



LSU Medical Center of LA at New Orleans Trauma Center Returns to LSU Interim Hospital Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007

All Trauma Cases To Be Seen at LSU Interim Hospital Beginning 7:00 AM, Feb. 22

Baton Rouge (February 21, 2007) -- For the first time since Hurricane Katrina, the LSU Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans Trauma Center will again be located in Orleans Parish.

Effective Thursday, February 22, 2007, the Trauma Center will move from its temporary location at the Ochsner Elmwood facility in Jefferson Parish to LSU Interim Hospital, 2021 Perdido St., in New Orleans.

Starting at 7:00 AM that day all trauma cases will be referred to LSU Interim Hospital. Throughout the day patients under treatment at the temporary facility will be transported to LSU Interim Hospital.

"The return of the trauma center is one more building block in the provision of comprehensive health care to the greater New Orleans area," said Dr. Michael K. Butler, chief medical officer for LSU Health Care Services Division. "LSU will continue to maintain the superior trauma services that it has long been known for."

The Trauma Center and the Emergency Department are located in a newly renovated area on the first floor of LSU Interim Hospital. The Trauma Center services a five-parish region including Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, Plaquemines and St. Charles parishes.

The Trauma Center will be officially dedicated on Monday, February 26, 2007, at 11 AM. Media tours of the facility will be offered at that time.

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