Initiatives Advance Academic Mission

We would like to take this opportunity to reintroduce you to the Academic Division. Over this past year we have implemented many changes to grow and realign the services of the Division both internally and externally. Faced with the challenges of our post-Katrina world, we have found many opportunities and needs within Ochsner and the communities that we serve.

Janice Piazza, RN, MSN, MBA
Vice President, Academics

The departments within the Research component of the Academic Division have been restructured into the Office of Research Operations and the Clinical Research Support Department. The Center for Health Research is also becoming a reality with support from an NIH grant awarded to Dr. M.A. Krousel-Wood. Several of our Basic Science laboratories have also grown with the support of additional NIH awards, and five postdoctoral fellows have been promoted to staff scientist positions. Scientists from both Tulane and LSU were provided with laboratory space following the storm so that they could continue their important work. This has led to ongoing collaboration and expanded opportunities for funding, as well as enhancing the scope of scientific study in our own laboratories.

As exciting as the advances in our research endeavors have been, they have been matched by those of the Education component of the Division.

Our training programs continue to grow, with expanded programs in resident training, undergraduate medical education, and allied health programs. We will continue to seek opportunities to expand and enhance our training efforts over the coming months. After a long hiatus the Ochsner Journal has returned to publication, with another issue targeted for publication later this year. With the publication of this newsletter we will return to quarterly issues of the Academic Update to share information and showcase some of our key initiatives, projects and research activities.

Over the coming months you will be hearing more about our newest initiative, the creation of the Center for Knowledge Management. The Center, under the direction of Ethel Madden, will incorporate the medical library, publishing services, grant support, and sharing through the Academic Division web site. Knowledge Management is the systematic process of identifying, capturing, and transferring information and knowledge that people can use to create, compete, and improve. The goal of this initiative is to create an environment and a platform for capturing and sharing knowledge and learning.

In this newsletter we are providing an introduction to departments within the Academic Division, highlighting two new departments formed in 2006, and reporting on two of the Division’s most important activities, Research Night and Graduation. We have also included an organizational chart for your future reference.

The academic functions of education and research have always been and will continue to be the roots that make us strong and that differentiate Ochsner in this healthcare market. The focus of all of our efforts will be to develop these roots so that there may be greater strength in the branches we are now growing in the many communities that we serve. Quality patient care through research and education remains our mission and our reality as we move forward.
In spring 2006 Ochsner established the Center for Health Research under the direction of Dr. M.A. “Tonette” Krousel-Wood. The mission of the Center is “to advance knowledge to improve clinical practices and the health and well-being of our patient population by conducting extramurally funded research and broadly disseminating research findings.”

Ochsner is an ideal institution for health research. It has strong leadership; demonstrated commitment to excellence in patient care, education, and research; it is community-based; has diversity in patient population and services provided; and a sound information systems infrastructure. The Center focuses on investigator-initiated research studies and ultimately will serve as a resource for investigators at Ochsner desiring to engage in health research.

The activities in the Center are a natural extension of work done in the previous Outcomes Assessment Department headed by Dr. Krousel-Wood. The goals for the Center for Health Research complement ongoing work by other investigators at Ochsner with a history of collaborative efforts in clinical outcomes tracking in various specialties (e.g. cardiovascular specialties, endocrinology, gastroenterology, infectious diseases, nephrology, oncology, radiology, rheumatology, and transplant, to name a few).

Currently, the research efforts in the Center are funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and other agencies:

- R01 AG 022536: “Cohort Study of Medication Adherence in Older Adults” (CoSMO study)—NIH direct award to Ochsner ($1.96 Million over 4 years); principal investigator: Dr. Krousel-Wood
- “Increasing physical activity in patients with diabetes mellitus” (IPAD study)—American Medical Group Association’s Models of Excellence Award ($25,000 for 1 year); principal investigator: Dr. Krousel-Wood
- “Impact of the Release and Dissemination of the ALLHAT on Antihypertensive Prescription Patterns” (ALLHAT study)—NIH subcontract with Tulane (~$75,000 over 2 years); Ochsner

These studies will increase knowledge about adherence to medications, guidelines and physical activity recommendations and will lay the groundwork for development of effective interventions that can be practically applied in clinical settings.

The research personnel making up the Center’s core include Tonette Krousel-Wood MD, MSPH (Director), Stacy Brown, RN, MSN (Senior Administrative Project Coordinator), Jay Hawkshead, MPH (Program manager), Erin Stanley, MPH (Program Manager), Sheri Fitch and Cristina Primo (Research Assistants), Mark Jiang MD, MPH (Biostatistician), and Carol Legendre (Administrative Assistant). As part of the funded grants, the research personnel in the Center are currently collaborating with investigators within the hypertension, endocrinology, and cardiology sections at Ochsner, with investigators at Tulane and UCLA, and with cooperation from ISD, Medical Informatics, and Humana.

Over the next 3 years the Center is committed to increasing translational research efforts with expanded internal and external collaborations, increasing extramural funding, and developing educational sessions to promote and enhance health research efforts at Ochsner.

Those interested in Center for Health Research activities should contact Dr. Krousel-Wood at mawood@ochsner.org
Center for Knowledge Management: A Holistic Approach to Learning and Sharing Information

Ethel U. Madden, MLIS, AHIP

Louisiana’s health services are undergoing profound changes, and medical education must keep pace. The Ochsner Academic Division has embraced a new concept, Knowledge Management (KM), to meet these evolving medical educational needs of the organization. The KM environment is holistic, with all processes and programs having an organizational focus rather than a department/unit focus. When we think of the “knowledge” learned and utilized in health professions education, it is consistent with this concept. For the health practitioner, knowledgeable practice is based on how information is acquired, evaluated, synthesized and applied using the most up-to-the-minute data. It is essential that health practitioners, researchers, educators/communicators, and leaders in the health sciences be able to demonstrate the capabilities to create, identify, capture, and distribute the right knowledge to the right people at the right time, in the right form.

