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Earl K. Long Medical Center Wins Multiple Awards at LSU Forum

Baton Rouge (February 18, 2009) – The LSU Health Care Services Division (HCSD) awarded staff of Earl K. Long Medical Center (EKLMC) multiple awards for quality health care at the 12th annual Health Care Effectiveness Forum, entitled “Medical Homes and Academic Health Systems: Fostering Excellence in Health Outcomes in the LSU System.”

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

EKLMC won first place for clinical excellence in its care for patients with asthma and first place for most improved for its tobacco cessation program.

EKLMC won second place for most improved in its care for patients with congestive heart failure, second place for most improved in its care for patients with diabetes, and second place for most improved in its care for patients with renal disease.

A photo of award recipients is available at:
<http://www.lsuhs hospitals.org/Media-Relations/downloads.html>.

Here is the **Photo Caption** for the aforementioned photo:
On hand at the annual forum to receive the First Place Clinical Excellence Award were Dr. Jules Assercq and Kerri Capello, RRT, CPFT, AE-C, with the EKLMC Asthma Program.

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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