick Goodman at the Seattle VA in their new roles.

In September, we bid a fond farewell to Renee Stapleton. Renee accepted an Assistant Professor position at the University of Vermont and we wish her the best with her new position. Renee will continue to collaborate with investigators at HMC and has retained an affiliate appointment with our Division.

Chris Carlsten has accepted a position at University of British Columbia as Assistant Professor and will hold the endowed Chair of Occupational and Environmental Lung Disease. We also wish Chris the best of luck.

Barry Plant has assumed a position as Attending Pulmonologist and Consultant in Cystic Fibrosis at Cork University in Ireland. Barry will also retain an affiliate position at the UW.

I am extremely grateful to everyone who has donated to the ALAW Len Hudson Chair to date. Thank you for your support and generosity.

I hope to see many of you at the WTS meeting in Leavenworth in January.

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- The Washington Thoracic Society Winter Lung Day will be held in Leavenworth, WA January 11-13, 2008. For more information, call the WTS Conference Coordinator at the ALAW, 206-441-5100, x21.

- The Salute Harborview Gala will be held March 1, 2008 at the Seattle Sheraton Hotel. Len Hudson will be the Mission of Caring Honoree at this annual event. For details regarding sponsorship, attendance, or volunteering, call Lisa Groeschell at (206) 543-8595 or lgroesch@u.washington.edu.

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**Please send your comments or human-interest stories to Monica Fawthrop at** mfawthro@u.washington.edu.
Leonard Hudson, professor of medicine and former head of the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, has been chosen to receive the 2008 Mission of Caring Award from Harborview Medical Center, to be presented March 1st at the Salute Harborview Gala. The award recognizes a person whose leadership in the community embodies the spirit of Harborview’s mission.

Monica Fawthrop, division administrator of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, has received a School of Medicine Service Excellence award. She was recognized for outstanding support for the division and devotion to its mission.

Rick Goodman was awarded the Robert J. Petersdorf Teacher of the Year Award. He was selected by a committee of past awardees, housestaff, medical service and nursing leadership.

David Au has assumed the Chair position of the ATS Assembly on Behavioral Science Program Committee.

Margaret Neff has been appointed as Director of the Medical ICU at Harborview Medical Center.

Paula Carvalho was presented with the Judd Lunn Idaho Track Teacher of the Year Award. She was the unanimous winner as voted upon by the third year medical students.

Sean Kassim was recognized with the Best Poster Award at the MMP Gordon Research Conference in Barga, Italy.

Lynn Schnapp has been appointed as the new Deputy Editor of the Proceedings of the American Thoracic Society.

Randy Curtis recently appeared in a segment of the PBS program “Tomorrow’s Medicine Today”. Randy was invited to discuss his research in End-of-Life care in the ICU.

Andy Luks recently returned from Zanskar Valley in the Indian Himalayas where he participated in a medical expedition to provide free healthcare to the medically-underserved population living in this remote region. Andy shared his experiences (and photos) at a recent division conference.

We would like to congratulate and acknowledge faculty promotions and appointments that have occurred over the past several months.

- David Au, Chris Goss, and Margaret Neff were promoted to Associate Professor.
- Ken Steinberg was promoted to the rank of full Professor.
- David Carlbom, Tanyalak Parimon, and Lewis Rubinson were appointed to the faculty as Assistant Professors.
- Peter Chen, Cynthia Gries, and Andy Luks have joined the faculty as Acting Instructors.