The Ochsner Center for Knowledge Management integrates the professional services of editing, illustrations, library, archives, and grant support so that expert personnel will streamline delivery of information and educational resources. This Center is seen as the nexus for the creation of “open-ended opportunities for innovation and a roadmap for working toward seamless integration, synergy, and substantial enhancement of Ochsner’s research, educational, and practice mission.” This integration will foster knowledge-based innovations throughout the Ochsner Health System. KM has been chartered in other healthcare settings to leverage the strengths of people, processes, data, and technology in order to foster the creation, analysis, dissemination and utilization of knowledge.

Ochsner Academics is uniquely positioned to develop an innovative and exemplary knowledge management system for all levels of the Ochsner Health System. Ethel Madden, formerly Director of the Ochsner Library for fifteen years, has assumed the position of Director, Knowledge Management. Over the years, Ethel has successfully guided the library and archives from the print world of library materials to the vast electronic world of web-based databases and resources. Incidentally, Ethel co-investigated the initial grant from the National Science Foundation to establish the very first Internet connection at Ochsner Foundation in 1995. During her tenure, she has been instrumental in acquiring other funding for the Library to meet the changing information needs of Ochsner healthcare professionals and the patients. In fact, earlier this year, Ethel and Outreach Librarian, Nital Sheridan, secured special Katrina Funding of $135,000 from the National Library of Medicine / South Central Region to establish Medical Library E-Stations at all Ochsner Hospital and clinic locations. These stations are enabling displaced healthcare professionals and patients to access quality health information.

Ethel’s new role in Knowledge Management will involve the following objectives:

- Educate and prepare employees, clinicians, students, faculty, and health care practitioners to effectively use information technologies to perform their duties in a more cost-effective manner and to improve their utilization of health care resources.
- Incorporate informatics and evidence-based clinical decision-making into Ochsner Health System’s curricula.
- Increase the amount of, and access to, health information resources (especially electronic and other library resources) available for employees, students, faculty, clinicians, researchers, and patients.
- Encourage the use of Ochsner’s Publishing Services to share knowledge internally and externally.
- Define the knowledge management technology needs in teaching and learning for Ochsner Health System employees and students including distance education, life-long learning, simulation, virtual and game technology.
- Develop a full-service grant support unit to assist Ochsner Health System personnel with seeking out and submitting funding applications.
- Preserve the organization’s unique history and culture through Ochsner Archives and ensure that the rebuilding efforts of healthcare facilities in New Orleans post-Katrina are carefully documented for historical purposes.

Please feel free to contact Ethel at emadden@ochsner.org or by telephone, 504-842-3271.

Medical Editing

Medical Editing provides support in the preparation of text for medical, scientific or informational publications or presentations. Authors may submit manuscripts to be edited for grammar, syntax, structure, clarity, accuracy, and concision, as well as for verification of references and formatting according to publisher guidelines. The office works closely with Medical Illustrations and Media Production Services to prepare photographs and other illustrations according to prescribed formats. The Medical Editor assists authors in handling transfer of copyright and conflict of interest statements, and in securing any needed permissions preparatory to online or hardcopy submission of manuscripts to scientific journals or textbook publishers. Medical Editing also plays a role in preparation of material for the annual Writing Awards, Research Night, and the Academic Update. The department provides editing services and staff support to the editors of the Ochsner Journal. In addition, the department tracks all publications by Ochsner authors, and maintains a running total of publications dating back to 1942.

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Medical Illustrations

Medical Illustrations supports the patient care, teaching, and research needs of the Ochsner community by preparing graphics for use in medical texts, journals and other printed materials; slide and video presentations; displays; trial exhibits; brochures; and news releases. The Medical Illustrator works closely with authors to create diagrammatic, schematic, anatomical or surgical illustrations for textbooks or presentations. Both traditional and computer generated techniques are available. The department is also equipped to prepare signage, certificates, labeling, mounting and matting, and to output graphics to high resolution prints, slides, color laser prints and overhead transparencies. Portraits, cartoons, editorial illustrations, logos, and product illustrations are among the other artistic services offered. The department collaborates closely with Medical Editing on the preparation of illustrations for submission to scientific journals, and is responsible for the design and layout of the Academic Update and the Ochsner Journal.

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Grant Support Services

Another service sponsored by the Center for Knowledge Management is grant-writing support. This is a new service for Ochsner Health Systems which is still in its infancy. Eventually Grant Support will be available for any employee at Ochsner who is interested in applying for grants for research purposes.

At this time, we are working solely with the basic science researchers who are applying for NIH RO1 grants (major grants). We have established some steps and guidelines to assist administration, both Research and Academic, in applying for and directing these grant applications. So far we have established the initial steps as to who submits or signs required documents, who has to register on the federal webpage “grants.gov” and what information they will need, such as Ochsner’s DUNS number. We are also working on the timelines that must be established so that grant requests are submitted in a timely manner.

Eventually, grant support will encompass but not be limited to the following:

- Developing policies, procedures and forms for grant application processing
- Developing classes and training materials for personnel interested in applying for grants
- Establishing an intranet web-page to assist with research and grant activities
- Tracking all grant application activity to insure timely completion of all required documents and approvals
- Developing grant resources for all types of research projects for clinical, basic science, nursing, administrative, and other types of funding needs

If you are interested in learning more about the grant process at Ochsner, please plan to attend one of our Grant Workshops by registering at the Library, extension 23760.

Ochsner Grant Workshop- Offered Twice:
Tuesday, September 5, 2006 and Thursday, October 5, 2006 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, Monroe Hall

For more information about the grant resources available at Ochsner, please visit the intranet grant portal located as part of the Academic intranet site. You may also call Barbara Attebery personally at 842-3760 for guidance.

