

Making Moves: Veteran Faculty Members Accept New Medical School Leadership Roles

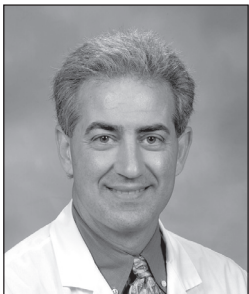
Two veteran faculty members, Kevin M. Sittig, M.D., and Jane M. Eggerstedt, M.D., have been appointed as Associate Deans in the School of Medicine in Shreveport, according to Robert A. Barish, M.D., M.B.A., Chancellor of LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, and Andrew L. Chesson, M.D., Dean of the School of Medicine in Shreveport.

Chancellor Barish and Dean Chesson expressed confidence that the new positions will allow Drs. Sittig and Eggerstedt to enhance their already considerable contributions to the interwoven medical education and patient care programs of LSUHSC-S.

“Dr. Sittig has ably and effectively filled key leadership roles for LSUHSC-S. He clearly has earned the appreciation and respect of our faculty who work closely with him. Dr. Eggerstedt has exhibited strong leadership in the educational arena, and she is well versed in a wide variety of educational affairs with recent active roles in many aspects of education,” Dr. Barish noted.

Dean Chesson said he is “pleased to have two such talented and proven faculty members stepping up to these vitally important leadership roles for LSUHSC-S.”

“Dr. Sittig and I will be working closely to increase the effectiveness of our faculty in their dual roles in clinical teaching and patient



Kevin M. Sittig, M.D.



Jane M. Eggerstedt, M.D.

care for students and house officers,” he said.

“Dr. Eggerstedt has worked closely with me in all our recent major education accreditation activities for the medical school and our innovative standardized patient and simulation programs. She will bring new energy to the evolution of these vital programs and leadership to enhancements in our medical school teaching,” Dr. Chesson said.

Dr. Sittig, a Professor of Surgery and a 1983 alumnus of the School of Medicine in Shreveport who joined the faculty of the Department of Surgery in 1989, is the new Senior Associate Dean. In that capacity he also serves as Chief Medical Officer for the LSU Hospital in Shreveport.

Dr. Eggerstedt, the new Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, joined the faculty of the Department of Surgery in 1986. Since 2005, she has been Assistant Dean for Education Program Development at the School of

Medicine in Shreveport. A Professor of Surgery, Dr. Eggerstedt fills the position held for many years by Dr. Chesson, prior to his being promoted in November to Dean of the medical school.

During his long tenure Dr. Sittig has held several in senior administrative positions in both academic and clinical areas of LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, including E. A. Conway Medical Center in Monroe and Huey P. Long Medical Center in Pineville. Among his campus leadership roles, Dr. Sittig has been Medical Director of the Regional Burn Center at LSUHSC-S for more than a quarter century.

A native of Eunice, after earning his doctor of medicine degree, Dr. Sittig remained in Shreveport to complete his general surgery residency training, followed by a fellowship in Burn Surgery at LSUHSC-S. He later completed fellowship training in surgical endoscopy at East Alabama Medical Center.

Dr. Eggerstedt, an Illinois native, completed her general surgery and her cardiothoracic surgery residencies at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Ill. She then took fellowships in pediatric cardiac surgery and pediatric cardiac pathology at Children’s Hospital in Boston. From July 1984-June 1985, Dr. Eggerstedt took another fellowship in pediatric cardiac surgery at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Allied Health Faculty to Aid Earthquake Victims

Three wound care specialists, all faculty physical therapists from the School of Allied Health Professions, LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, just returned from Haiti as volunteers in the ongoing international disaster relief effort and the April issue of *On the Inside* will bring you a story about their experiences.

Joseph McCulloch, Ph.D., Dean, Stanley McCallon, DPT., Director of the Post-Graduate Wound Management Residency in Physical Therapy, and Ed Mahoney, DPT., Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy, participated in the medical mission. Each is a Certified Wound Specialist of the American Academy of Wound Management.

