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Daigrepoint Receives Chief Medical Officer Award

Baton Rouge (February 17, 2009) – The LSU Health Care Services Division (HCSD) awarded Nathan Daigrepoint, HCSD clinical projects director, its Chief Medical Officer’s Award for superior performance and dedication to the provision of quality health care. Daigrepoint is instrumental in two HCSD improvement projects, QualED and LabTracker.

QualED is a comprehensive initiative for HCSD hospitals to assess and optimize all systems and processes in the management and delivery of emergency care, according to best practices for this care.

LabTracker, a clinical data management and reporting system for LSU infectious disease clinics, permits care providers to obtain and view in a single application essential patient information, such as lab data, medication interactions, diagnoses, and more, for managing chronically ill patients.

Daigrepoint’s value to HCSD cannot be overstated. “After hurricanes Katrina and Rita, we needed a project manager for the LSU/VA project in New Orleans, and Nathan stepped in and did a spectacular job,” said Dr. Michael Kaiser, HCSD chief medical officer.

The award was presented at the 12th annual Health Care Effectiveness Forum, entitled “Medical Homes and Academic Health Systems: Fostering Excellence in Health Outcomes in the LSU System.”

A photo of Nathan Daigrepoint is available at:
<http://www.lsuhsospitals.org/Media-Relations/downloads.html>.

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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