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LSU Health New Orleans at Bogalusa
Family Medicine Residency Program
Program Director: Frederick Stone, MD, MPH

The LSU Rural Family Medicine Residency Program in Bogalusa continues to strive for excellence and look for innovative solutions in the midst of an evolving healthcare landscape both locally and nationally.

We proudly graduated eight family physicians in 2026: Anna Garcia Bernal MD, Adam Bray MD, Mathilda Carew MD, Maurice Dick MD, Nora Fuller MD, Andrew George DO, Christen Johnson MD and Ashley Lutz DO.

- Dr. Garcia Bernal will be working as a nocturnal hospitalist in Oakland, California.
- Dr. Bray will be doing full-spectrum family medicine at Sutter Health in Crescent City, California, which is a rural underserved area. He will also likely be involved in the start of a new rural family medicine residency program there.
- Dr. Carew will be a hospitalist at Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital in Panama City, Florida. She will join her husband, Dr. Timilehin Oluseye, who is one of our 2025 graduates.
- Dr. Dick will be a hospitalist in Fort Myers, Florida and do some work in urgent care. He also has plans to start a telemedicine/house call clinic.
- Dr. Fuller will be doing Hospital Medicine for the Southern Region of Maine Medical Center.
- Dr. George will be doing outpatient work with LCMC Health in Covington.
- Dr. Johnson will be completing a Perinatal and Child Health Fellowship at PCC Wellness Community Center in Chicago.
- Dr. Lutz will be a Faculty Attending at the Texas A&M/Shannon Rural Family Medicine Residency Program in San Angelo, Texas.

Moreover, we are pleased to welcome seven new residents to our program scheduled to begin training on July 1, 2026. The new residents are: Devendra Bhandari MD, Weilai Chen MD, Marissa Jenkins DO, Sophie Palopoli MD, Harmanpreet Singh MD, Janamarie Uy MD and Breanna Zehnder MD.

The chief residents for the new academic year are Katy Gaspard MD and Ally Noyes MD.

Our program director, Frederick Stone, MD, has been in the position for just over 2 years at LSU HSC. He has over 28 years of faculty and program director experience, working in rural and urban communities. He practices full spectrum family medicine, including hospital medicine, nursing home and delivering babies.

In addition to Dr. Stone, other physicians form the core faculty cadre. Dr. D. Jeffrey Mohr, is our Associate Program Director, and he is in charge of our Medication Assisted Treatment Clinic. Dr. Madeleine Maras is passionate about community outreach, and we have been working toward a street medicine outreach program, along with other endeavors. Dr. Tucker Madden has completed a year as faculty. He performs and teaches EGD/colonoscopy knowledge and skills. Dr. John Jackson is a Family Medicine Obstetrics fellowship graduate, who will be joining our faculty in October.

Dr. Emilio Russo is the Department of Family Medicine Chair at LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans. He also participates in our EGD/colonoscopy clinics.

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Our partnership with the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System and Our Lady of the Angels Hospital continues to be strong, and the support of both the health system and the local hospital are critical to our continued success.

Our program continues to strive to expand its footprint in the community with engagement including presentations to the Council on Aging, church organizations and various health fairs in the community. Our residents and faculty participate in the local Special Olympics at Bogalusa High School. We have partnered with AHEC of Southeast Louisiana to participate in a “Future Health Heroes Short White Coat Ceremony” at a local elementary school. The “Rainbow of Short White Coats” is an initiative designed to inspire students to one day pursue a clinical career path. This initiative targets students from early learning centers, Head Start, elementary, and high school students. We work with several local organizations to provide care to vulnerable populations.

Our residents provide pre-participation sports medicine physicals to student athletes in the Washington Parish area, serving four schools and over 400 athletes.

We are expanding our POCUS curriculum. In addition to EGDs and colonoscopies in our patient population, our Procedure Clinics are busy with dermatologic procedures, joint injections and trigger injections.

We continue our annual global health trips to Peru. We have also developed a Global Health Track to foster the development of history taking and physical exam skills to develop expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of common conditions and diseases with particular focus on the diseases of poverty in varied contexts, to enhance cost-conscious care and to strengthen management skills in preparation for work in underserved areas. In addition, the track aims to foster career development, mature residents’ skills in cultural humility and advocacy of underserved populations, as well as, to contribute original research to global health education.

As part of our Community Medicine rotation, we have been collaborating with the leaders of the Bogalusa Mission to do community outreach in the streets with members of the community who lack health care resources. We continually revise our curriculum based on resident input with a focus on local resources and relationships and patient engagement in diverse settings.

During the past year, our residents and faculty have continued to participate in scholarly activity and quality improvement projects. We had two posters accepted for the regional LAFP Annual Assembly and Exhibition Poster Presentation. In addition, Dr. Mathilda Carew and Dr. Rachel Johnson won 2nd place for their poster titled, “Neuroendocrine Hyperplasia in Infancy: It Isn’t Just a Wheeze” at the National AAFP FMX 2025 Conference in Anaheim, CA.

Over the past year, we enjoyed some fun organized activities in order to help develop outside interests and relationships. Activities included an intern welcome party, tubing on the Bogue Chitto River, going to the Washington Parish Fair, pottery class, goat roast, professional basketball game, day at the park, Thanksgiving and Christmas potluck lunches, birthday parties and baby showers.

We continue to grow the collaborative effort from all of the South Louisiana Family Medicine residency programs to develop a Residency Learning Network, with the purpose of furthering best practices and faculty development. Here in Bogalusa, we are developing a quality improvement project to address food insecurity in the community.

As a program, we continue to take pride in the privilege we share in caring for our community and its vulnerable yet resilient community, striving for both excellence and compassion.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Program Director