Summer Reading Program Activities at the Medical Library

The Ochsner Medical Library & Archives is proud to be working in conjunction with the Jefferson Parish Public Library to bring the annual Summer Reading Program sponsored by the State Library of Louisiana to all employees, guests and patients. The program allows children, teens and adults to sign up and receive a reading log. Once complete, their names are placed into a raffle making them eligible to win great prizes.

The program started with the Summer Reading Kick-Off party which was held in the Brent House Atrium on Wednesday, June 14, 2006. Everyone enjoyed punch and freshly popped popcorn while listening to stories told by Jefferson Parish librarians, Burke McFerrin and Laura Montegrande, and also received a special visit from Boudreaux the N.O. Zephyrs nutria and characters from Jon Scieszka’s Stinky Cheese Man series.

On Thursday, June 29, 2006 the Library was happy to have Bippo the Hippo stop by and discuss dental hygiene with some of our younger audience. Bippo discussed the proper way to brush and floss one’s teeth, while distributing toothbrushes and coloring sheets. Bippo the Hippo is the story of a 3-year old hippopotamus who is off to his very first dentist appointment and shares all of his experiences about being nervous and scared.

Then on Thursday, July 13, 2006 the Library hosted the LSU Agricultural Center who presented the OrganWise Guys. This presentation discussed how to keep our bodies healthy by introducing us to Little Organ Annie, who has all different types of organs in her body including Sir Rebrum, Hardy Heart and Madame Muscle. This presentation taught us how to eat right and exercise regularly in order to keep our bodies and minds healthy.

Then we had a wonderful 3-day program also presented by the LSU Agricultural Center entitled Character Critters. This presentation helped to teach us about the six pillars of character using puppets such as Roy the Responsible Rabbit and Rusty the Respectful Racoon. These characters teach children character education and values.

We look forward to having the Jean Lafitte National Park present a special story and craft time discussing the preservation of our great state and coastal wetlands on Tuesday, August 8. To wrap up our summer reading program on Thursday, August 10, we will have JoJo the Clown to entertain us with a magic show. There is still time to sign up, so please stop by the library for more information, or if you are in the area feel free to stop by one of our remaining programs – all are scheduled in the 4th Floor Winter Garden.

Library Adds Eight New Laptops

The Medical Library & Archives has added eight Dell laptops to its public access workstations, thereby bringing the total number to seventeen. Each study carrel located in the stacks area of the Library has a brand new Dell Latitude Laptop that connects to the Ochsner network. The Internet opens to the Library's home page, http://www.ochsner.org/medical-library/, which has links to the online journal collection, electronic books, online forms for reference assistance and document delivery, as well as access to medical research databases such as PubMed, UpToDate, MD Consult, CINAHL for nursing and allied health, and Cochrane Reviews and MedlinePlus for patient education materials.

Please stop by the Medical Library on the first floor of the hospital to use these workstations – your gateway to information. Library staff is available to give quick demos or you may schedule an appointment to learn how to use any of the library's resources.
The Medical Library Recovery Project Update

The Medical Library Recovery Project for Southeast Louisiana is a recovery project established to provide physicians and patients at medical facilities across southeast Louisiana computer access to medical information. This project electronically links displaced medical professionals and the public to medical libraries at Ochsner Hospital, Chabert Medical Center in Houma and the Southeast Louisiana Area Health Education Consortium on the North Shore.

The project has deployed these E-Stations to the following North Shore locations:

- Bogalusa Community Medical Center, Bogalusa, La.
- Lallie Kemp Hospital, Independence, La.
- Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center, Houma, La.
- Miller Memorial Family Resource Center Library, Hammond, La. (Internet Access)
- Multipractice Clinic, Independence, La.
- St. Anne General Hospital, Raceland, La.
- St. Helena Community Health Center, Greensburg, La.
- St. Tammany Parish Hospital, Covington, La. (training)
- St. Tammany Parish Outpatient Pavilion (training)
- Tangipahoa Parish Animal Control (training)

The Recovery Project has been very busy these past few months. In addition to scouting out new sites for E-Stations, the Library has maintained a steady schedule of training classes which include PubMed, Dental Resources, and Introduction to Consumer Health Resources at the above locations, from Raceland to Baton Rouge. We continue to provide training and support for our non-Ochsner sites, but we are also beginning a new phase of our project in which we concentrate on our Ochsner regional clinics. We are planning to establish E-Stations and new training classes for patients and Ochsner healthcare professionals on the North Shore, Baton Rouge and the New Orleans area. On June 21, 2006 we were excited to take part in the opening of the brand new Ochsner St. Anne Medical Library in Raceland. We look forward to continuing to help the Southeast Louisiana Region with access to the latest and most reliable health information.

As in any longstanding New Orleans institution, Ochsner is rich in history and legend. Throughout the recent main campus construction projects, Ochsner Library and Archives had the opportunity to remove time capsules prepared by our predecessors from the 50s, 60s and 70s. Ochsner CEO, Dr. Patrick Quinlan, had the honor of opening the 50s and 70s time capsules, revealing both medical artifacts and society memorabilia from those eras.

The Medical Library and Archives hosted an Ochsner History Exhibit August 25, 2005 to allow employees and the community to view the contents of these time capsules and witness the opening of the 60s capsule. Several Ochsner "legends" were invited to open the time capsule for the first time at an unveiling ceremony in the Atrium Concourse.

In celebrating our heritage, the Librarians opened the Archives’ vault to showcase many historical items symbolizing the Ochsner story, such as the silver coins left on our doorstep in 1941. This remaining set of original coins was a gracious donation given to the Archives by Dr. and Mrs. Francis E. LeJeune, Jr. The Exhibit also included a fabulous pictorial timeline of Ochsner historical events throughout the decades. Another gem that was shared at the Exhibit was the restored original footage from the “New Hospital” time capsule ceremony in 1954.

