



ON THE INSIDE

LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport

Additional Clinics Move in to Ambulatory Care Clinic Building

The move into the recently completed Ambulatory Care Clinic Building, adjacent to the Women's and Children's Center, continues.

The clinics now occupying the facility with new room and phone numbers are:

General Medicine Clinic/Medicine Primary Care/GI Services

2nd Floor/Room 2166

Main Number **813-2528/3-3538** Fax **813-2177**

Medicine Specialty Clinics (see listing below)

2nd Floor/Room 2099

Main Number **813-2500/3-2500** Fax **813-2525**

Rheumatology Clinic, Nephrology Clinic, Endocrine Clinic, Cardiology Clinic, Neurology Clinic, Pulmonary Clinic

Orthopedic Clinic

1st Floor/Room 1110

Main Number **813-2280/3-2280** Fax **813-2279**

Surgery Clinic

3rd Floor/Room 3149

Main Number **813-2655/3-2655** Fax **813-2673**

Diabetic Limb and Wound Care Clinic - 3rd Floor/Room 3149

Main Number **813-2678/3-2678** Fax **813-2687**

The following clinic moves are scheduled throughout April, with operational target dates noted:

April 3

Otolaryngology (ENT) Clinic

3rd Floor/Room 3082

Main Number **813-2690/3-2690** Fax **813-2692**

Oral Surgery Clinic

3rd Floor/Room 3221

Main Number **813-2625/3-2625** Fax **813-2627**

April 10

Faculty Clinic – DCI – Closed for patient care

Neurology/Neurosurgery Clinic

2nd Floor/Room 2033

Main Number **813-2482/3-2482** Fax **813-2491**

Dermatology Clinic (relocates from Children's Health Clinic)

2nd Floor/Room 2099

Main Number **813-2500/3-2500** Fax **813-2525**

Psychiatry Clinic and Partners In Wellness moved into the Ambulatory Care Clinic Building in December.

Employee Parking Options for Ambulatory Care Building

Employees whose work areas relocate to the Ambulatory Care Clinic Building (ACC) will have several parking options.

In addition to their designated lot, employees whose parking decal admits them to any LSUHSC-S lot may park in the old Yokem Toyota location, which has approximately 150 parking spaces.

Employees parking at the old Chevylard site are served by a shuttle, which picks up and drops off in front of the old Spartans warehouse, near the receiving sign.

During morning hours, ACC-based employees need to inform the driver that they need to be dropped off at ACC. In the afternoons, the driver shuttles ACC employees to and from Chevylard.

At 5 p.m., enroute from picking up employees at the main campus stop, drivers will pick up any ACC employees on their way to Chevylard.

Shuttle service will not be offered between the ACC building and M-lot South.

Auxiliary Services will monitor the shuttle service and adjust as needed to fit the needs of employees who ride the shuttle. ■

Cancer Screening Date Set

A free, upcoming screening offered by LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport could help detect cancer and save lives.

The Feist-Weiller Cancer Center will offer its annual head and neck cancer screening from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, April 21. An appointment is required for the free screening. To schedule an appointment, call (318) 675-6262.

Free valet parking is available at the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center Outpatient Treatment Building.

Of the 130 patients screened last year, 21 were referred for further evaluation and 20 were referred for consultation for suspected neoplasm.

The screening is conducted by members of the Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery faculty in conjunction with the national Oral and Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week sponsored by the Yul Brynner Head and Neck Cancer Foundation.

Locals Give Tangible Help to Level I Trauma Center

CHRISTUS Schumpert Health Center and Willis-Knighton Health Systems have donated \$140,000 each in support of the Level I Adult and Pediatric Trauma Center at LSUHSC-S.

Funds will be used to recruit a second trauma surgeon who will work with Cuthbert Simpkins, M.D., Professor of Surgery and trauma surgeon.

The idea of supporting the Level I Trauma Center arose during discussions in the Committee of One Hundred's subcommittee on Health Care. The Committee of One Hundred is an organization whose membership includes top executives of the community's major businesses.

Both CHRISTUS Schumpert and Willis-Knighton are members, as is LSUHSC-S, and they agreed that additional funding is needed to support the Trauma Care Center's designation as a Level I.

"We appreciate the contributions of CHRISTUS Schumpert and Willis-Knighton in investing in the Trauma Care Center. The fact that Shreveport has this resource no doubt saves lives on a regular basis," said John C. McDonald, M.D., LSUHSC-S Chancellor and Dean.