They participated in the medical mission through an effort jointly sponsored by

the Association for the Advancement of Wound Care and the Global Institute of the Miller School of Medicine at the University of Miami.

“We were contacted through one of our professional associations (Association for the Advancement of Wound Care) and informed of a high demand for certified wound care professionals at the field hospital operated by the Global Institute of the University of Miami,” Dr. McCulloch said.

The field hospital is located on the grounds of the Port au Prince airport. Volunteers travel to Miami on their own and then are flown to Haiti on charter flights operated by the Institute. The deployment is for seven days of actual duty in Haiti, working in 12-hour shifts while living in a tent dormitory adjoining the hospital.”

Dr. Nathan to Head New Organization

LSUHSC-S head and neck cancer specialist Cherie-Ann Nathan, M.D., has been elected as president of a newly formed organization established to promote awareness and education about head and neck cancers.

The Louisiana Chapter of the Head and Neck Cancer Alliance (formerly the Yul Brynner Head and Neck Cancer Foundation) was organized by the LSUHSC-S Feist-Weiller Cancer Center and Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery. The local Board was affiliated in February 2010.

The Louisiana Chapter is the third state chapter to be formed in the country.

The national organization approached Dr. Nathan, Professor and Vice-chairman of the LSU Health Sciences Center Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, because of her national reputation and success in public awareness and prevention initiatives. Dr. Nathan not only has started effective and popular annual head and neck cancer screenings and other educational projects.

Her community service also includes very successful screenings at homeless shelters using the FWCC Partners in Wellness mobile van. Dr. Nathan and her team has organized these outreach screenings through the Yul Brynner Head and Neck Cancer Foundation. In addition, Dr. Nathan conducts novel translational research.

New Faculty

Kris Bryan, Instructor, Emergency Medicine
Hugo Cuellar-Saenz, M.D., Assistant Professor, Neurosurgery

Edward Griffin, M.D., Associate Professor, Medicine

Erin Ham, Instructor, Family Medicine

John Marymont, M.D., Professor, Orthopaedic Surgery

Safal Shetty, M.D., Instructor, Family Medicine

Conway Honored for Excellence In Delta Crisis Intervention Team Project

E.A. Conway Medical Center in Monroe was honored by the Northeast Delta Crisis Intervention Team during that organization’s recent awards banquet.

Conway serves as a vital community partner working with Monroe area law enforcement agencies to help improve the quality of life for individuals with mental illnesses. This is the third consecutive year the hospital has participated in the program.

Several Conway employees were honored by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Region VIII Mental Health Crisis Response Task Force for their roles in training members of the Northeast Delta Crisis Intervention Team.



(from left to right) Chuck Frith, Psych Social Worker/ER; Lisa Griffin, Head Nurse, ER; Sharon Nelson, Director of Nursing; Jonathan Phillips, Assistant Director of Nursing and Corine Barral-Sutton; Assistant Director of Nursing were recognized for their contributions to the training members of the Northeast Delta Crisis Intervention Team.

Chancellor’s Corner

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As we shake off the winter chill and prepare to enjoy the warmer spring days,



Robert Barish, M.D., M.B.A.

two calendar items caught my attention that I would like to point out.

The first is National Patient Safety Awareness Week which is recognized from March 7 – 13.

As an academic health care institution, patient safety should be on our minds year round. However, we can all use this week as an opportunity to recommit and reemphasize the importance of putting patient safety first. This applies not only in fulfilling our mission of health care delivery, but also in our educational and research missions as well.

A few days later is the start of National Poison Prevention Week which on begins March 15th. This week has special significance to the LSU Health Sciences Center as it is home to the Louisiana Poison Control Center. As with our burn and trauma centers and other referral services, the Poison Control Center is a statewide resource which is available day and night. Headed by Dr. Tom Arnold Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine, and Mark Ryan, the Poison Control Center operates 24 hours a day/365 days a year providing critical information when seconds can mean the difference between life and death.