Unfortunately, the Ochsner History Exhibit was cut short by Hurricane Katrina. Visit the website at http://www.ochsner.org/medical-library/timecapsule.html for a slide show of the discovery and opening of the 50s and 70s time capsules. The Library offers the History Exhibit Ceremony via its website for those who did not have the opportunity to view the artifacts August 25-26, 2005.

For more information about the Archives, or if you have any donations, please feel free to contact Greg Bodin, Manager, Medical Library and Archives at (504) 842-3760.

Ochsner Library and Archives History Exhibit

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The Editors invite authors to submit articles for consideration via email at ocjournal@ochsner.org or by mail to Medical Editing, Brent House Rm. 317. The Ochsner Journal adheres to a process of peer review of all submissions.

Future issues will be devoted to a broad range of topics of interest to medical practitioners and researchers. The next issue of the journal will be published before the end of the year. Plans are in place for a full complement of four issues in 2007 and thereafter.

The Academic Division is pleased to announce the appointment of David E. Beck, MD as Editor-in-Chief, and M.A. (Tonette) Krousel-Wood, MD, MSPH as Associate Editor of the Ochsner Journal. Dr. Beck brings a wealth of experience to the position, in particular as current editor of Clinics in Colon and Rectal Surgery. Dr. Krousel-Wood, Director of the new Center for Health Research at Ochsner, recently served as guest editor of the Spring 2006 issue of the Ochsner Journal. Other members of the newly appointed editorial board are:

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Copies of the Spring 2006 issue of the journal are available upon request (ext. 23761 or email ocjournal@ochsner.org).
Institutional Review Board

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) has been established to protect the safety, rights, and welfare of humans who are subjects of research. The IRB reviews and has the authority to approve, disapprove, or require modifications to all research activities involving human subjects.

The IRB is responsible for providing human safety oversight of the research at Ochsner as well as providing education to research staff regarding the various human research regulations. The Ochsner IRB staff has an open door policy allowing investigators, research coordinators, and other study staff to drop by, ask questions, and receive guidance regarding human research regulations and IRB processes. A newsletter is published every month providing information to investigators and study staff regarding changes in regulations or local standard operating procedures and policies, hot topics from regulatory agencies, and announcements from the IRB staff.

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Clinical Research Support Department

The Clinical Research Support Department supports the research activities of the institution's investigators by providing education and guidance in the conduct of research studies and by making available the services of well trained clinical research coordinators to assist physician investigators. In addition to its thorough training and mentoring program for clinical research coordinators, the department holds orientation sessions for physician investigators and an annual lecture series each fall, the Responsible Conduct in Research Core Lecture Series. All these efforts are aimed at helping researchers and their coordinators conduct their studies effectively, and keep abreast of changes in internal processes and developments in the national regulatory environment.

The department facilitates research by residents at Ochsner by participating in resident orientation, coordinating resident lectures, and assisting with study design, statistical analysis, data collection, handling of IRB requirements, and development of research protocols.

The Clinical Research Support Department is currently staffed with a director, a senior educational program coordinator, and over 30 clinical research coordinators.

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Research Operations

Research Administration has recently been renamed Research Operations, to more aptly define the function of the office. In order to promote a more welcoming environment and to allow for additional personnel, the office has undergone a renovation. Office staff members are continuing to settle into their new “digs,” and visitors seem to be delighted with the change.

In the meantime, we are continuing to strive toward a goal of a three to four week turnaround time for research contracts, including the necessary preparation and analysis of study budgets. We are also implementing policies and procedures to insure appropriate billing for medical services rendered for research trials.

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Media Production Services

Media Production Services is the full service photography, audio visual support and video production facility located at Ochsner Medical Center. The Photography division offers professional medical photography including clinical patient photography, digital imaging, public relations photography and portraiture. PowerPoint production is also available. Audio visual support for meetings and videoconferences including presentation computers, LCD projectors and VHS/DVD players is available. The Video Production division provides complete video production and editing services. Projects include training and safety videos; intra-departmental marketing videos and lectures; video tape, audio tape, CD and DVD duplication services; and videoconferencing for administrative, staff and educational meetings.

The Department welcomes new staff members Gary Ammons, AV Technician, and Jamey Landry, Video Production Specialist.

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Continuing Medical Education

The Continuing Medical Education Department plans, organizes, implements, oversees, and evaluates Ochsner Clinic Foundation’s CME Program as part of the Academic Division. The program provides educational opportunities free of commercial bias for physicians not only within the Ochsner system but also in the community to promote exemplary patient care and to benefit the overall health of the community. Activities include live courses, regularly scheduled conferences, and enduring materials, both joint and directly sponsored; future offerings may include web-based and interactive video education. The Department is also evaluating ways to link CME activities with the organization’s quality goals and core quality measures to better correlate outcomes.
Basic Science Research Administration

The primary function of Basic Science Research Administration (BSRA) is to facilitate investigators’ experiments and protocols. This is accomplished by assuring that investigators have the necessary equipment to work on their experiments and that laboratory supplies arrive in a timely manner; and by assisting with any administrative issues within the laboratory. The BSRA team also works very closely with investigators on the financial aspects of each laboratory with respect to grants, subcontracts, and other extramural funds, and ensures that each laboratory operates within Ochsner budget parameters. The second responsibility is to oversee the investigators and their laboratories, and the research facilities as a whole, to insure that they comply with all local, state, and federal regulations (AAALAC, USDA, NIH, DEA, EPA, OLAW). The Office also assists investigators with research protocols involving animals, recombinant DNA, gene therapy or biosafety issues, and coordinates the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC); Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC); and the Basic Science Research Advisory Committee (BSRAC). The final undertaking of BSRA is to ensure that the Research buildings are properly maintained.

