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## LSU Meeting Examines Lessons Learned from Storm Season

**What:** The Fall 2008 Health Care Effectiveness Meeting of the LSU Health Care Services Division: "Holding the Gains: Managerial and Leadership Lessons."

The theme of the meeting, "**Celebration of Lessons Learned from a System's Perspective: Comparing Katrina/Rita and Gustav/Ike,**" will offer a multifaceted perspective, including the response of the system and employees; transporting critical care patients; evacuating mental health patients; managing the surge of patients; and post-disaster recovery.

The meeting will also hold disease-specific and improvement project teams' breakout sessions.

**When:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

**Where:** Baton Rouge Marriott Hotel, 5500 Hilton Avenue, Baton Rouge, La.

**Who:** "**Our System's Response: Evidence of a Transformational Culture**" will be presented by Dr. Michael Kaiser, acting chief medical officer, LSU HCSD.

"**Our Employees' Response: Values in Action**" will be presented by the team of the LSU Interim Public Hospital.

"**Making the Plan Work: Transporting Critical Care**" will be presented by HCSD Response Team.

"**Demonstrating Resilience: Evacuation of Mental Health Patients**" will be presented by HCSD Mental Health Team and the Office of Public Health.

"**Working as a System: Managing the Surge of Patients**" will be presented by teams from Huey P. Long Medical Center, University Medical Center, and LSU Health Sciences Center—Shreveport.

"**Overcoming Disaster: Recovery of Services**" will be presented by teams from Earl K. Long Medical Center and Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center.

The LSU Health System Health Care Services Division is one of the largest public health care delivery systems in the country. It has over 31,000 admissions, 180,000 patient days, 981,000 outpatient visits, and over 270,000 emergency department visits. Each year 1100 residents and fellows from the LSU and Tulane Schools of Medicine and Ochsner Health System and 2,200 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 HCSD hospitals have an economic impact of over \$1.4 billion in asset business activity, \$568 million in personal earnings, and generate over 12,000 jobs.

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