Once again, the Department of Family Medicine is proud to announce the Match results for our residency programs in Lafayette, Kenner, and Lake Charles.

**Lafayette Family Practice Residency**
- Michael Bodin, LSU – New Orleans
- Wayne Cestia, LSU – New Orleans
- André Duplantis, LSU – New Orleans
- Jason Landry, LSU – New Orleans
- Norberto Pedroso, Instituto Superior de Ciencias Médicas de La Habana
- Cassandra Pillette, LSU – New Orleans
- Jenny Templet, LSU – New Orleans
- Anjanette Varnado, St. Matthews University

**Kenner Family Practice Residency**
- Brandon Hider, LSU – New Orleans
- Song-Min Kosofsky, SABA University, Netherlands Antilles
- Tuan Nguyen, Ross University School of Medicine
- Curtis Preik, American University of the Caribbean
- Osei Prempeh, Higher Institute of Medicine of Pleven, Bulgaria

The number of LSU students who matched into Family Medicine grew this year to 9 percent of the graduating class, the highest number since 2000. In addition to those noted above, LSU – New Orleans graduates Danielle Angeron, Lisa Casey, Michael Ellerbe, Kelly Fuqua, Jackie C. Grayson, Clayton Mazoue, and Emilio Russo matched with Family Medicine programs across the state and nation. Congratulations to all!

**Lake Charles Family Practice Residency**
- Jewell Jackson Huffman, Ross University School of Medicine
- Derek McCoy, American University of the Caribbean
- Shana Nguyen, Ross University School of Medicine
- Andy Shen, American University of the Caribbean
- Sherri Stringfellow, Ross University School of Medicine
- Alan Wilson, American University of the Caribbean

The National Institute for Groin Injuries was conceived in early 2000 when Dr. Vincent Morelli, Assistant Professor, was team physician for the New Orleans Brass East Coast Hockey League team. He saw numerous chronic groin injuries that had been misdiagnosed or improperly treated. As a result, these patients were not responding to therapy and some remained sidelined for extended periods. In an effort to better treat these conditions, the National Institute for Groin Injuries was created. It is the first center in the United States, and only the second in the world, dedicated to diagnosing and treating chronic groin injuries.

More than half of the Institute’s patients are high-school, college or professional athletes. The remaining patients are people who have developed various chronic hip and groin conditions from surgeries, childbirth, overuse, or just the activities of everyday life.

The physicians who are affiliated with the Institute include: Drs. Morelli and Kim Edward LeBlanc (Primary-Care Sports Medicine); Karl A. LeBlanc and Robert Wynn (General Surgery); Robert Sellards and Luis M. Espinoza (Orthopedics); Amparo Gutierrez (Neurology); Carlos R. Giménez, Lawrence W. Glorioso III and Juan Carlos Mena (Radiology); and Sean Collins (Urology). In addition, physical therapists Robert H. Rowe and Jaime G. Smith work closely with the Institute.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit www.groininstitute.com.
The new officers of the Family Medicine Interest Group are: Daniel Patten, president; Richard Hines, vice president; Alexandra VanMeter, Tar Wars coordinator; Christine Barrett, secretary; and Ike Obih, L2 representative. The new leaders of the Integrative Medicine Interest Group are: Andrea Murina, Cynthia Tan, Fabienne Gray, and Joan Hunter.

Research shows reduced mortality rates in areas with more primary-care physicians

Counties and parishes with greater numbers of primary-care physicians have lower mortality rates, but having a greater number of specialists does not appear to lower the mortality rate, according to an article published in March by Health Affairs, a bimonthly multidisciplinary journal devoted to health policy.

Federal data on physician supply in more than 3,000 U.S. counties and parishes indicate that a higher ratio of primary-care physicians to population results in lower mortality rates overall, as well as for heart disease and cancer. Alternatively, a higher ratio of specialists to population did not improve mortality rates.

This research, which was supported in part by a grant from the federal Bureau of Primary Health Care, reinforces the importance of increasing the number of primary-care physicians working in underserved locales, including rural areas. This is the primary goal of LSUHSC’s Rural Scholars Track, which recruits and trains students to practice medicine in underserved rural areas of Louisiana.