Medical Education

Ochsner is a major independent academic medical center where everyone is invested in the success of its first-class training programs. Medical education is an intrinsically rewarding, complex series of activities for all those involved in translating a mass of regulations while providing quality education, guidance and support to our residents and fellows. The coordinated support provided by Ochsner's executives, administrators, coordinators, program directors, medical staff, residents, nursing, human resources, information services and clinical management and staff produces immediate and far-reaching benefits.

Currently, Ochsner independently sponsors 16 accredited residency and fellowship programs with 214 residents appointed in Anesthesiology, Colon and Rectal Surgery, Cardiology, Diagnostic Radiology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, General Surgery (Preliminary & Categorical), Infectious Diseases, Internal Medicine (Preliminary & Categorical), Interventional Cardiology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Oncology, Orthopedic Surgery, Rheumatology, Thoracic Surgery and Vascular Surgery.

Ochsner also co-sponsors 4 joint programs with LSU and Tulane with 88 residents appointed in Ophthalmology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry and Urology. In addition, approximately 70 residents rotate to some 20 different departments at Ochsner under affiliation agreements with LSU, Tulane and East Jefferson. Ochsner also provides clinical education to approximately 600 medical students and 450 allied health students annually.

The general structure of Graduate Medical Education (GME) is established by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). Among the responsibilities of GME staff is implementation of all ACGME regulations. Staff members also serve as a resource for program directors, program support staff and trainees.

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Ochsner Welcomes New Residents and Fellows

Ochsner can take pride in achieving a complete match in 2006, filling all of its 52 residency positions. Ochsner’s results are particularly striking in post-Katrina New Orleans where healthcare has been slow in returning to its pre-storm levels. In 2005, Ochsner filled 47 residency positions, and post-Katrina it has again matched an increased number of 52 positions.

“The attraction of Ochsner to medical students is two-fold,” explains Dr. William Pinsky, Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer at Ochsner. “Our residency programs are well-respected in the academic community and have continuously strengthened over the years.” Pinsky goes on to say that “in spite of Hurricane Katrina we saw no reason to cut our programs back, but instead increased them from 47 to 52; and Ochsner is leading the charge in maintaining academics in the New Orleans community.”

In addition to the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP) “Core Match,” various specialty and subspecialty disciplines offered some 21 positions either through the NRMP specialty match, American Urological Association (AUA) “Match,” San Francisco Ophthalmology “Match” or independent appointment.

Names of the new interns, residents and fellows in Ochsner-sponsored and Joint programs who started on July 1, 2006 are shown in the accompanying lists. Please join in extending congratulations and welcome to the incoming class.

2006 New Residents/Fellows in Ochsner-Sponsored Programs

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On June 6th, 2006, 68 Ochsner residents and fellows completed their graduate medical training in 20 specialty and sub-specialty areas, and were awarded certificates. The Commencement ceremony was held in the Brent House Conference Center with a reception immediately following. Hector O. Ventura, M.D., Chairman, Graduate Medical Education Committee, presented the welcoming address. Dr. Edward D. Frohlich, Alton Ochsner Distinguished Scientist, introduced Marc Alan Pfeffer, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, and Senior physician, Cardiovascular Division, Brigham and Women’s Hospital who delivered the Commencement address entitled, “Why we need Continuing Medical Education: Examples in Cardiology.”

After Dr. Pfeffer’s address, the following physicians received special awards and recognition:

1. Edsel Hesita, M.D., Oncology Fellow, was acknowledged as the recipient of the 2006 Alumni Fellow of the Year Award presented previously at the Ochsner Alumni Banquet by his Program Director, Dr. John Cole.

2. Lindsay M. Mains, M.D. was the recipient of the George T. Schneider, M.D. Obstetrics and Gynecology Resident Research Award. The first place award, announced previously at the J.C. Weed Research Seminar, was presented to Dr. Mains by Dr. Alfred Robichaux, Program Director. This award is given annually to a resident for outstanding research in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

3. Stanley Thornton, M.D. was the recipient of the Herman L. Price, M.D. Clinical Excellence in Heart Failure Award for 2006. The award was presented previously to Dr. Thornton by Dr. Hector Ventura, Program Director for Cardiology.

4. Anna-Marie Quintos-Macasa, M.D., Rheumatology, was the recipient of the Case Report Award for her paper entitled, “Minocycline Induced Isolated Vasculitic Neuropathy.” Dr. Macasa received $200 and a certificate. Her name will be engraved on a perpetual plaque that hangs at the entrance to Monroe Hall. Presenting the award was Dr. Chris Winters.

5. Jenkins B. Bush, M.D., Orthopedic Surgery, was the recipient of the Dean H. Echols Award for his paper entitled, “Dislocation After Hip Hemiarthroplasty: Anterior vs Posterior Capsular Approach.” Dr. Bush received $500 and a certificate. His name will be engraved on a perpetual plaque that hangs at the entrance to Monroe Hall. Presenting the award was Dr. Hector Ventura.

6. Larry Hutson, M.D., Anesthesiology, was the recipient of the Edward D. Frohlich, M.D. Research Award for his paper entitled, “Morbidity and Mortality among Patients with Coronary Artery Disease Receiving an Orthotopic Liver Transplant.” The award, presented to Dr. Hutson by Dr. William Pinsky, Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer, included a $1000 check, a certificate, and the engraving of his name engraved on a perpetual plaque that hangs at the entrance to Monroe Hall.

7. Brett Winthrop, M.D. was the recipient of the Alton Ochsner Resident Leader of the Year Award. This award was established to acknowledge the resident who best symbolizes Ochsner’s collective commitment to the patients we serve. The award was presented to Dr. Winthrop by Dr. Pinsky.

8. The Outstanding Teacher of the Year Awards for 2006 were presented to Leonardo Seoane, M.D., (pictured) Department of Pulmonary Medicine, and Mark Meyer, M.D., Department of Orthopaedics, by Dr. Brett Winthrop, President of the Fellows Association. This Award is the highest honor given to a staff physician from the house staff as an expression of appreciation for their time, preparation and devotion to teaching excellence.

