



LSUHSC - New Orleans at Bogalusa Family Medicine Residency Program

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The Bogalusa Rural Family Medicine Residency Program continues to strive for excellence and capitalize on the evolving healthcare landscape in south Louisiana and nationally. Along with Dr. Emilio A Russo who recently was made permanent Program Director, we have a number of exciting developments on the faculty level. Dr. D. Jeffrey Mohr, a family physician for over 20 years in Michigan, joined the program in June 2014. Dr. Garland Anderson II, a graduate of the program, joined as an Assistant Professor in July 2014. Dr. Nicholas Seeliger, who previously worked with Tulane University, joined the program in January 2015. One of our current graduates, Dr. Kelsey Phelps will join the program as an Assistant Professor in August 2015. Dr. Steven Ogden, also a current graduate, will also work with the program. Stanley Talley, LCSW, is still with the program as our behavioral health specialist. Regrettably, Dr. Cain and Dr. Crooks are no longer with the program and will certainly be missed.

There were six graduates this year. All plan to stay in southeast Louisiana.

- Keisha Harvey, MD – Washington Parish Community Health Center, Bogalusa
- Steven Ogden, MD – Our Lady of the Angels Hospital, Bogalusa
- Kelsey Phelps, MD – LSU Health Sciences Center, Bogalusa
- Scott Picou, MD – Internal Medicine Clinic of Tangipahoa, Hammond
- Christopher Whipple, MD – Slidell Memorial Hospital, Slidell
- Hima Yalamanchili, MD – Lane Regional Hospital, Zachary

Six new residents begin training on July 1, 2015. The new residents are: Anh-Linh Bui, MD, Christie Caceres, MD, Margie Chinasa, MD, Rebecca Desfor, DO, Krupa Gandhi, MD, and Luther Sintim, MD. The chief residents for this year are Jay Umarvadia, MD and G. Daud Noaz, MD.

In March 2014, the hospital, Bogalusa Medical Center, was acquired by the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System (FMOL) and the name of the hospital has been changed to Our Lady of the Angels Hospital (OLOAH). The FMOL Healthcare System currently operates six hospitals in Louisiana. The partnership has provided stability to our program and has provided additional services to the community. In May 2015, the new state of the art Emergency Department opened at OLOAH. The capacity has increased from 9 beds to 18 beds, all private rooms, including a trauma room. It also has two specialized PEC rooms and a dedicated hazardous material decontamination room.

The Senator Ben Nevers/SEL- AHEC Medical Library opened in December in Bogalusa. This medical library serves all medical professionals in the 13 parishes of southeast Louisiana. The medical library has proven to be a great asset for the residents, physicians and other health care providers in the region.

Many of our faculty and residents have been busy with scholarly activity and patient safety projects. In November, Dr. Muncie, Dr. Batiste and Dr. Umarvadia were selected to present the data from their research project at the North American Primary Care Research Group Annual Meeting in November 2014 in New York City. Also, Dr. Umarvadia, Dr. Ogden and Dr. Russo were selected to present a poster presentation at the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine (AMSSM) Annual Meeting in April 2015 in Hollywood, Florida. One of our residents, Dr. Whipple, was invited to Washington, D.C. for an elective rotation in Health Policy with Senator Bill Cassidy, MD. In addition, Dr. Muncie, Dr. Russo, Dr. Mohr and Dr. Anderson co-authored multiple chapters for *Taylor's Principles of Family Medicine*. Finally, in August, two of our residents will present a Procedure Workshop at the 2015 LAFP General Assembly student track.

Our residency program continues to strive for excellence in medical education and patient care.

**Respectfully Submitted,
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Program Director**