Please join me in celebrating these two important weeks. They should remind us of how exceptional health care can make a difference in the lives of our patients, their families, and our communities.

As always, thank you for everything you do for our patients, our students, our faculty and staff.

Robert A. Barish M.D.

BRF Helps to Market Intellectual Property

The Biomedical Research Foundation (BRF) of Northwest Louisiana is stepping up its initiative to assist in marketing intellectual property at LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport.

The BRF contracted with Zanobia Syed, a graduate student at LSUHSC-S, to assist Tony Giordano, Ph.D., Assistant Dean for Research and Technology Transfer, School of Medicine in Shreveport. Ms. Syed is pursuing his degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in the LSUHSC-S School of Graduate Studies.

According to Dr. Giordano, “Since 2006, LSUHSC-S faculty ideas have led to the development of five new companies including Brain Vital in Boston, Embera Neurotherapeutics in Shreveport, Calosyn Pharma in Shreveport, TheraVasc in Cleveland, and Requisite in Shreveport.”

Dr. Giordano also noted that since 2006, 12 faculty innovations have been licensed with revenue to LSUHSC-S totaling \$247,848.

BRF President Jack Sharp praised Dr. Giordano’s success in working with LSUHSC-S faculty. Mr. Sharp said, “Tony has helped to build this area of focus at LSUHSC-S from almost zero to some impressive results in a short time frame. We look forward to Ms. Syed lending her expertise.”

Event Raises Money for "Camp Tiger"

Camp Tiger, an annual community service project of first-year medical students, got a welcome \$5,000 boost in the form of a donation from Fud's Bar and Grill, which sponsored a recent chili cook-off.

In addition to the money raised from the cook-off, donations also have been made by the Disabled American Veterans and Barksdale's Sergeant's Auxiliary.

Twelve contestants vied to win the chili cook-off. Following the judging, chili was sold by the cup along with tamales which had been donated.

"This is donation topped last year's and is by far the largest single donation ever received for the camp," according to Michelle Basco, Coordinator of Alumni Affairs for the School of Medicine in Shreveport, who provides administrative support for Camp Tiger.

The popular five-day summer camp offers activities for children ages 7-12 who have physical or mental challenges. The tentative dates for this year's camp are June 1 through 5.

To find out more about Camp Tiger or how to help, contact Michelle Basco at 675-6065, or mbasco@lsuhsc.edu.



(l to r) Chad Songy, MS I; Terry Heffern, Fud's; Richard Roe, MS I; Emily Mai, MS I; Bob Moushon, Fud's; Drew Thomas, MS I; Joe Jones, Fud's; Stephanie Mead, MS I; Mary-Katherine Baker, MS I; Evan Smith, MS I

Tournament to Benefit Children's Hospital

Tennis players rejoice...spring is returning, and so is the LSUHSC-S Children's Hospital Adult Tennis Classic.

The tournament theme, created by a pediatric cardiology patient of the Children's Hospital of LSUHSC-S, is "Play with Heart."

Scheduled for the weekend of March 26 - 28 at East Ridge Country Club, the tournament will feature men's, women's and mixed doubles brackets. Entry fee is \$70 per team for first division and \$50 per team for second division.

There also will be a silent auction on Friday and Saturday nights. A Hit for Prizes contest is set for Saturday afternoon. All proceeds benefit the Children's Hospital of LSUHSC-S.

For more information or to register, contact Heather Marsiglia at (318) 675-7869 or go to www.sh.lsuhs.edu/Pediatrics.

School of Allied Health to Offer Health Fair

The LSUHSC-S School of Allied Professions will host a free, public Health Fair on Saturday March 6 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at its 1450 Claiborne Avenue location.

Those attending can take advantage of screenings that will include vision, hearing, bone density, blood pressure, cholesterol and balance.

