

## LALLIE KEMP REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

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## LSU Cardiologists Join Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center

**Independence (December 19, 2008)** – Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center (LKRMC) is pleased to announce that three LSU cardiologists are joining the LKRMC staff beginning January 1, 2009.

Drs. Frederick Helmcke, Neeraj Jaim, and Vijayendra Jaligam have extensive clinical, teaching, and research experience at LSU and adhere to the same disease management outcome goals as LKRMC since LKRMC is part of the LSU Health System.

At LKRMC they will provide to adult patients 18 years of age and older general cardiology services, such as the management of coronary artery diseases, heart failure, and arrhythmias, and will perform echocardiograms, stress and nuclear medicine tests, holter monitors, and more. They will also evaluate patients who may need cardiac surgery, pacemakers, or electrophysiologic studies.

“Patients will see the same nurses and assistants they have been seeing, and our staff will help patients make a seamless transition from one group of doctors to the other,” said Dr. Kathleen H. Willis, LKRMC medical director. “We have been working very closely with this extraordinary group of LSU physicians to ensure that our patients will receive excellent care.”

LKRMC patients will continue to receive high quality cardiology services. The doctors will follow the same all-day schedule of Tuesdays and Thursdays of the previous cardiologists, who are curtailing services to LKRMC because of a staffing shortage although LKRMC will continue a working relationship with them.

The three doctors are on the faculty of the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans Department of Medicine, Section of Cardiology. Dr. Helmcke is the director of echocardiography and an assistant professor, Dr. Jaim is director of cardiology fellowship and an assistant professor of medicine, and Dr. Jaligam is an instructor of clinical medicine.

For more information on LKRMC cardiology services, call (985) 878-1223 or visit our website at [www.lsuhs hospitals.org](http://www.lsuhs hospitals.org).