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Department of Family Medicine & Comprehensive Care
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The LSU Health Shreveport Department of Family Medicine continues to expand its impact in clinical care, education, and research across Louisiana. Over the past year, we recruited four new providers, with an additional four faculty members joining the department this summer and fall. We also opened two new clinic locations in Monroe, further increasing access to high-quality primary care services for our communities. Over the past six years, our growth has allowed us to significantly expand the number of patients and families we serve. In 2019, our department recorded 31,529 annual patient visits; by 2025, that number had grown to 91,148 visits. We remain honored to provide patient-centered, holistic care to the citizens of Louisiana. During this same period, departmental research and scholarship increased by 9,701%, and research funding grew by more than \$6 million.

Under the leadership of Dr. Ammar Husan, our undergraduate medical education programs continue to thrive across all four LSU Health Shreveport campuses. Over the last six years, 13% of our medical school graduates chose family medicine, compared with the national average of 7.7% among allopathic medical schools. This success reflects the dedication of our full-time, part-time, and gratis faculty. We are especially grateful to our volunteer faculty members, who help teach our students and residents the importance of compassionate, community-based family medicine. We encourage additional LAFP members to consider becoming gratis faculty and mentors for the next generation of family physicians. Physicians interested in hosting students and/or residents in their clinics are encouraged to contact our department.

There has also been tremendous momentum within our rural residency programs. Last July, Dr. Ammar Husan was named Program Director of our Rural (Vivian) Family Medicine Residency Program, and his leadership has already had a meaningful impact. Our second rural residency program, located at Franklin Medical Center in Winnsboro, is now in its second year and has already earned national recognition under the leadership of Drs. Teri O'Neal and Logan Atkins. We are especially proud that Dr. Christian Bonner (PGY-2) was selected for the highly competitive Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leader Fellowship.

We also congratulate our residencies' program directors— Drs. Baudoin, O'Neal, Pippin, and Husan — on another successful recruitment season. All six of our residency programs (Shreveport, Rural–Vivian, EM-FM, Alexandria, Monroe, and Rural–Winnsboro) successfully filled for the 2026–2027 academic year. As we welcome our incoming interns, we also celebrate our graduating residents as they begin the next phase of their careers, many of whom will remain in Louisiana to practice. We are proud to continue our longstanding tradition of training outstanding family physicians for communities across the state. Notably, 26% of Louisiana's practicing family physicians graduated from one of our residency programs.

Our Sports Medicine Division also continues to flourish. Dr. Charles Webb serves as both Division Director and Program Director of our ACGME-accredited Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship. Sports medicine outreach efforts continue to expand, with faculty and residents serving as team physicians and medical directors for LSU Shreveport, Centenary College, Grambling State University, the University of Louisiana Monroe, Ouachita Parish Schools, DeSoto Parish Schools, the Shreveport Metropolitan Ballet, Bayou State Rougarou, and Monroe Moccasins. In addition, our faculty and trainees provided medical coverage for numerous major athletic and community events this year, including the LHSAA State Wrestling Championships, USA Masters Weightlifting Tournament, LHSAA Cross Country Championships, Louisiana

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Rodeo Cowboys Association Finals, and the National Black Rodeo Finals.

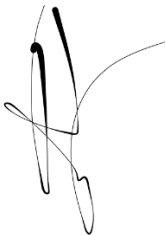
The Department of Family Medicine and the Ochsner-LSU Health System continue to experience significant growth. This year, we welcomed Drs. Cory Fernandes, Melissa DiSanto, Michael Donald, and Duston Boyd as faculty members in Monroe. In Alexandria, Dr. Dana Mays transitioned from part-time to full-time faculty status. This fall, we look forward to welcoming Drs. Andrew Wilkinson and Li Chen as faculty members in Shreveport.

Our faculty continue to excel through scholarly achievement, leadership, and service. This year's accomplishments include:

- Dr. Gyanendra Sharma was promoted to Professor of Clinical Family Medicine
- Dr. Ammar Husan was promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Family Medicine
- Dr. Ammar Husan received the Copping Excellence in Teaching Award
- Dr. Ammar Husan was appointed Program Director of the Rural (Vivian) Family Medicine Residency Program
- Dr. Charles Webb was promoted to Vice Chair for Administration in the Department of Family Medicine

We are actively recruiting faculty across all our campuses and invite others to come grow with us. I would be delighted to share more about the many opportunities available within the LSU Health Shreveport Department of Family Medicine.

Respectfully submitted,



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