I would like to congratulate our 2005 Family Medicine Residency graduates. You have all worked very hard, and I wish you good fortune and success in your future practice locations:

**Kenner Family Practice Residency**
- Dr. Ross Fremin – Alexandria
- Dr. Michael Heichen
- Dr. Lorraine Metzler
- Dr. Ilaben Patel – Paynesville, Minn.
- Dr. Coleman Pratt – Sarasota, Fla.
- Dr. Thanh Vo – Leesville, La.

**Lafayette Family Practice Residency**
- Dr. Michael Duplechain – Baton Rouge
- Dr. Evelyn Johnson – rural Georgia
- Dr. Glen Lafleur – Eunice, La.
- Dr. Mitchell Montelaro – Baton Rouge
- Dr. Laura Rogers – Alexandria
- Dr. J. Coogan Ryan – Lafayette

**Lake Charles Family Practice Residency**
- Dr. Shawn Baquet – New Iberia, La.
- Dr. Jaime Benton – Navasota, Texas
- Dr. Stacy Conville – Monroe
- Dr. David Heinen – Iota, La.

I am also proud to announce that Dr. Warren Gude has completed our Sports Medicine Fellowship, becoming the program’s first graduate. Congratulations!

This year also saw the first graduates of the LSUHSC Rural Scholars Track. Drs. Michael Bodin, Deborah Burch, Chrissy Lalonde, Jason Landry, and Emilio Russo were the first students to complete the program, which trains physicians to practice primary-care medicine in rural areas. Congratulations on this achievement!

In addition, I offer my sincerest apologies to Dr. Sheryl Horton, whose name was inadvertently left out of our May-June newsletter listing the LSU School of Medicine – New Orleans graduates going into Family Medicine. Dr. Horton will be practicing Family Medicine at Kaiser Permanente in Orange County, Calif. We are proud of all of our graduates and wish you all the best of luck.

—Kim Edward LeBlanc, M.D., Ph.D.
Marie Lahasky Professor and Chairman

**Holistic primary-care services added to FM clinic**

In addition to general Family Medicine services, the LSU Family Medicine Clinic at Lindy Boggs Medical Center now offers holistic primary care. Provided by Dr. Henri Roca, Assistant Professor and Chief, Section of Integrative Medicine, these services combine the best of complementary medicine and conventional medicine while addressing the entire person—mind, body, spirit, and emotions. Dr. Roca is board-certified in both Family Medicine and Holistic Medicine. He is a trained and licensed medical acupuncturist, hypnotherapist, and massage therapist.

Holistic interventions can include such things as botanical and nutritional suggestions, bodywork, hypnotherapy, acupuncture, and energy therapy. A primary focus of evaluation and treatment is to help patients be as healthy as possible even within the challenges of specific diseases.

The LSU Family Medicine Clinic at Lindy Boggs Medical Center is located at 3535 Bienville St., Ste. W-490. For an appointment, call (504) 412-1366. For more information, Dr. Roca can be reached at (504) 568-4570 or hroca@lsuhsc.edu.
Family Medicine Update draws more than 130 docs

The 34th Annual Family Medicine Update was a success, with more than 130 family physicians from across the country attending the four-and-half-day course. Faculty presenters from LSU Family Medicine included:

- **Dona Alba** on “Domestic Violence,” “Estrogen Controversy,” and “Pre-Convention Care”
- **Thomas Bond** on “Shoulder Injuries in Athletics” and “Hypertension in Athletes and Active Individuals”
- **James Campbell** on “Post-Partum Care” and “Wound Care”
- **Charles Cefalu** on “Stroke”
- **Michele Larzelere** on “Partnering with Somatizing Patients”

- **Farzana Ajmal, M.D.,** and **Saira Jamal, M.D.,** joined the department as our first Geriatric Medicine Fellows.
- **Bryan Barootes, M.D.,** Assistant Professor, Lake Charles Family Practice Residency Program, attended and presented at the Canada Summer Games Sport Medicine Conference in Regina, Saskatchewan in June. He also lectured at the University of Saskatchewan’s Presenting Highlights in Medicine conference. In addition, Dr. Barootes serves as Principal Investigator for LOSS: Pragmatic Clinical Evaluation of Treatments for Severe Obesity for State Group Benefits Members in Louisiana.
- **Drs. Dixie Broussard** and **Barry Byram,** chief residents in the Lafayette Family Practice Residency Program, attended the 18th Annual Chief Residents’ Conference in Dallas in May.
- **Charles A. Cefalu, M.D., M.S.,** Professor and Chief, Section of Geriatric Medicine, is one of three delegates appointed by Gov. Kathleen Babineaux Blanco to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging. The conference, which occurs every 10 years, will be held in Washington, D.C., in December.
- **Betty B. Gatipon, Ph.D., M.Ed.,** Associate Professor, Section of Predoctoral Education, was named Co-Editor of “Teaching Points – A 2-minute Mini-lecture,” a column in The Teaching Physician, the electronic newsletter of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine. In addition, she wrote a chapter on “Learning Contracts” in the recently published Family Medicine Clerkship Guide.
- **Drs. Jody George and Brent Hutson,** residents in the Lake Charles Family Practice Residency Program, participated in the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors’ Frontline: Diabetes workshop. Dr. Hutson also took part in the Frontline: Better Bones osteoporosis workshop.
- **Drs. DeSha Folgar, David Heinen, Bradley Loewer,** and **Amy Townsend,** residents in the Lake Charles Family Practice Residency Program, presented awards to students from Prien Lake Elementary School who won Louisiana’s Tar Wars Poster Contest.
- **Alan LeBato, M.D.,** Assistant Professor and Director, Lake Charles Family Practice Residency Program, attended the AFMRD’s Annual Workshop in Kansas City in June. In addition, Dr. LeBato and residents Jody George and DeSha Folgar attended the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students in July.
- **Kim Edward LeBlanc, M.D., Ph.D.,** Marie Lahasky Professor and Chairman, was awarded the Archie W. Feinstein D.O. Award from the American Association of Osteopathic Examiners in May. He was recognized for his efforts to license osteopathic physicians in the state of Louisiana. Prior to Dr. LeBlanc’s efforts, Louisiana was the only state in the country that did not license osteopathic physicians.
- **Lorraine Metzler, M.D.,** a 2005 graduate of the Kenner Family Practice Residency Program, was elected President of the New Orleans Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Citizens Academy Alumni Association.
- **S. Paul Starr, M.D.,** Assistant Professor, accompanied 15 first-year medical students on a trip to the Dominican Republic. The students learned the basics of patient assessment and witnessed how versatile a family physician can be, particularly in a setting with limited resources.

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**Changes to clerkship well-received**

Recent revisions made to our third-year clerkship have been rated highly by students. The Introduction and Midcourse seminars were modified to include 11 new topics and an NBME Board question review. Also, the clerkship now emphasizes patient-presentation skills and includes Clinical Scenario Investigation (CSI-New Orleans), in which students compete in a real-time atmosphere to find the best Evidence Based Medicine answers to less common clinical questions.