

CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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LSUHSC only LA team in national patient safety effort

An LSUHSC team led by Dr. Sheila Chauvin is the first and only participant from Louisiana in the national Patient Safety Improvement Corps (PSIC). A partnership of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the PSIC holds three week-long institutes to provide PSIC teams with content, skills, and tools they can use to train others and to promote interventions and strategies that enhance patient safety.



Waite, Chauvin, Robins, Paige

Our team, which also includes Dr. John Paige, David Waite, RN, and Agnes Renee Robins, RN, just returned from the second training institute. The sessions cover everything from root cause analysis to the influence of human factors. They also provide an opportunity for networking and developing collaborative relationships.

Our selection was timely and a natural fit with our ongoing STEPS project and our campus initiative to promote inter-professional simulation-based education.

LSUHSC teams up with YMCA for children's health

Our School of Public Health is offering Dr. Melinda Sothorn's highly successful Trim Kids program to metropolitan area children and their families through a new partnership with the YMCA. Trim Kids is a 12-week multidisciplinary plan designed to help children lose weight and develop habits and choices resulting in successful lifetime weight management. Cited by the National Cancer Institute,



the research and evidence-based program developed at LSUHSC is one of the most effective long-term pediatric weight management programs in the world.

Trim Kids sessions will begin at six area YMCA centers next week for overweight children 5 - 17 years of age. This is the first time that we are able to offer a region-wide solution to the epidemic of childhood obesity.

Nobel Laureate makes third visit to Neuroscience Center

Dr. Bengt Samuelsson, 1982 Nobel Laureate in Medicine, spent two days as a guest of Dr. Nicolas Bazan at our Neuroscience Center this week. While here, graduate students, including 3 MD/PHD students—David Stark, Melissa Inman and Tiffany Niemoller—presented their research projects to him and received suggestions and valuable comments. Dr. Samuelsson reviewed grants in planning stages and other ongoing projects and also met with the faculty.



Dr. Samuelsson, front row center, with Neuroscience Center faculty and students

Finally, Dr. Samuelsson delivered The Chancellor Award Lecture in Neuroscience.

LSUHSC supports Mardi Gras medical unit



Our own Dr. Edward Halton served as Medical Director of the Mardi Gras Temporary Urgent Care Clinic set up across from our campus on Tulane Avenue.

The effort was in partnership with the City and State and was designed to decompress area Emergency Rooms during Mardi Gras.

