



LSU Offers Forum on Health Care Effectiveness National Experts Discuss the Louisiana Health Care Landscape

Baton Rouge (January 9, 2007)—The LSU Health Care Services Division (LSU HCSD) will present “A Decade of Improvement & Excellence,” its tenth annual forum on health care effectiveness, January 16, 2007, from 9 AM to 5 PM, at the Holiday Inn Select Executive Center in Baton Rouge, La.

Dr. Michael Butler, chief medical officer for the LSU HCSD, will put forth a ten-year progress report on clinical quality indicators in Louisiana’s public system of care. “Our provision of care has been affected both by the rapid evolution of health care in the past ten years and the huge impact of hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the delivery of this care,” he said. “But the high skill level and flexibility of the staffs of the LSU hospitals have permitted them to maintain a superior level of care for the citizens of Louisiana.”

Dr. Donald Goldman, senior vice president for the Institute for Healthcare Improvement of the Harvard Medical School, will present the special quality report “What’s Working and What Are We Learning: Lessons for Rebuilding Louisiana’s Healthcare.”

Health statistics in Louisiana are among the worst in the nation, and Louisiana in its recovery and rebuilding faces many health care challenges. Dr. David Wennberg, Director of the Division of Health Services Research of the Maine Medical Center and president of Health Dialog Analytic Solutions, will discuss “Health Care Rebuilding: The Importance of Understanding Clinical Variation” as the Mervin L. Trail Lectureship.

Leadership is key in the provision of successful health care. Sr. Mary Jean Ryan, FSM, president/CEO of SSM Health Care, one of the largest Catholic health care systems in the nation, will discuss improvement of patient care, core values, and the role of fierce resolve of leadership.

For decades LSU HCSD hospitals and clinics have been the training ground for most of the physicians, nurses, and allied health professionals in Louisiana. Dr. Malcolm Cox, chief academic officer for the Veterans Health Administration Department of Veterans Affairs, will discuss “The Role of Graduate and Continuing Medical Education in the Systems of Care: Evidence-based Education, Research, and Patient Care.”

The forum will also have an expert panel discussion with audience comments and poster sessions on ten years of patient care improvement in LSU HCSD. Dr. Brent James will preside over the awards luncheon.

The forum is free and open to all in health care and its ancillary services, but registration is required and includes an end-of-day reception. Attendance is limited. The Holiday Inn Select Executive Center is at 4728 Constitution Ave., Baton Rouge, La., (225) 925-2244.

[Download brochure and registration documents at www.lsuhs hospitals.org]

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