Family Medicine welcomes newest residents

The Department of Family Medicine is proud to announce the 2006 Match results for our residency programs in Kenner, Lafayette, and Lake Charles.

Kenner Family Medicine Residency

Herve Cenatus, Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara
Rafael Cortes, San Juan Bautista School of Medicine
Yelena Ivanova, Ross University School of Medicine
Radha Raman, UC Davis School of Medicine
Nusfat Ul Shafi, Government Medical College Srinagar
Terri Wong, Tulane University School of Medicine

Lafayette Family Medicine Residency

Brigitte Girouard, Louisiana State University School of Medicine—New Orleans
Sarika Gunda, Mahadevappa Rampure Medical College
Jade Heinen, LSU School of Medicine—Shreveport
Kinga Janeczek, Collegium Medicum, Jagiellonian University
Sunshine Little, LSU School of Medicine—New Orleans
Ali Sadeghi, University of Saint Eustatius

Lake Charles Family Medicine Residency

Adenike Tinubu, University of Ilorin

Jeffrey Combetta, American University of the Caribbean
Pearre Davenport, American University of the Caribbean
Phillip Ehlers, St. George's University
Brian Harrell, Texas A&M University College of Medicine
Carlo Madrid, University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
Leslie Powell, University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio
Andy Quebedeaux, LSU School of Medicine—Shreveport
In addition, Coye McMillan, DO, has joined the Lake Charles program as a second-year resident.

Predoc concludes another successful year

The Section of Predoctoral Education would like to thank everyone who assisted this year, however challenging, in the training of our medical students. The fruits of our labor are evident—with a number of students choosing to pursue a career in Family Medicine.

We want to thank all of the family physician preceptors who gave their time to teach students. We had 80 family physicians from across the state teaching Family Medicine, while the Louisiana Family Medicine residency programs provided training to 30 percent of the class this year.

In addition, we are grateful to the Family Medicine faculty members who travel each month to Baton Rouge to lead their interactive seminars, an integral part of our clerkship orientation and lectures.

But the absolute biggest thanks must go to Amanda Dawson, our student coordinator who is leaving this summer. Amanda has held the clerkship together with her enthusiasm, organization and dedication. Amanda and her husband, Tanner, will be leaving LSU to move to Birmingham, where Tanner will begin his Radiology training at the University of Alabama.
A new LSU Geriatric Medicine Fellowship will be based at UMC in Lafayette. The program is now accepting applications for two Geriatric Medicine Fellows to start in July. This is a one-year clinical fellowship with experiences in palliative care, geriatric psychiatry, long-term care, rehabilitation, and inpatient and outpatient geriatric consultation.

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**New Geriatric Fellowship at UMC**

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**Department notes and achievements**

- **Shaul “Paul” Austin, LPC**, Assistant Professor, joined the faculty of the Bogalusa Rural Family Medicine Residency Program in March as Coordinator of Behavioral Science.

- **Charles A. Cefalu, M.D., M.S.**, Professor and Chief, Section of Geriatric Medicine, discussed “Depression and Anxiety in the Elderly—Post Katrina” on “Tiger Care” on WLAE-TV/Channel 12 in February and Medicare Part D on “Louisiana Newsmaker” on WDSU-TV/Channel 6 in April. In addition, Dr. Cefalu recently participated in a panel discussion on “Managing Challenges in the Face of Disaster;” moderated “Recognizing and Managing COPD in the LTC Setting,” and presented “The ABCs of Implementing Clinical Practicing Guidelines” and “Communication for Patient and Family Care,” all at the 29th Annual Scientific Assembly of the American Medical Directors Association in Dallas in March. He also lectured on “The Katrina Disaster: Salvaging a Geriatric Medicine Academic Program” and “Bone Quality” at Kansas University Medical Center’s Center on Aging, where he has been named a Visiting Professor. Dr. Cefalu has also been appointed Chairman of the Department of Health and Hospitals’ Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee and Chairman of the Louisiana State Medical Society’s Committee on Chronic Diseases and Geriatrics.

- **Susan N. Dutsch-Bohl, RN, FNP-C**, Nurse Practitioner, has been working with the Section of Geriatric Medicine towards re-establishing the LSU Geriatric Medicine Fellowship program at UMC in Lafayette.

- **DeSha Folgar, M.D., and Jody George, M.D.**, have been selected as Chief Residents for the Lake Charles Family Medicine Residency Program.

- **Henry Haire, M.D.**, Associate Professor, has been appointed to the National Curriculum Committee for Neurodevelopmental Disability Medicine through the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry, American Academy of Family Physicians, and Special Olympics. The AADMD is dedicated to correcting the deficiency in training and to educate the current limited number of physicians and dentists available to provide health care to the developmentally disabled.

- **Dennis A.R. LaRavia, M.D.**, Professor and Director, Bogalusa Rural Family Medicine Residency Program, recently taught two 16-hour courses on Advanced Skin and Plastic Closures at the National Procedures Institute in Las Vegas. In addition, Dr. LaRavia was recently selected by his peers to be included in the 2005-2006 edition of Best Doctors in America.

- **Kim Edward LeBlanc, M.D., Ph.D.**, Marie Lahasky Professor and Chairman, attended the Federation of State Medical Boards’ Annual Meeting in Boston in April, where he was elected to the FSMB Board of Directors and appointed to the USMLE Step 3 Committee. At the meeting, Dr. LeBlanc, who is President and Interim Executive Director of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, lectured on “Disaster Planning: Lessons Learned.”

- **Henri J. Roca III, M.D., LAc**, Assistant Professor and Chief, Section of Integrative Medicine, recently presented lectures on “Constitutional Health” for the LSU Integrative Medicine Interest Group, “Spirituality in Medicine” for the Science and Practice of Medicine course, “Evidence-Based Botanical Medicine” for the Pharmacology course and the Lafayette Family Medicine Residency Program, “Primer on Acupuncture” also to the Lafayette residents, “Holistic Trauma Release” at Touro Infirmary, and “Understanding Research Methods” for the Louisiana Hypnotherapy Association. In addition, Dr. Roca has served as Course Director for the Health Promotion elective. Also, Dr. Roca, along with the IMIG, recently held the Second Annual LSUHSC Day of Wellness, which was attended by more than 150 faculty, staff, and students. Participants had the opportunity to experience massage, somatoemotional release, auricular acupuncture, aromatherapy, and reflexology, among others.

- **Preety Singh, M.D., and Nimesh Patel, M.D.**, have been selected as Chief and Co-Chief Residents, respectively, for the Kenner Family Medicine Residency Program.

- **Earl J. Soileau, M.D.**, Assistant Professor, Lake Charles Family Medicine Residency Program, attended the Society for Adolescent Medicine’s Conference in Boston in March, where he was the lead speaker for three lectures on ADHD.