

Lafayette Parish Medical Society

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President's Corner

At the tender age of 9 or so, I clearly remember the smartly dressed delivery man unload a beautiful, brown cabinet style color television and cart off the old black and white version of itself. Excitement filled the room when he connected it up, turned it on, and a bright colored picture appeared on the screen. Programming was limited but I did not care one bit. The pictures of some programs were in color and that was all that mattered. My mother turned to me as I sat cross-legged in front of the TV and she said, "Don't sit too close to the television; you will hurt your eyes... One day, we will have to pay to see television." I thought at the time, that she was so wrong about that fact. We would never have to pay to watch television!

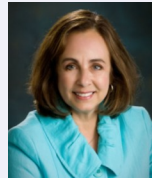
Times do change and so does technology. When did anyone ever think our paper charts would become paperless?

On September 14, 2011 Dr. Philip Caillouet spoke, to those in attendance, about the relationship between a

doctor and the patient in the past and what it is today. He pointed out how this relationship requires an electronic medical record system in today's health system. However, this change is difficult and so is the idea of meaningful use.

Your parish Medical Society sent out many requests to find out how many doctors need help with meaningful use and how to find and incorporate an electronic health record system in your office but not many of you are interested. So we will not be producing the webinars. We are still going to try to have a vendor day where several companies can show you their systems.

A link on our web page will list the most highly rated systems for offices of 2-5 physicians. We hope to have **these rated systems** at the vendor show. You will be able to talk with each representative and see the systems first hand.



Physician in the Spotlight: Dr Rod Clark

Dr Rod Clark was featured in the September 2011 issue of the Louisiana Medical News. The following is an excerpt from the article

He's a respected nephrologist and community activist.

But, after hours, Dr. Roderick Clark dons a do-rag for his true passion – riding Harleys.

His "baby"— a pristine 1959 Harley-Davidson B 125 Hummer 125 cc motorcycle. "I always wanted a '59 – that's when I was born," he said.

Reared in Lafayette, Clark grew up under the tutelage of his father, a refrigeration and air conditioning specialist. Starting at 13, he spent summers wiring houses and installing air conditioners. His Dad taught him all about engines— cars, boats and bikes. As a teenager, Clark's hobby was repairing mini-bikes and motorcycles. Eventually, he started restoring vintage Corvettes and Harley-Davidsons

Clark's current collection, stored in climate-controlled buildings at his camp and home, includes a yellow Harley-Davidson Road Glide, a 1968 Harley-Davidson three-wheel servi-car, a 65 cc Harley motorcycle, two 90 cc cycles and a 125 cc Harley dirt bike. He has restored a 1962 Harley Davidson Scat with 175 cc engine and a 1964 Pacer. When he goes out to his father's property in Chicot State Park, he rides a Harley MT 500 Military motorcycle.



Dr. Rod Clark-Born to be wild

To read the entire article go to www.louisianamedicalnews.com/physician-spotlight-dr-rod-clark-cms-1934

2012 House of Delegates

The 2012 LSMS House of Delegates and Annual Meeting will be held January 27-28, 2012, at the Hilton Capitol Center in Baton Rouge. Delegate representation is based on LSMS membership.

Register to Attend

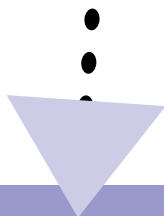
The 2012 LSMS HOD will be held January 27-28, 2012, at the Hilton Capitol Center in Baton Rouge. All delegates must register with the LSMS to participate in the HOD. Visit www.lsms.org/2012hod for print and online registration options.

Reserve a Room

The deadline for hotel reservations is **December 27, 2011**. Please make your reservations now by contacting the Hilton at 225-344-5866 or [online](#). The LSMS does not make reservations for any members.

Resolutions

The deadline for receipt of resolutions is **December 13, 2011**. All resolutions received by this date will be included in the Delegates Handbook as regular business of the House. Resolutions that are received after the deadline are considered late. The Committee on Rules and Order of Business will review late resolutions and make recommendations for inclusion as business of the House of Delegates in accordance with LSMS Bylaws and the rules of the House. The time and location of the Meeting of the Committee on Rules and Order of Business on Friday, January 27, 2012, will be in the Delegates Handbook. When drafting resolutions, please refer to the "How to Submit a Resolution for the House of Delegates" link on LSMS' website at www.lsms.org/2012hod.



