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Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center Wins Multiple Awards at LSU Forum

Baton Rouge (February 18, 2009) – The LSU Health Care Services Division (HCSD) awarded staff of Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center (LJCMC) 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.

LJCMC won first place for clinical excellence in HIV/AIDS care and first place for clinical excellence in cancer screening. It also won first place for most improved in HIV/AIDS care.

LJCMC won second place for clinical excellence in care for congestive heart failure and second place for clinical excellence in inpatient patient satisfaction.

LJCMC tied with Walter O. Moss Medical Center for second place in clinical excellence in diabetes care and tied for second place with the Interim LSU Public Hospital for clinical excellence in renal care.

LJCMC won first place for most improved in HIV/AIDS care and second place for most improved in cancer screening.

Photos of first-place award recipients for cancer screening and HIV/AIDS care are available at: <http://www.lsuhs hospitals.org/Media-Relations/downloads.html>.

Photo caption for Cancer Screening Award:

Dr. Michael Butler, HCSD CEO (center), was on hand to congratulate those who received the first-place award for cancer screening: Dr. Brent Hemelt (left to right); Rachell Falgout, RN; Kayla Sanders, RN; and Tammy Templet, NA.

Photo Caption for HIV/AIDS Awards:

Debra Jackson, RN (left to right); Cythina Jones, HIV coordinator; Dr. Mary Eschete; and Kathryn Gaidry, LPN 3, accepted two first-place awards for HIV/AIDS care.

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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