

CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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Work on University Hospital progressing well

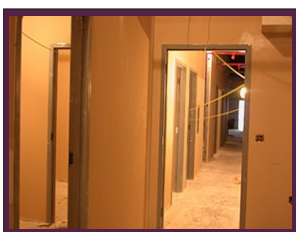
Repairs at University Hospital continue on schedule. The dry wall is up and primed in the Pharmacy. Plumbing rough in for the basement is complete. Metal stud framing is being installed in the basement. HVAC equipment and duct work are being installed in the basement.



Dry wall is being installed in the 4th floor Core Lab area. The electrical distribution work is complete. The domestic water booster pumps are being installed.



The building now has power and AC from the 2nd floor through the 8th floor and demolition for the Phase II renovation has begun.



Patient admissions are still on track for the fall. ■

LSUHSC unveils next generation simulators

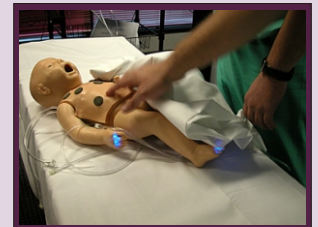
With the help of Drs. Russell Klein, Charles Hilton, Valeriy Kozmenko, and John Paige, along with medical students Phillip Letourneau, Ian Hodgdon, Ann Azcuy, and Katy Morris, we unveiled the next generation



of human patient simulators this week. LSUHSC is the only place in the world right now with these simulators, taken to the next level by our faculty. In order to enlarge and improve the body of training scenarios, LSUHSC faculty created software programs that overlay the existing programs, providing much more realistic and robust training scenarios. In addition to the patent-pending technology, the new software allows the simulators to speak so they can generate verbal responses to the questions from learners, and stimuli.



The software provides a higher level of integration of physiological processes in simulated medical conditions. Besides incorporating standard treatment protocols, the new software is capable of recognizing the most likely mistakes in the management of virtual patients.



The simulation technology will be a key component of the new Isidore Cohn Student Learning Center and the Center for Advanced Practice that will occupy two floors of 2020 Gravier. Government grants and funding will support part of the cost to replace what was lost. The LSU Medical Alumni Association has already contributed \$300,000 and Dr. Klein is working to raise the \$4.5 million needed to complete the \$7.5 million project. ■

Louisiana Healthcare Redesign Collaborative charter signed

Dr. Jimmy Cairo and I were among those who signed the charter for the Louisiana Healthcare Redesign Collaborative. A 40-member panel, HHS Secretary Michael Leavitt has charged us with creating a blueprint

for a better health system for New Orleans and the state. The plan will address access, quality, funding and technology. The target date for completion of the proposal is October 20. ■