Following the presentation of special awards, certificates were presented to the graduating residents by their respective program directors. The proceedings were concluded by Dr. Pinsky with a few words of reflection.
On July 24, 2006, nine Radiologic Technology students and four Respiratory Care students graduated from Ochsner-Our Lady of Holy Cross Allied Health Program. The Commencement ceremony was held in the Brent House Conference Center with a reception immediately following. Dr. William W. Pinsky, Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer, Ochsner Health System, delivered the Commencement address. Certificates, pins, and special awards were presented to the graduating students by their respective program and medical directors.

The following “special” awards were presented:

In Radiologic Technology:

Outstanding Academic Achievement: 
Melissa Renée Sheasby
Outstanding Student Technologist: 
Candis Rose Venable

In Respiratory Care:

Outstanding Academic and Clinical Achievement: 
Nicole Marie Bergeron
Outstanding Academic Achievement: 
Rebecca L. Holbrook

Upon completion of the Ochsner Radiologic Technology Program, all available, open positions (three of the nine) were filled with radiography graduates. One graduate is being sponsored for further training in sonography by the Radiology Department, and will be employed by Ochsner upon completion of training. Seven of nine graduates received their Baccalaureate degree and two received their Associate degree in Health Sciences from Our Lady of Holy Cross College.

Upon completion of the Respiratory Care Program, all four (100%) graduating respiratory care students were employed by Ochsner. All have taken and passed the national entry level exam for Respiratory Care and hold the credential of a certified respiratory therapist. Three graduates will continue into registry training and be eligible to take the advanced level exam. All will receive degrees from Our Lady of Holy Cross College.

Rev. Anthony J. De Conciliis, C.S.C., Ph.D., President of Our Lady of Holy Cross College, closed the ceremony with a few words of reflection.

The Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technology (LSRT) held its 49th Annual State Convention and Educational Quiz Bowl Competition in Shreveport, Louisiana on July 20-22, 2006. Once again, Ochsner School of Allied Health Sciences and Our Lady of Holy Cross College were very well represented at the educational competition. Our radiography students placed second out of 10 participating Louisiana universities and colleges. The participating schools were Louisiana State University-Eunice, Louisiana State University-Alexandria, McNeese State University, Northwestern State University, Southern University-Shreveport, University of Louisiana-Monroe, Our Lady of the Lake College, Lafayette General Medical Center, and North Oaks Medical Center. The students were recognized for their outstanding performance and were presented their second place awards at the award banquet on Friday, July 21, 2006.


Pictured: The Our Lady of Holy Cross College / Ochsner School of Allied Health Sciences Radiologic Technology Program Class of 2007. (Pictured from left to right) Amy Romagosa, Peter Tortorich, Thor Johnston, Corin Milligan, Jennifer Schehr, Wendy Irula, Carson Somme, Cody Collins, Brandi Posecai, Kevin Bourgeois
The Third Annual Ochsner Research Night was held on May 16, 2006 and was once again a great success. Sixty-two research reports and eight clinical case reports were presented, representing virtually every clinical discipline as well as the many Ochsner laboratory research programs. Nursing research was well represented, particularly in the important areas of health service research and practice improvement. Fellows and residents, as in years past, presented high quality, innovative work in their respective clinical areas, attesting to the integration of research into the Ochsner training programs. In addition, research posters were presented that were authored by non-Ochsner scientists whose research activities were temporarily housed in Ochsner laboratory space following the destruction of facilities at the local medical schools. This was an especially heartening addition to Research Night. Although we have always recognized that Research Night plays an important role in fostering collaboration and collegiality between basic science investigators, clinical investigators and clinicians at Ochsner, the disruption caused by Hurricane Katrina has unexpectedly provided the opportunity for the enhancement of collaboration and collegiality between Ochsner investigators and similar-minded scientists at our sister academic institutions in the city. Many of these guest scientists have already established long-term relationships with Ochsner and some have even maintained a continued presence on the Ochsner campus. Additional opportunities for collaboration are under consideration. At a stroke, the beginning of the city-wide research collaboration that many had hoped for in the past appears to be a real possibility.

At the same time, one must note that research in New Orleans—like health care delivery in the city—is under extreme pressure. Virtually all institutions suffered some damage during the storm and all certainly suffered from down-time, lost personnel, and the difficulties generally associated with operating in post-Katrina New Orleans. In the competitive world of research such impediments can have an enormous impact. City-wide efforts were made to obtain some relief from federal funding agencies in order to preserve a critical mass of the research infrastructure in New Orleans, and limited additional support was made available. This added support was much needed and proved very helpful, but in the end, it was clear that the rebirth or revitalization of New Orleans research activities would depend on initiatives generated within the city’s research community itself.

Many have answered this call, and, therefore, the prospects for research in the city and at Ochsner look solid. There is now a closer working relationship between scientists in the city than ever before. And Research Night, in its own important way, played a role in cementing these initiatives and the alliances they hope to foster. This is, perhaps, best illustrated by the “sixty-third” research poster at Research Night, which, authored by some of our guest scientists, simply read “THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, OCHSNER!”
Chung Gi Lee, PhD
Staff Scientist, Cellular Immunology

Dr. Chung Gi Lee joined Ochsner in 2001 as a Research Fellow in the Cellular Immunology Laboratory. Dr. Lee received his PhD from Kyoto University School of Medicine, Japan in March 1999. He also holds degrees of Bachelor and Master of Pharmaceutical Science. As a staff scientist at Ochsner with extensive experience in molecular biology, Dr. Lee will be involved in research on metastatic cancer cell growth in lymphoid organs and its intervention.

Sun-Ok Yoon, PhD
Staff Scientist, Cellular Immunology

Dr. Yoon began working in 2002 as an Associate Research Scientist in the Laboratory of Cellular Immunology under the direction of Dr. Yong Sung Choi. She was promoted to the position of Staff Scientist in July 2006.