Recruit your Colleague

DOCTOR'S GIVING BACK AWARD

Who Can Submit Nominations?

Anyone can nominate a physician for the honor of this award. Please confirm the physician's willingness to be honored.

What are the criteria for nomination?

The nominee must:

- Be an "Active" member, in good standing, of the Lafayette Parish Medical Society;
- Be active in his/her field;
- Have made some outstanding contribution in his/her community in the social, religious or medical fields;
- Have high morals;
- Have worthy ideals and practice them;
- Be a leader in civic development.

Need Additional Information?

Contact Kristi Prevost at 337-232-2860

Connect with your peers. Every time you recruit a new member, you help strengthen the LSMS. A vital and growing membership means stronger advocacy power with government, and improved educational and networking opportunities for members.

- **TELL** them why you are a member and how you have benefitted from it.
- **EMPHASIZE** that LSMS is the only statewide association that represents all specialties.
- **COMMUNICATE** the benefits and services of membership.
- **REMIND** recruits to include your name on their membership application.
- **RECRUIT** 2 new members.
- **EARN a FREE** membership for the next year!
- **RECEIVE** recognition at the Lafayette Parish Medical Society meeting.

Doug Williams Heads up Medical Malpractice Discussion Panel

Douglas K. Williams is an attorney practicing in Baton Rouge, with Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, LLP. He is an AV-rated partner. He practices in the areas of medical malpractice defense, insurance defense, product liability defense and interstate common carrier matters. He has defended medical malpractice claims for over 20 years and has been accepted as an expert witness in Legal Malpractice Litigation.

Marc Judice is an attorney practicing in Lafayette with Judice and Adley Law Firm. He has extensive trial experience, with emphasis on professional malpractice defense predominately in the following areas: medical, dental, nursing, hospital, accounting, and legal. Mr Judice has written several publications on the topic of Malpractice.

Jeff Williams is the Executive Vice President of the Louisiana State Medical Society. He previously served as the Chief Financial Officer and Director of Administrator. He has been with LSMS since 2005 and successfully co-authored and managed the first grant project for the LSMS Educational and Research Foundation totaling \$264,000.

Greg Waddell graduated from Louisiana State University with a B.A. in Finance and received his J.D. from Southern University. He was previously employed with the Louisiana Senate since 2006 and for the majority of that time served as legal counsel to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare. LSMS looks forward to capitalizing on Waddell's expertise in a vast array of healthcare issues ranging from traditional public health issues, Medicaid reform, medical malpractice and much more.

Jennifer Marusak is the director of governmental affairs for the Louisiana State Medical Society. In that role, she heads the lobbying and grassroots advocacy efforts for the organization and serves as the manager for LAMPAC. Until recently, Marusak also served as the spokesperson and communications director for Driving Louisiana Forward, a coalition of business organizations across Louisiana dedicated to improving our state's infrastructure.

Nick Gachassin, Jr is the founder and Senior partner of Gachassin Law Firm. He has over thirty years of experience in providing defense service to healthcare providers in medical and dental malpractice and professional liability cases and heads the firm's Litigation Practice Group. His experience also includes representing hospitals in medical staff matters, medical ethics, and risk management.

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*Would like to invite you to the
Fall General Membership meeting
At Petroleum Club of Lafayette
111 Heymann Blvd
Lafayette, LA
on Thursday, November 3, 2011
6:00-8:00 pm
"Medical Malpractice Panel"*

Panel will include: Doug Williams, Attorney at Law, Marc Judice, Attorney at Law, Nick Gachassin, Attorney at Law, Jennifer Marusak, LPMS, Greg Wardell, LPMS and Jeff Williams, LPMS

Please RSVP by November 1st on our website (www.LPMS.org)

Or by phone 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

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 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

Women In Medicine Luncheon
Petroleum Club
October 28th at Noon

Winter Membership Meeting
"Malpractice Cap Panel Discussion"
Petroleum Club
November 3rd at 6:00 pm

