

Lafayette Parish Medical Society

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President's Corner

The devastating hurricanes of 2005 and 2008 are behind us, however today we face more economic and healthcare crises.

As I look back on the last six years, I realize how efficient and effective the Lafayette Parish Medical Society has been in giving the structure and backbone medical care needs in these disasters.

When the call was put out by the governor to open the Cajundome as a major shelter. The medical society's officers were there in the forefront making it happen. They provided the leadership. They recruited staff equipment and medications to accomplish this task. The leadership of Drs. Andy Blalock and Rod Clark provided the nucleus for the medical care after Katrina and Rita. From this experience, the Louisiana Emergency Medical Unit, also known as LEMU, concept was developed and was first put into action for Hurricanes Ike and Gustav. These achievements serve as the benchmark for other medical societies to emulate.

Over the last few decades I have seen a remarkable advancement in medical technology and care of the patients. People talk about the good old days in medicine. This cannot compare with the level of excellence that we have achieved today. I have no desire to go back

Physician in the Spotlight: Dr. Michael Cain



Rockin' Doc

Beneath the sterile white coat of Dr. Michael Cain lies the heart of a hard-core rocker. The seemingly mild-mannered hematologist-oncologist is an avid fan of former Van Halen singer/guitarist Sammy Hagar. Just step into his office to see his wall covered with Hagar memorabilia, including an autographed electric guitar, concert photos and even a photo of Cain with the revered rock star.

To read more on the article go to www.louisianamedicalnews.com/physican-spotlight-dr-michael-cain-cms-1976

and relive the past. However, we face the most challenging crisis in our history. Economic problems of this country and the solutions are focused on reforming health care. Although I strongly disagree with the concept of socializing medicine, I think we will have to face additional cuts in reimbursement, increase in liability and more government involvement in the practice of medicine. The Lafayette Parish Medical Society and the Louisiana State Medical Society stand strongly behind the doctors to represent them in maintaining reasonable solutions to the economic problem.

Their efforts on electronic medical records and preventive care put them in a leadership role in helping physicians in the state deal with these issues. I appeal to all the members to be active in our society and recruit members. Come to the meetings and give a sure input.

This crisis too will pass, but let us remember that our goal remains to maintain and to improve the best healthcare system in the world. I'm honored to serve as President of the Lafayette Parish Medical Society. Please help us in achieving these goals.

Paul Azar, Jr, MD

Blalock Assumes Presidency



The 2012 Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Medical Society's House of Delegates will be a time to discuss issues and policies

for the upcoming year, but it will also mark the official start to the presidency of Anthony P. Blalock, MD.

Dr. Blalock, 37, was elected at last year's meeting and will be the youngest physician to serve as president of the Society in its 134-year history. He is the third physician from Lafayette Parish Medical Society, following in the footsteps of Dr. James Vildibill (1987-88) and Dr. Edward Harrell (1971-72).

