

CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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Emergency situation plan on the web

The revised emergency situation plan for weather-related emergencies is now on the web and can be accessed on the New Orleans site as CM 51 under Administration, Policies and Procedures.



The information in this document is institutional, involving schools, clinical operations, business and administrative offices, centers of excellence, and institutes. Emergency plans specific to individual components or facilities are part of this plan by reference.

Our goal in designing this plan was to ensure the safety of our students, faculty, and staff while simultaneously making every effort to protect the Health Sciences Center's clinical and research enterprises. This plan will continue to evolve and be refined as we complete the repairs and renovations to our facilities.

Rotations ready

Clinical rotations for medical students and residents have been finalized -- just in time for the start of classes and residencies.



LSU Medical Alumni Association celebrates Diamond Jubilee Reunion Weekend

The LSU Medical Alumni Association is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee Alumni Reunion today and tomorrow.



Events include reunions for the classes of '46, '51, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, and '96.

Among the other social events are the LSU Medical Alumni Golf Classic being played at the Audubon Park Golf Course, and a cocktail party at the New Orleans Hilton.



Girls gone wild

The theme of the scientific session is "Girls Gone Wild", and it focuses on the health effects of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Following an update of medical education which I will give, presentations are as follows:

Humanism: The Legacy of Katrina. Dr. Ben deBoisblanc, Professor of Medicine and Medical Director of MCLNO's Medical Intensive Care Unit, will describe the heroism and humanism of keeping desperately ill patients alive with no electricity to run lights, air conditioning, ventilators and other medical equipment, or running water, and getting them safely evacuated.

An Island of Survival in a Sea of Destruction-Lessons from the Lafayette Cajundome. Dr. Paul Azar, Jr. will discuss what it was

like inside one of the largest evacuation shelters in the state.

Mental Health in Times of Crisis-Dr. Howard Osofsky will talk about the storm of mental health issues still affecting those living in hurricane areas.

Managing Chronic Medical Illness During an Acute Crisis-Dr. Keith Van Meter will talk about issues such as disaster management of chronic ventilator patients without electricity, dehydration and field resuscitation of patients.

Infectious Diseases and Hurricane Katrina-Dr. Fred Lopez will give an overview of contagious diseases during and after Katrina.

The session will conclude with a panel discussing lessons learned.



Dr. Ben deBoisblanc evacuates a patient