The Level I Trauma Center was recently re-verified by the American College of Surgeons and remains the only operating Level I Trauma Center in Louisiana. ■

Dr. Barbara Manno Reappointed to FDA Panel

Barbara R. Manno, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Psychiatry, has been reappointed to a four year term as a consultant in the specialty of substance abuse pharmacology or toxicology to the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Clinical Chemistry and Clinical Toxicology Devices Panel, to other panels of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee and to the Center for Devices and Radiologic Health.

Dr. Manno has held the positions since 1998 and will review and evaluate data on the safety and effectiveness of marketed and investigational devices, make recommendations for their regulation and advise the Commissioner of Food and Drugs regarding classification or reclassification of these devices.

Her other responsibilities include advising the FDA concerning health risks associated with the devices; formulation of product development protocols; review pre-market approval applications of medical devices; review guidelines and guidance documents; recommend exemption to certain devices from the application of portions of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act; and respond to requests from the Agency to review and make recommendations on the quality in the design of clinical studies regarding the safety and effectiveness of marketed and investigational devices.

During Dr. Manno's previous term she was appointed as an *ad hoc* voting member of the General and Plastic Surgery for two meetings which reviewed the advisability to allow the marketing of silicon breast implants.

Dr. Manno, who is a Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Toxicology, also serves as a consultant to National Institutes on Drug Abuse; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, National Laboratory Certification Program; and to the Department of Defense as a Quality Assurance Inspector of military operated Forensic Drug Testing Laboratories. ■

Medical Students Participate in Match Day Activities

Senior medical students who will be graduated from the LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport on May 27 cheered each other as they took turns learning where each classmate will enter residency training during Match Day ceremonies March 16.

More than 53 percent of them selected to remain in Louisiana to begin their residency training.

Of the 93 seniors who will enter residency training programs on July 1, 40 matched to residency training programs offered through the LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, which includes E. A. Conway Medical Center at Monroe and a Family Practice residency at Alexandria.

It is important for Louisiana to retain its graduating medical school seniors as research has shown that where a resident completes training is the single biggest influence on where he or she will enter practice.

Thirty-nine medical students from the School of Medicine in Shreveport will enter residencies in internal medicine, family practice or pediatrics, or the combine medicine/pediatric track, the specialties most often referred to as primary care.

Encouraging students to enter primary care is a major goal of the LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport.

The Match determines where graduating medical students will train for the next three to seven years, or longer, depending on the requirements of the specific residency program. At the same time, the Match notifies all



Left: Gretchen Patterway announces her residency assignment at LSU Health Sciences Center - Shreveport in Pediatrics.

Below: Walker Jones (left) and Rebecca Jones (center) learn they will take their residencies at University of Arkansas - Little Rock, he in Dermatology and she in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Mark Platt, Ph.D. (right), Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, applauds the announcement.



teaching hospitals in the United States, like the LSU Hospital in Shreveport and E. A. Conway Medical Center, which new physicians will enter their residency programs.

The LSU Hospital will welcome 84 first-year residents July 1, including the 40 seniors from the School of Medicine in Shreveport who matched there. Conway will welcome eight new Family Practice residents. Five Family Practice residents will enter the Alexandria community-based residency offered by LSUHSC-S in Alexandria. ■

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Medical Library Adds PDA Portal to Boost Access

If you are among employees and students who use a personal digital assistant (PDA) and are looking for medical content, the LSUHSC-S Medical Library now has the answer.

It recently added a PDA portal on its website. The portal highlights databases and e-books in the library's collection that offer content for a PDA.

In addition, the portal contains a list of popular free medical applications for PDAs. Each resource has a basic description, and notes which devices are supported (i.e. Palm or PocketPC).

The library's PDA portal is available at <http://lib.sh.lsuhs.edu/portals/pda/> ■

Dr. McMartin Teaches School Children Science "Secrets"



Kenneth McMartin, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Neuroscience, served as a volunteer educator during the recent Society of Toxicology (SOT) Meeting in San Diego.

Dr. McMartin, chair of the SOT Committee on K-12 Education, organized a daylong event that accompanied an exhibit, *GENOME: The Secret*

of *How Life Works*, at the San Diego Natural History Museum. It featured an eight-foot-tall, 25-foot-long genetic model of a double helix, interactive displays on genes, DNA, proteins, and cells, and special displays on toxicology and its advancement of public health.

"The SOT Committee on K-12 Education strives to inform teachers, students, and the public about opportunities to learn more about science, in particular toxicology," Dr. McMartin said. "Over 2,500 students, teachers and visitors had the chance to experience an exceptionally creative introduction to genetics – and to toxicology."

SOT, a scientific and professional organization founded in 1961, now has 6,000 members worldwide. It is the largest society of toxicologists in the world. ■

New Faculty

James G. Traylor, M.D., Associate Professor-Clinical, Pathology
Michael F. Salvatore, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Pharmacology, Toxicology and Neuroscience

Human Resources Corner

Employees interested in changing aspects of their benefits should be aware that the period for annual enrollment ends April 30.

This is the only open opportunity employees have during the year to switch medical plans, enroll in plans, or make changes to current plans during the fiscal year.

Plans offered include health, dental, vision, Flexible Spending Accounts, and the Cafeteria Plan. Employees have an opportunity to obtain information about the plans during seminars and a Benefits Fair:

April 10 - Benefits Annual Open Enrollment Seminars: 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. - Medical School Auditorium, 1-400 and 7 p.m. - Private Dining Room.

Benefits Fair 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Medical School Conference Center – G-221

April 18 - LSU System Health Plan/ Definity Meetings 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. - Medical School Auditorium, 1-400

If you want to make changes to a plan, come to the Human Resources Benefits Office (AHB 124) during April from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You do not need an appointment.

Please note:

- ❖ Employees can enroll in medical plans and apply for life insurance throughout the fiscal year.
- ❖ LASERS' Retirement Education Division will be conducting a LASERS' PREP TO GO presentation on **May 9** from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Medical School Auditorium, 1-400. HR Benefits encourages everyone who is participating in LASERS and is within 10 years of retirement to attend.

- ❖ Those enrolled in the Cafeteria Plan, Flexible Spending Accounts, dental, and/or Vision Insurance, can make changes and/or cancellations during the fiscal year if you have a qualifying event. Qualifying events include: marriage, divorce, birth, or death. HR Benefits has a complete list of qualifying events.

- ❖ Employees unsure who is named as beneficiary on their benefit plans should check with HR Benefits to make sure records are current. ■

Dr. Cardelli Receives NIH Grant to Study Bioterrorism Agent

James Cardelli, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, and Director of Basic and Translational Research for the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center has been awarded a two year National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant for \$398,750.

His project is entitled "Role of Interferon-gamma Induced Macrophage GTPases in *Brucella* Killing."

Brucella, a bacteria normally found in animals, including dogs, pigs and cows, grows inside macrophages after it infects a person. These cells are important in the immune response and intracellular infections are very difficult to treat with antibiotics; relapses are common.

New treatment approaches are required and work to develop them has accelerated because the *Brucella* could be used as a biological weapon.

Dr. Cardelli's research team, including Dr. Bryan Bellaire and Dr. Adam Rupper, seeks to determine what host-cell proteins are activated, or expressed in macrophages exposed to the cytokine Interferon-gamma, in order to reduce intracellular replication of the bacteria, information that potentially will lead to novel approaches to treat the disease. ■

Cardelli Award Recognizes Three for Cancer Research

Three winners of the Jason A. Cardelli Award for Excellence in Cancer Research were announced in conjunction with the recent Barlow Symposium, sponsored annually by the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center of LSUHSC-S.

They are Gretchen Bentz, Maren Knappe and Sri Balakrishnan.

Ms. Bentz, a graduate student in the lab of Andrew Yurochko, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, was selected for her work in explaining how a human herpes virus can increase angiogenesis, a process important in tumor growth.

Mr. Knappe, a visiting student from Germany in the lab of Martin Sapp, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, has been exploring how the Human Papilloma virus invades human cells.

Ms. Balakrishnan is graduate assistant in the lab of David Gross, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Her research involved using a Model system to examine the function of a novel tumor suppressor protein named p53.

The Cardelli Award carries a cash prize of \$250 and is funded, in part, through contributions made by Dr. Cardelli's parents.

Jason Cardelli, for whom the award is named, is the late brother of James Cardelli, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, and Director of Research for the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center. He was a nationally recognized astronomer on the faculty at Villanova at the time of his death in 1996 at age 40.

In memory of his brother's many achievements, including his influence on young students, Dr. Jim Cardelli initiated the award, presented to students and postdoctoral fellows/residents conducting research in a cancer area.

The award is funded, in part, by contributions made by Dr. Cardelli's parents. ■

"What's Up Doc?" Date Set By LSUHS Foundation

The LSU Health Sciences Foundation's annual fundraiser, "What's Up Doc?" is scheduled for Monday, May 1 at Sam's Town Casino and Hotel, beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a silent auction, followed at 7:30 p.m. by dinner.

This signature event sponsored by the Foundation allows community members to enjoy intimate dinner conversation about a pre-determined topic of interest with one of 40 faculty members. This year's topics range from "Preventing Strokes for Different Folks" to "Surviving and Recovering from a Burn Injury."

This fundraiser is designed to broaden community awareness of the distinguished "docs" and programs at LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport.

Funds raised are used by the Foundation in support of the LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport.

Event sponsorships are available at the \$2,500 and \$5,000 levels. Tables of 10, including the faculty member and his/her guest, are available for \$1,250. Individual tickets are \$125. A portion of each contribution is tax deductible.

For more information, please call the Foundation office at 675-5002, or visit www.lsuhsfoundation.org. ■

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Emergency Medicine Resident Wins Award

Amy Gutman, M.D., second-year Emergency Medicine resident, won the Best Cardiac Arrest Research Presentation Award presented at the recent annual meeting of the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) in Tucson.

Dr. Gutman's poster presentation was "Successfully Implementing Resuscitation Protocols into Clinical Practice."

NAEMSP is an organization of physicians and other professionals partnering to provide leadership and foster excellence in hospital emergency medical services.

Emergency Medicine faculty members Donna Carden, M.D., Professor, and Derrell Graham, M.D., Associate Professor, served as co-authors of the presentation. ■

E.A. Conway Respiratory Service Honored

E. A. Conway Medical Center has been named a Quality Respiratory Care Institution by the American Association for Respiratory Care for the fourth straight year.

It is one of only 500 hospitals among the nation's 5,000 to have received the designation.

Hospitals are recognized under this program for ensuring patient safety by agreeing to adhere to strict criteria governing their respiratory care services.

To qualify for the distinction, a respiratory department must meet the following criteria:

- ❖ All respiratory therapists employed by the hospital to deliver bedside respiratory care services are either recognized by the state as competent to provide respiratory care services or hold certified respirator therapist credentials

- ❖ therapists must be on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week

- ❖ a physician is designated as medical director of respirator care services.

The designation is valid for one year. ■

Dr. Joseph Manno Selected as Harger Award Recipient

Joseph Manno, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, was honored as recipient of the 2006 Rolla N. Harger Award, presented by the Toxicology Section of The American Academy of Forensic Sciences at an awards ceremony during the Academy's recent annual meeting held in Seattle.

The award, named for Dr. Manno's mentor, was presented in recognition of Dr. Manno's outstanding contributions to the field and profession of forensic toxicology.

Dr. Manno is a Fellow of the Academy, which has more than 5,600 members from all 50 states, Canada and 50 other countries and consists of ten sections representing a wide range of forensic specialties.

Members include physicians, attorneys, dentists, toxicologists, physical anthropologists, document examiners, psychiatrists, engineers, criminalists, educators, and others who practice, study, and perform research in the forensic sciences.

Dr. Manno's research focuses on the pharmacokinetics of drugs of abuse and the pharmacodynamics of their association with human psychomotor performance. He has also trained doctoral and post doctoral level forensic toxicologists.

Dr. Harger, a pioneer in the development of breath testing for alcohol who made many significant contributions to forensic toxicology, served as a member of Dr. Manno's doctoral committee. ■

E. A. Conway Employee of the Month



Raina Futrell, R.N.

Raina Futrell was the E. A. Conway Medical Center's Employee of the Month for March.

Ms. Futrell is a registered nurse and Nurse Manager of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. She has been employed at the hospital for 28 years.

She and her husband Paul have an 18 year old son, Cody who is a sophomore at the University of Louisiana at Monroe majoring in Mass Communications and has spina bifida. Ms. Futrell has written Cody's life story, titled "Beyond the Steps and Stares" which was published last July.

Ms. Futrell plans to complete her career in the NICU with thirty years, then pursue her other passion as an inspirational speaker and writer. ■