To read full article go to www.lpms.org

Welcome

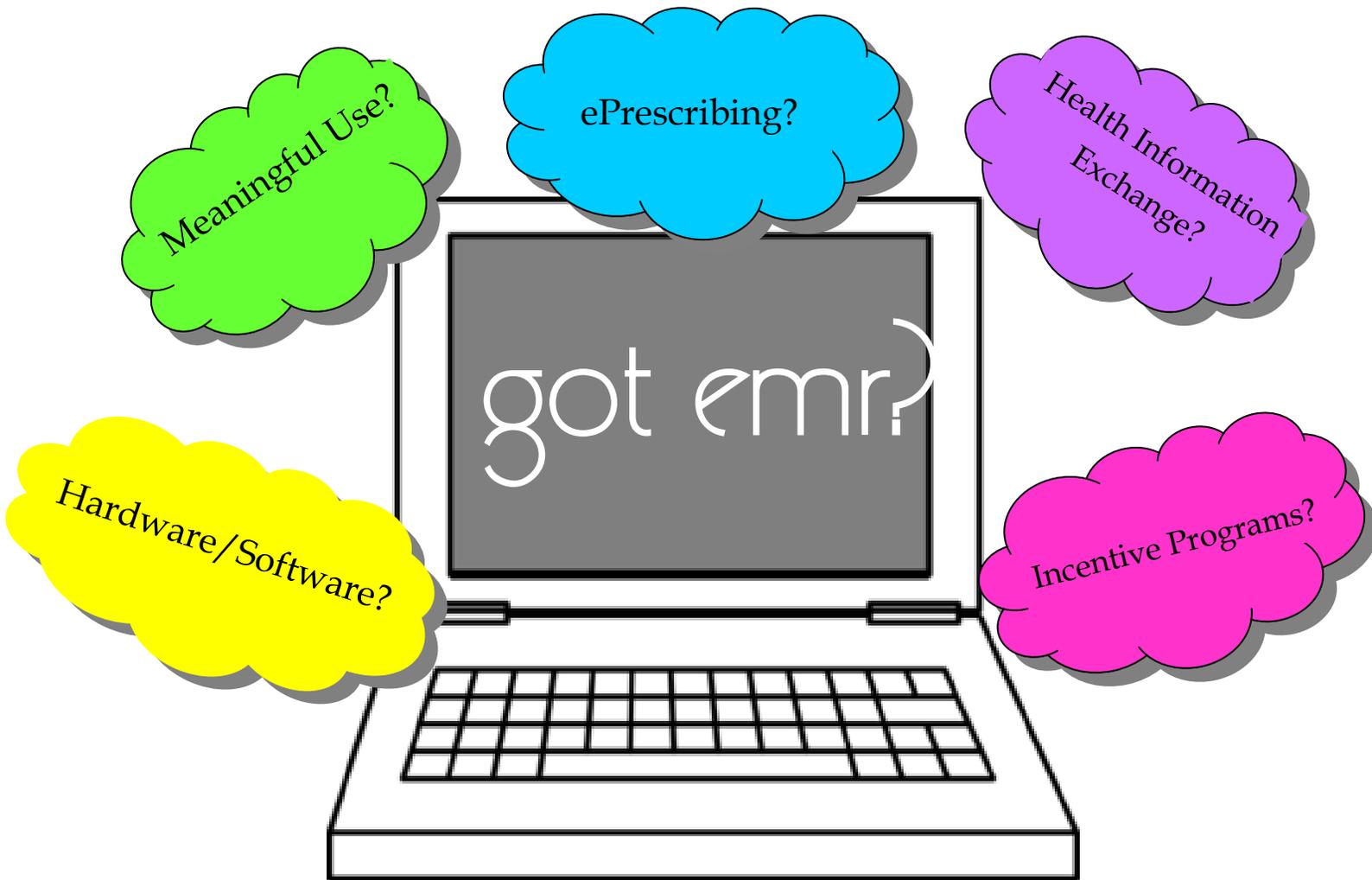
New Members:

- Chancellor Donald, MD
- Nicholas Duchamp, MD
- Shalini Grant, MD
- Joseph Horton, MD

Our Deepest

Sympathies

- John Cobb, MD
- Zerben Bienvenu, MD



**Come Hear What The Experts Say
At The EMR Expo!**

April 28, 2012

8am-5pm

Crowne Plaza - 1801 West Pinhook Road

For more information contact Kristi Prevost at 232-2860

**FREE ADMISSION
FOR PRACTICE MANAGERS AND PHYSICIANS**

2012 DOCTOR'S DAY HONOREES



40 Years

Stephen Abshire, MD
Kenneth Brown, MD
Steve Butaud, MD
John Dugal MD
James Godcheaux, MD
Firooz Jalili, MD
Milton Jolivette, MD
Shankarai Kothapolli, MD
Edmund Nagem, MD
Ronald Ritchey, MD
Lalith Wijayasuria, MD

50 Years

James Clause, MD
Lester Ducote, MD
Truman Hawes, Jr, MD

60 Years

Edward Burleigh, MD

Lafayette Parish Medical Society

Would like to invite you and your family the

Doctor's Day Celebration

At Abacus

530 W Pinhook Rd

Lafayette, LA

on Wednesday, March 28, 2012

6:00-8:00 pm

Come join us for a great evening!

We will be serving Boiled Crawfish and Jambalaya

Please RSVP by March 23rd

email to staff@lpms.glacoxmail.com or phone at 232-2860

Please indicate any special meal preference.



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New Doc?

Are you new in town? We would love to feature you on our website. Send us a brief biography and picture.

Welcome to Lafayette!

Benefits of Membership

PROFESSIONAL ADVOCACY

The political events of the past year have highlighted the great need for physicians to be involved in the LSMS and to have their voices heard in the public arena.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Department of Public Affairs provides media relations and communications on behalf of physicians and patients, presents a positive image of the profession with the media and the public, and works with statewide media to address healthcare issues from the physician's perspective. It also produces the publications listed below:

The Journal of the LSMS

Capsules newsletter

LSMS eAlerts and legislative bulletins

LSMS Direct -- an online member directory

Listing in Independent's Acadiana Medical and Dental Directory annually.

Please consider joining us. Let us know how we can help you practice medicine.

Upcoming Events

Doctor's Day Celebration

March 28th at Abacus from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

EMR Expo

April 28th at Crowne Plaza from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Summer General Membership Meeting

Sponsored by LAMMICO

May 23rd at Abacus from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

La Post Training

April 27th Café Vermillionville from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm