



# Larry D. Walker Named Hospital Administrator at Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center

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Baton Rouge, LA (August 24, 2006) The LSU Health Care Services Division announces the appointment of Larry D. Walker as Hospital Administrator at the Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center, effective September 12, 2006.

“Mr. Walker brings over 25 years of health care management experience to the table,” says Don Smithburg, Executive Vice President LSU System, CEO LSU Health Care Services Division. “He will be responsible for strategic planning, business development and operations.”

Walker replaces LeVern Meades who has served as Interim Hospital Administrator since February.

Meades will remain as Hospital Administrator of the Lallie Kemp Medical Center and will also lead special projects at the LSU HCSD headquarters office.

Walker is the former CEO of the East Texas Medical Center in Gilmer, TX, where he is credited with restoring the hospital to profitability. His past experience includes leadership positions

with the Louisiana Heart Hospital in Lacombe, LA and the Province Healthcare Corporation of Louisiana.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology from the University of Arkansas School of Allied Health; a Masters of Public Administration from Memphis State University and a Masters of Science from Trinity University in San Antonio.

Active in his community, Walker has served as a board member of the American Heart Association, United Way and the Eunice Chamber of Commerce.

Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center was officially opened in 1978. It was built to serve the health care needs of the populations of Terrebonne, Lafourche, Assumption, western St. James and eastern St. Mary parishes regardless of financial determination. The hospital is licensed for 147 beds, and is a JCAHO accredited institution. L. J. Chabert Medical Center is the flagship of Disease Management within the HCSD Disease Management Programs in Diabetes, Asthma, HIV-AIDS and Cancer Screening and is also home to an outstanding Diabetes Education and Wellness program.

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