Dr. Yoon earned her PhD in 2002 from Pusan University in Korea where she majored in Molecular Biology. She has four years’ experience in the field of human lymphomagenesis. Her experience has included characterizing the functions of signaling molecules of stromal cells and analyzing genomic changes of lymphomas in malignant transformation. The goal of her research is to develop more efficient therapeutic drugs to treat lymphomas.

T. Cooper Woods, PhD
Staff Scientist, Cardiovascular Research

Dr. Cooper Woods joined Ochsner in August 2005 as a part of the ongoing collaboration between the Cardiovascular Research Laboratory and the Department of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics at LSU Health Sciences Center. His research focuses on the underlying mechanisms for the increased risk of vascular diseases in the diabetic population. Recently he was awarded a Beginning Grant-in-Aid from the Southeast Affiliate of the American Heart Association to examine the reasons for the decrease in efficacy of the Sirolimus eluting stent in diabetics.

Dr. Woods received his PhD in Biophysical Sciences from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1998. He then studied vascular biology and drug delivery at the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology and at the Columbia University Medical Center. Additionally, he has served as head of the Genomics Department at Emisphere Technologies, Inc.

Chung Gi Lee, PhD
Staff Scientist, Cellular Immunology

Dr. Chung Gi Lee joined Ochsner in 2001 as a Research Fellow in the Cellular Immunology Laboratory. Dr. Lee received his PhD from Kyoto University School of Medicine, Japan in March 1999. He also holds degrees of Bachelor and Master of Pharmaceutical Science. As a staff scientist at Ochsner with extensive experience in molecular biology, Dr. Lee will be involved in research on metastatic cancer cell growth in lymphoid organs and its intervention.

Sun-Ok Yoon, PhD
Staff Scientist, Cellular Immunology

Dr. Yoon began working in 2002 as an Associate Research Scientist in the Laboratory of Cellular Immunology under the direction of Dr. Yong Sung Choi. She was promoted to the position of Staff Scientist in July 2006.

Dr. Yoon earned her PhD in 2002 from Pusan University in Korea where she majored in Molecular Biology. She has four years’ experience in the field of human lymphomagenesis. Her experience has included characterizing the functions of signaling molecules of stromal cells and analyzing genomic changes of lymphomas in malignant transformation. The goal of her research is to develop more efficient therapeutic drugs to treat lymphomas.

T. Cooper Woods, PhD
Staff Scientist, Cardiovascular Research

Dr. Cooper Woods joined Ochsner in August 2005 as a part of the ongoing collaboration between the Cardiovascular Research Laboratory and the Department of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics at LSU Health Sciences Center. His research focuses on the underlying mechanisms for the increased risk of vascular diseases in the diabetic population. Recently he was awarded a Beginning Grant-in-Aid from the Southeast Affiliate of the American Heart Association to examine the reasons for the decrease in efficacy of the Sirolimus eluting stent in diabetics.

Dr. Woods received his PhD in Biophysical Sciences from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1998. He then studied vascular biology and drug delivery at the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology and at the Columbia University Medical Center. Additionally, he has served as head of the Genomics Department at Emisphere Technologies, Inc.

Zhenya Tang, MD, PhD
Staff Scientist, Liver Transplant Research

Dr. Zhenya Tang joined the Research Division at Ochsner in June 1999 after receiving his MD from the Albert Ludwigs University of Freiburg, Germany. He received his MD from Tongji Medical University, Wuhan, China. Dr. Tang assisted Dr. Ari J. Cohen in establishing the Transplantation Research Laboratory and has spearheaded all ongoing projects in this laboratory. His research interests include mechanisms of solid organ injuries related to transplantation and pharmaceutical intervention; hepatitis viruses and antiviral therapy; liver carcinogenesis and novel therapeutic strategies.

Xiaoyan Zhou, MD, PhD
Staff Scientist, Hypertension Research

Dr. Zhou joined the Ochsner hypertensive research program in 1999 after she was awarded a PhD in physiology from the University of Freiburg, Germany. Dr. Zhou received her MD from Tongji University Medical School, China. Over the past seven years she has been working under the direct supervision of Edward D. Frohlich, MD, Alton Ochsner Distinguished Scientist. Dr. Zhou has published a number of original research papers and review articles in leading peer-reviewed journals in the field of hypertension and renal pathophysiology. In 2003, she was awarded the first Cardiovascular Postdoctoral Fellowship grant from the Consortium for Southeastern Hypertension Control (COSEHC).
Recent Staff Appointments

Lynn Thibodeaux, BS, MT (ASCP), CCRC
Director, Clinical Research Support Department

Lynn Thibodeaux was promoted in March 2006 to the position of Director, Clinical Research Support Department.

Lynn is a State Board Licensed Medical Technologist with over 5 years of experience as a medical laboratory director, and is also a certified Clinical Research Coordinator with 13 years of experience as a Senior Research Specialist at Tulane University Health Sciences Center. She joined Ochsner in 2004, bringing with her extensive experience in the management of Phase I through Phase IV clinical trials and a thorough understanding of the regulatory requirements that govern clinical research.

Since coming to Ochsner Lynn has spearheaded the consolidation and centralization of staff support for clinical researchers, and has initiated and implemented many important steps to strengthen the training and mentoring program for clinical research coordinators.

Susan A. Bouchon, BA
Director, Continuing Medical Education

Susan A. Bouchon joined the Academic Division as Director of Continuing Medical Education (CME) in April 2006.

Susan is a native New Orleanian who has long been familiar with the Ochsner Health System through her interactions with Ochsner physicians in her prior position in the pharmaceutical industry. She has a strong background in meeting and event planning in both the profit and non-profit arenas, in addition to advertising, promotion, and public relations experience. She holds a Bachelor of Arts with honors in Communications from Loyola University. Susan was in the process of obtaining her Masters in Healthcare Management from UNO when Hurricane Katrina temporarily altered her plans.

