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## **Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center Wins Multiple Awards at LSU Forum Hypertension Clinic Praised for Results**

**Baton Rouge (February 19, 2008)** – The LSU Health Care Services Division (HCSD) awarded staff of Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center (LKRMC) multiple awards for quality health care at the 11<sup>th</sup> annual LSU HCSD Health Care Effectiveness Forum, entitled “Eliminating Disparities and Improving Access to Relationship-Centered Care,” in Baton Rouge, La.

LSU HCSD awarded the LKRMC Hypertension Clinic the 2008 TRRAQSSS Award for the most innovative program. The program has shown significantly lowered blood pressure results for patients with elevated blood pressure. “It’s an innovative program,” said Dr. Michael Kaiser, HCSD acting chief medical officer. “They’ve done a great job.”

The TRRAQSSS Award is given to a program that significantly improves any dimension of the core components of HCSD’s mission: teaching, revenue, research, access, quality, service, stakeholder satisfaction, or safety. The award recognizes an excellent collective effort or project, must be at or significantly associated with an HCSD facility, must be able to show measurable benefits and outcomes, and must be able to be replicated. The name of the award is the acronym of the items in the aforementioned series, and the award is given based on competitive applications submitted by the hospitals.

The seven hospitals of LSU HCSD were eligible for the awards.

LKRMC also received second place for most improved care for its HIV/AIDS patients and special recognition for its patient satisfaction results. These results have been consistently excellent.

The LSU Health System is one of the largest public health care delivery systems in the country. It has over 60,000 admissions, 350,000 patient days, 1 million outpatient visits, and over 350,000 emergency department visits. Each year 1700 residents from the LSU and Tulane Schools of Medicine and Ochsner Health System and 4,000 nurses and allied health students from many colleges and universities are trained in LSU facilities.

LSU is the largest single provider of uncompensated inpatient care in Louisiana. LSU hospitals have an economic impact of over \$1.6 billion in asset business activity, \$918 million in personal earnings, and support over 10,000 jobs.

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