In addition to featuring talks at Grand Rounds from our local faculty and residents, we have the opportunity to host several extramural speakers. Typically, these invited speakers or visiting professors (VPs) fall into one of three categories: our Chair's pick as the Crawford W. Long Lecturer, chosen Visiting Professor nominated by our faculty, or a junior/mid career professor from the SouthEast region as part of the SUDAC professor exchange (SUDAC is the Society of University Department of Anesthesiology Chairs). This is an exciting opportunity to not only host future national leaders from other institutions, but also a way to highlight Emory to faculty from other institutions.

The selection process for the Crawford W. Long Lecturer is decided by our Chair with input from the division heads. The Anesthesiology faculty have the opportunity to nominate an extramural faculty member to lecture at our Grand Rounds. Visiting Professor proposals are solicited in mid-Spring and the proposals are rank-voted on by the education committee in May. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to not only invite well-known national leaders as visiting professors from other institutions, but also to sponsor junior and mid career faculty via a speaker exchange program coordinated among the chairs of several academic facilities in the SouthEast (SUDAC). A list of these speakers is given to the Grand Rounds Coordinator by the Chair. Similar to the speaker proposals, the education committee rank-votes these visiting professors in May. With the exception of the Crawford W. Long Lecture which is arranged through the Chair's office, the lecture dates for visiting speakers are finalized during the summer months through contact initiated by Karen Woods and the Grand Rounds Coordinator.

The host for each invited speaker is a local faculty member who will arrange the itinerary, dinner, and introduction at Grand Rounds. This host is typically the faculty who initially proposed the speaker to the Grand Rounds Coordinator or in the case of SUDAC professors, the host is often assigned by the Grand Rounds Coordinator. The host will work with Karen Woods to coordinate travel arrangements. For more information on host responsibilities please see the document "Host Responsibilities". Typically, the Chair in collaboration with the Research Division, operates as the host for the Crawford W. Long Lecturer.

Occasionally, there is an opportunity for faculty of the education and research divisions to host visiting professors outside of the Grand Rounds Conference series. This is encouraged and special lectures can be arranged. Often, these talks are in conjunction with other School of Medicine Departments (e.g., Neurology, Pharmacology, Surgery, and Physiology). At times, the Grand Rounds schedule has some flexibility and if it is convenient, it is possible that at the discretion of the Grand Rounds Coordinator in collaboration with the Research and Education divisions these special lectures could be substituted for scheduled journal clubs, resident meetings, etc. Another option for special lectures is the 4pm time slot on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, when the Research Division meets, noon on Tuesday (Pharmacology Seminar), and noon on Friday (Neuroscience seminar), 8 AM Friday (Neurology Grand Rounds), and 630 AM Thursdays (Surgical Grand Rounds).