As Director, Susan is responsible for daily operations of the CME Department and ongoing assessment and evaluation of the program to ensure that all planned activities are in compliance with ACCME guidelines and policies.

Greg Bodin, MLIS, AHIP
Manager, Medical Library and Archives

Greg Bodin comes to Ochsner Health System as Manager of the Medical Library and Archives. For the past five years, Mr. Bodin has worked to improve access to health information by providing technology training and support to health professionals and medical librarians in a five state region. In addition to providing training on National Library of Medicine products and services, he also provided assistance with technology grant writing and implementation to community based organizations and health clinics. Previous to his work with the National Library of Medicine, Mr. Bodin was the Systems Librarian at Ochsner Health System, where he coordinated library electronic resources and public services.

Mr. Bodin has 12 years of experience as a librarian and ten years of experience as a medical librarian. He received his Master of Library and Information Science degree from Louisiana State University and is a Senior Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals.

Amanda Riley, BA, MLIS
Outreach Librarian, Medical Library and Archives

Amanda Riley, BA, MLIS has recently been appointed to the position of Outreach Librarian in Medical Library and Archives. Amanda joined the Ochsner Library Staff as a graduate student in Fall 2005 where she has held the position of Library Systems Specialist-Document Delivery and has also overseen the implementation of children’s services into the library. During this time she teamed up with the Jefferson Parish Public Library to bring the state sponsored Summer Reading Program to patients, employees and family members. In her new role she will continue to work with the Ochsner Kids Club to provide weekly story time and monthly craft activities.

Amanda is a 2003 graduate of UNO and holds a Master's degree from the LSU School of Library and Information Science. Before coming to Ochsner Amanda was employed for 7 years by the New Orleans Public Library at the Robert E. Smith Branch which unfortunately suffered extensive damage from Hurricane Katrina.

Stacy Brown, MSN, RHIA, RN, CCS
Senior Administrative Project Coordinator
Center for Health Research

Stacy Brown began working as Senior Administrative Project Coordinator in the Center for Health Research under the direction of Marie Krousel-Wood, MD, MSPH in early June 2006. Stacy has ten years of experience in medical record coding and consulting, and served as Director of Health Information Management at a local long-term acute care facility for one year prior to Hurricane Katrina. She has six years of concurrent nursing experience in transplant, telemetry, and intensive care.

Stacy is a Registered Nurse who graduated from the Charity School of Nursing in 2000. She received her Masters of Science in Nursing degree from Loyola University in New Orleans in April 2006. In addition, Stacy holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Health Information Management from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Stacy’s role as project coordinator at Ochsner will encompass working on the National Institutes of Health funded “Cohort Study of Medication Adherence in Older Adults,” in addition to other research projects within the Center for Health Research.

Karen Hickham, MBA
Senior Associate Analyst for Research
Budgeting and Billing

Karen Hickham earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Loyola University before starting her career at Ochsner some twenty years ago. She also earned a Master of Business Administration from Loyola while working as a video production specialist in the Audio Visual Department. Karen joined Research Operations after a ten-year tenure as a clinical research coordinator in Cardiology research. She brings to Research Operations a wide knowledge and hands-on experience of clinical research.

Beth Kettenring, BBA
Senior Associate Analyst for Research
Funds Administration

Beth Kettenring joined Ochsner in early July 2006 after moving to the metro area with her family in mid-June from Canyon, Texas. Beth earned her Bachelor of Business Administration degree from West Texas A & M University, and anticipates qualifying for her CPA license in May 2007. Beth’s prior accounting experience was primarily in non-profit and governmental entities. She is very enthusiastic about her new position here at Ochsner and is quickly adapting to the humid New Orleans climate.
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Disaster Planning for Human Research Subjects: 
Katrina Anniversary Conference 
August 29, 2006, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm 
Brent House Conference Center, New Orleans, LA 
For further information please call the CME Department at 504-842-3702.

Grant Writing Workshop 
Offered Twice: September 5, 2006 and October 5, 2006 
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, Monroe Hall 
In this class, participants will become acquainted with the new grant resource 
support available through Ochsner’s Center for Knowledge Management. They 
will also become familiar with the new submission procedures at Ochsner. For 
more information or to register for the class, please call 504-842-3760 (ext. 
23760).

Know Kidding! 
Health Resources for Kids, Teens & Parents 
September 19, 2006, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, Caldwell Room 
In this class, students will learn how to surf the internet for quality health 
information. There will be an overview of the National Library of Medicine’s 
MedlinePlus and additional online resources to access information on diseases, 
conditions, medications, parenting web sites and more! The Library will also 
showcase exciting Bibliotherapy activities such as story time and the patient 
reading library. For more information or to register for the class, please call 504-
842-3760 (ext. 23760).

Ghost Goblins and Eeeeeeeek! 
Annual Library Halloween Costume Contest! 
October 31, 2006, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, Monroe Hall 
In this class, students will learn about using the Library’s electronic 
resources for faster, easier and more convenient medical research from 
work or home. Treats will be served! Costume contest and door prizes! 
For more information or to register for the class, please call 504-842-3760 
(ext. 23760).

7th Annual Southern Hospital Medicine Update 
November 9-11, 2006, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Royal Sonesta, 
New Orleans, LA 
For further information please call the CME Department at 504-842-3702.

Publish or Perish – Scientific Writing Tips 
November 14, 2006, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, Monroe Hall 
A well-written scientific paper or presentation explains the scientist’s 
motivation for doing an experiment, the experimental design and 
execution, and the meaning of the results. Scientific papers are written in 
a style that is exceedingly clear and concise. If you feel your writing skills 
need to be polished, please join our Knowledge Management Staff for 
this informative and worthwhile workshop. For more information or to 
register for the class, please call 504-842-3760 (ext. 23760).

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