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## **Interim LSU Public Hospital Wins Multiple Awards at LSU Forum**

### *Fontenot receives CEO award*

**Baton Rouge (February 18, 2009)** – The LSU Health Care Services Division (HCSD) awarded staff of the Interim LSU Public Hospital in New Orleans, La., 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.”

Dr. Cathi Fontenot, formerly interim CEO and medical director of the hospital, received the HCSD Chief Executive Officer Award for her efforts in the recovery of LSU medical services in the New Orleans area after hurricanes Katrina and Rita and for her service throughout her career.

“She provided a source of stability during a turbulent time and good counsel and advice,” said Dr. Michael K. Butler, HCSD CEO. “She always had the best interests of the patient in mind.”

Dr. Fontenot is now associate dean of alumni affairs and development at the LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans.

The hospital also won first place for most improved in congestive heart failure care, asthma care, and cancer screening.

It also won second place for most improved in its tobacco cessation program and tied for second place with Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center for clinical excellence in renal care.

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

Photo of **Dr. Fontenot** is available at:

<http://www.lsuhs hospitals.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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