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# CHANCELLOR'S Notes

July 20, 2012

## Hotel implosion Sunday

The implosion of the Pallas Hotel is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. Sunday, July 22. The LSUHSC downtown campus is within the area of a potential dust cloud and the garage will not be a viewing site.



Local media will carry the implosion live and IT has arranged to stream it live as well. Details about how to access it are included in the email sent this afternoon.

For those whose duties require them to be here, you should be able to enter our campus at ground level from the Poydras Street side. I-10 will be closed in both directions between the Orleans Avenue exit and the Pontchartrain Expressway beginning at 7 a.m. Eastbound traffic from the west will be diverted at the Poydras Street/Superdome exit.

The lower floors of the garage will be accessible for parking; however the upper floors will be barricaded. The parking garage is not a viewing area. Parking will also be available in Student Lot 2, on the corner of Perdido and Bolivar streets.

## LSUHSC nurses hold health fair to celebrate new clinic

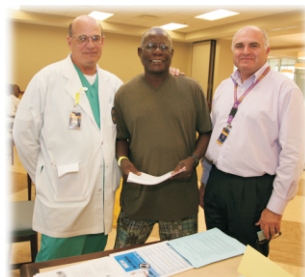
The LSU Health School of Nursing/Healthcare Network Clinic held its first Health Education Fair for the residents of Village de Jardin yesterday. The clinic nurse practitioners, School of Nursing faculty and students worked the event, which also gave the residents an opportunity to get to know them a little better and learn more about services.



Jean Cefalu, RN, goes over medicines with a resident

The LSU Health School of Nursing/Healthcare Network Clinic is funded by a \$2.6 million HRSA-Division of Nursing grant that was awarded to the LSUHSC School of Nursing last year to take care of elders on the campus of Village de Jardin in New Orleans East. Village de Jardin is a Louisiana Housing Corporation complex that provides affordable housing for people 50 and over in a gated community. The clinic is a nurse-managed clinic staffed by nurse practitioners

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Ray Campo & Dean Dr. Demetrius Porche flank a resident

## LSUHSC research finds treating stress prevented new MS brain lesions

Research conducted by Jesus Lovera, MD, Assistant Professor of Neurology at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans, and colleagues has shown that stress management treatment significantly reduced the formation of new brain lesions in people with multiple sclerosis (MS) over the course of treatment. These lesions are markers of disease activity used to objectively measure disease status. The work is published ahead of print and is now available online in *Neurology*.



Dr. Jesus Lovera

The research found that 77% of the patients undergoing stress management therapy remained free of lesions while they were in treatment compared to 55% of those in the control group.

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who provide primary care to Village de Jardin residents. Additionally, the clinic will provide clinical opportunities for nursing and other health care learners.



Dr. Stephanie Pierce, Dr. Cynthia Langford, Neva Lipscomb, Dr. Denise Danna, P.I. Dr. Shelley Jeanfreau, & Gwen Stewart-Woods, RN, MSN

The presence of a clinic in such a property, is considered to be quite innovative and it will serve as a national model.

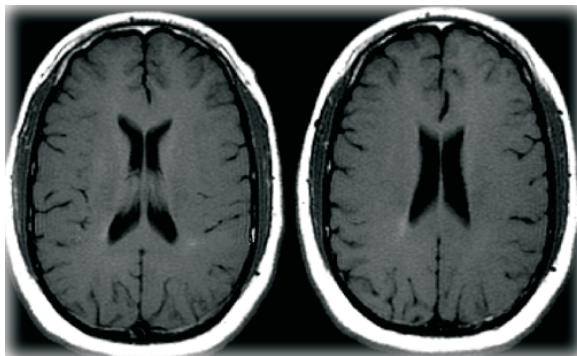
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The research team studied 121 patients with relapsing forms of MS, most of whom are women. They were randomly assigned to receive stress management therapy for MS or were wait-listed while continuing to receive their usual treatment for MS. The therapy group received 16 individual treatment sessions over 24 weeks, and were then followed for an additional 24 weeks.

MRIs were performed at the start of the study as well as at weeks 8, 16, 24, 32, 40 and 48.

They revealed that while lesions were prevented or reduced during stress therapy, the benefit did not continue beyond treatment. There are a number of possible reasons.

The study documented, however, that stress management clearly improved disease activity in the treatment group for the duration of therapy, and that finding lays the groundwork for further study to determine how best to continue the benefit.



## LSUHSC doctor takes life-saving message public

LSUHSC's Dr. Costa Dimitriadis briefed reporters about the danger of leaving kids in cars in summer heat at a press conference at Children's Hospital this week. He explained what heat stroke is and that young children's bodies heat up 3 to 5 times faster than adults'.



Dr. Costa Dimitriadis

Dr. Dimitriadis, medical director of the pediatric intensive care unit, stressed that the temperature can rise 20 degrees in just 10 minutes inside of a car. Tragedies can happen much faster than you think, even on days when it doesn't seem that hot.

He joined the National Highway Traffic Safety Association, the Louisiana State Police, Safe Kids Worldwide, and a grandfather whose family suffered the terrible loss of a child in helping to launch the *Where's baby? Look before you Lock* campaign in our region.

Dr. Dimitriadis issued a call to action – to all of us. If you see an unattended child in a car, act and act fast, because when concerned citizens act, lives are saved.