In addition to the screenings, staff members plan games and activities for children and will offer healthy snacks and water.

LSUHS Foundation Fundraiser Planned

The LSU Health Sciences Foundation is planning its annual "What's Up Doc?" fundraiser for Monday, May 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Diamond Jacks Casino.

Blending food, fun and facts, "What's Up Doc?" brings together LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport faculty and members of the community to discuss health concerns, prevention methods, new treatments, and cutting-edge research.

Community guests have the opportunity to engage in stimulating dinner conversation with a physician or researcher about a medical issue of interest, and learn about the latest innovative programs offered at LSUHSC-S.

Last year, donations to the silent auction raised more than \$103,000, funds critical to enabling LSUHSC-S to respond to urgent needs, time sensitive opportunities and increase its ability to remain at the forefront of health care advances.

All members of the LSUHSC-S family and the greater North Louisiana community are invited to sponsor a table or make a donation.

To help the Foundation raise both funds and awareness of the LSU Health Sciences Center, please contact Cherie Byers, LSU Health Sciences Foundation Development Director, at her new number: 318-861-0855.

Also keep in mind that the Foundation has relocated to its new office at 920 Pierremont Road, Suite 407.

Children's Hospital Hosts Stuffed Animal Clinic

Twin celebrations this month – Child Life Month and Reach Out and Read Month – will be highlighted with a Stuffed Animal Clinic to be held at the Louisiana Boardwalk on Saturday, March 13, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Child Life and the Reach Out and Read programs of the Children's Hospital of LSUHSC-S will host the highly attended Stuffed Animal Clinic for the third year.

Youngsters who come to the clinic will receive stuffed animals that they will check into the "clinic" that will be run by Children's Hospital staff volunteers.

Using play therapy and their imaginations, children can play doctor, giving their stuffed animal "patient" an examination which includes weight, length, vital sign measurements, shots, and bandages.

The goal of the Children's Hospital staff in conducting the Stuffed Animal Clinic is to help children become more comfortable with a medical environment.

E.A. Conway Employee of the Month



Jeremy Bowen

Jeremy Bowen, an employee since 2001, was the E. A. Conway Medical Center Employee of the Month for February.

Mr. Bowen is Clinical Systems Specialist in the Bio-Medical Department. He was graduated from Louisiana Tech University in 2005 with a Bachelors of Science degree in Electrical Engineering Technologies.

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Recognitions and Presentations

◆ Three LSUHSC-S organ transplantation specialists were featured on the program of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons 10th Annual State of the Art Winter Symposium: The Cutting Edge of Transplant Surgery.

Gazi Zibari, M.D.; Hosein Shokouh-Amiri, M.D.; Robert McMillan, M.D., all Professors in the Department of Surgery, presented "A Novel Technique for Pancreas Transplantation."

The video presentation detailed a new technical innovation by the transplant team at LSUHSC-S that involves connecting the donor duodenum to the front of the stomach. This technique allows for easy access for pancreatic transplantation as well as facilitating biopsy of donor duodenum and pancreas to rule out acute rejection, Cytomegalovirus infection and/or to diagnosis and treat donor duodenum bleeding.

◆ The Society of Toxicology (SOT) has chosen **Kenneth E. McMartin, Ph.D.**, Professor, Department of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Neuroscience, as the winner of its 2010 Translational Impact award.

Through his career, Dr. McMartin has had a significant impact on clinical toxicology. He has focused on the study of mechanisms of action of toxicants important in common poisonings and development of antidotes.

As the recipient of the award, Dr. McMartin will present the Translational Impact Award Lecture at the 2010 SOT Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City. Dr. McMartin's talk is entitled "Translating mechanism-based research into antidotes: Trials, tribulations and triumphs."

