

CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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LSU Healthcare Network partners in national patient safety initiative

Dr. Frank Opelka, LSU Healthcare Network CEO, participated in a press conference at the National Press Club last week launching the National ePrescribing Patient Safety Initiative. Called eRX, this effort aimed at preventing medical errors, will provide free electronic prescribing for every physician in America.



NEPSI was developed by a coalition of the most prominent technology and health leaders in the country including Dell Computers, Cisco, Microsoft, Fujitsu, Google, SureScripts, and Allscripts. The LSU Healthcare Network is one of 13 academic health centers, integrated delivery networks, and multi-specialty groups in the national coalition. As our region's leader, the Healthcare Network



Dr. Frank Opelka

will help implement eRX by educating, training, and supporting physicians in this part of the nation.

Dr. Opelka has also been asked to serve as Co-Chairman of the National ePrescribing Patient Safety Initiative.

Wilson named Director of the Human Development Center

The LSU Board of Supervisors approved the appointment of Dr. Phillip Wilson as Director of the Human Development Center in the School of Allied Health Professions at its meeting today. Dr. Wilson has served as an Associate Professor of Interdisciplinary Human Studies since 1999 and as the Acting Director



Dr. Phillip Wilson

of HDC since 2005. Dr. Wilson is recognized nationally for his work in the area of Developmental Disabilities.

Week of Wellness celebrates grand opening of center

As part of our educational mission and health promotion, members of the LSUHSC and MCLNO families will now have a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to health. The Wellness Center—an 18,000 square foot facility located on the 3rd and 4th floors of Stanislaus Hall will officially open on Monday. A full week of activities has been planned to showcase the Center's capability. The complete schedule of events is available on the Center's webpage at www.lsuhs.edu/no/administration/wellness.

One of the highlights of the events will be a talk on *The Power of Prevention* by Dr. Donna Ryan and Dr. Tim Church, of the Pennington Biomedical Research Center on Thursday, February 1, at 12:00 noon in the Medical Education Building in Lecture Room A.



Please make every effort to avail yourselves of this wonderful resource.

Dr. Rock's leadership celebrated

As he prepares to begin his new position as Executive Vice President and Founding Dean of the Medical School at Florida International University, Dr. William Jenkins honored Dr. John Rock at a reception. In his new endeavor, Dr. Rock will build a new medical school



John & Martha Rock, Dr. Jenkins

from the ground up—only the second new medical school in the U.S. since the mid-1980s.

We wish him well.

2007 Tiger Run

- Sunday, March 4th
- 8:30 a.m.
- Audubon Park Riverview

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