

CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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New class of LSU residents now training in Louisiana

With House Officer orientation completed, the new class of residents has begun working in hospitals throughout the state.



There are 662 residents and fellows in LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans' residency programs. That includes 30 dental residents as well as those at Earl K. Long, University Medical Center in Lafayette, Lake Charles, and Bogalusa.

Among the interns are a number from out of state, who really want to be here – first for the quality of our programs and also because of a fondness for New Orleans despite our post-Katrina challenges.



Dr. Stephen Agans

Meet Dr. Stephen Agans, an intern in our Emergency Medicine Program. "It's different here for some reason. I did a month up in Seattle (where he's from) in Emergency and it was all motor vehicle accidents. Here it's just everything. Everything you need to know is going to come through these doors multiple times. And I wanted that. You really, really, get the training you need so when you go out you know how to deal with everything.

"The other thing was they're just good people. The professors, the attending physicians are great – they really want to teach you. It's like a collegiate atmosphere. You get to

work with people and you get to learn from them and it's good.

As far as the city goes, he's impressed with our attitude.

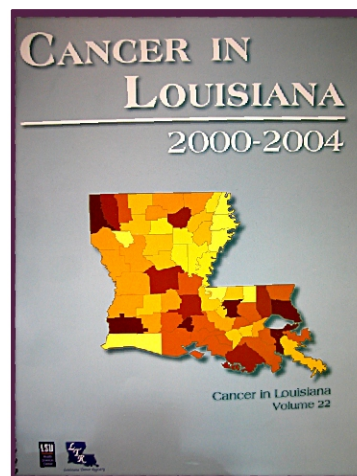
"Where else in the United States are you running an emergency room out of a department store and doing a good job of it? Anywhere else, they would have just given up. It's resourceful and that's what you need as a doc. You've got to be resourceful."



"The news is there's a lot of bad stuff here, and there *is* a lot of stuff we need to be fixing. But there's a lot of good stuff, too. And you can stay down here and help a little bit. I mean we need doctors and apparently I'm a doctor now."

Tumor Registry publishes latest volume of cancer stats

For the first time, geographic distribution, by parish, of cancer incidence and mortality in Louisiana is depicted through the use of descriptive maps in *Cancer in Louisiana Volume 22: Cancer in Louisiana, 2000-2004*. The monograph is the latest publication of the Louisiana Tumor Registry, a program of LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans' School of Public Health.



Dr. Vivien Chen, Tumor Registry Director, says the maps provide the foundation for future geo-spatial studies to reduce cancer burden and disparity in the state.

The monograph is being sent to public health and policy leaders as well as libraries. It is also available online at:

<http://publichealth.lsuhscc.edu/tumorregistry/PDF/LTRVol22.pdf>