◆ **V. Hugh "Chip" Price, Jr., D.V.M.**, Professor, Department of Molecular and Cellular Physiology and Director, Animal Resources, was recently awarded the Dr. Ralph C. Cooper Veterinarian of the Year by the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association (LVMA). The award was presented during the organization's annual meeting.

Throughout his career Dr. Price has held numerous leadership positions in the LVMA including the organization's presidency in 1999. He is also a past president of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science and served on that association's board from 1998 - 2006. Dr. Price currently represents veterinarians in Texas,

Louisiana and Arkansas to the Executive Board of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Dr. Price, who specializes in laboratory animal medicine, joined LSUHSC-S in 1984 as its first full-time veterinarian. Under his leadership, in 1985 LSUHSC-S gained full accreditation from the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care.

◆ **F. Dean Griffen, M.D.**, Professor, Department of Surgery, has been elected as president-elect of the Louisiana State Medical Society (LSMS).



As president-elect, Dr. Griffen will serve on the 2010 Board of Governors and assume the presidency of the LSMS in January of 2011.

"I look forward with great anticipation to the opportunity to work with other leaders and staff of the Louisiana State Medical Society," said Dr. Griffen. "Advocating for patients and their physicians, we will seek to identify and champion opportunities to achieve the best health care possible for Louisiana's citizens during these especially challenging times."

Dr. Griffen has been an active LSMS member since 1969, serving in several positions of leadership including president of Shreveport Medical Society in 1997.

Over the years, Dr. Griffen has been the recipient of numerous medical awards and honors including the Distinguished Service Award by the American College of Surgeons and the Resident Award for best teaching faculty at LSUHSC-S in the Department of Surgery.

◆ **Anil Nanda, M.D.**, Professor and Head of the Department of Neurosurgery, was honored lecturer at the Mayo Clinic Department of Neurosurgery, in Rochester, Minnesota, where he served as Visiting Professor.

Dr. Nanda's lecture, "Skull Base Surgery: Why the Owl Minerva Flies at Dusk," discussed the anatomy and indication the skull-base approach to neurosurgical treatment, highlighted by pictures and video of possible complications.

As Visiting Professor, Dr. Nanda also delivered an address, "Nobility of Spirit," to Mayo Clinic neurosurgery residents, discussing humanism and surgery.

Library Hosts "Women in Medicine" Exhibit

This month, LSUHSC-S Medical Library will premiere "Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians," a traveling exhibit from the National Library of Medicine.

The exhibition, which honors the lives and achievements of women in medicine, will be on display in the Medical Library from March 15 to April 25.

It features women of all generations, from diverse backgrounds, in every aspect of the medical profession. A related display will recognize LSUHSC-S's own women physicians.

Human Resources Corner

It's that time of year again—no, not tax time; time to take a look at your current benefits and decide if any changes need to be made to your existing coverage.

To assist employees, Human Resources will again be hosting the Annual Benefits Fair where you can get valuable information about the plans that interest you, as well as visit with representatives from our participating Vendors.

On the Shreveport campus the Benefits Fair will be held Tuesday, April 13, in the BRI Atrium from 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

At E.A. Conway Medical Center in Monroe a Benefits Fair is scheduled for Friday, April 16, in the 2nd floor auditorium from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Employees at Huey P. Long Medical Center in Pineville can attend a fair Wednesday, March 10, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Annex Building.

Plans to be offered include Health, Dental, Vision, Flexible spending Accounts, the Cafeteria Plan (tax savings plan), Critical Illness Insurance, Life insurance, Long Term Care and others.

Human Resources encourages employees to take advantage of the opportunity to make changes to medical plans and/or enroll in other plans, some of which are only offered during Annual Enrollment.

Employees may also elect to drop or add eligible dependents at this time. Keep in mind, if adding dependents it will be necessary to provide required documentation for dependents (Social Security card, Birth Certificate, Marriage License, etc.) before they will be enrolled in a benefit plan. Coverage selected during the month of April will be for the 2010-2011 benefits year which will begin July 1, 2010.