

## New Clinic Opens in Baton Rouge

An enthusiastic turnout of more than 75 dentists, doctors and state legislators made the open house for the new LSUSD Dental Clinic in Baton Rouge a huge success, according to Dr. Ben Record, clinic director. "It was a great mix of people," he said. "The event gave us

the chance to show the value of what we are doing now and what we can do in the future to help the dental community."

The clinic is a 13-chair facility housed inside the LSU Surgical Center on Perkins Road near Bluebonnet Road. Dental services are provided by residents in the General Practice Residency Program (GPR), an intensive 12-month training program



*Dr. Shelley Joachim, assistant director, takes a patient's history.*

supervised by LSUSD faculty. The services provided by the GPR residents function as a "safety net" for dentists and physicians around the state and especially in the greater Baton Rouge area. This means that specialized care, often called "hospital dentistry," is provided to patients with complex medical and dental conditions that are outside the scope of routine dentistry.



*Team LSUSD at the open house for the clinic and GPR Program in Baton Rouge.*



*Dr. Ben Record, clinic director, left, with Dr. Kevin Reed, medical director of Earl K. Long Medical Center.*

Residents in the GPR Program also support the dental community throughout Louisiana by providing the intense care required by "special needs" patients, including those with developmental disabilities, patients requiring sedation or anesthesia, children on Medicaid requiring sedation, medically compromised patients and patients who need dental clearance prior to chemotherapy, radiation, heart valve or joint replacement.

The clinic is an affiliate of the Earl K. Long Medical Center (ELKMC) and a member of the LSU Health Care Network. This enables comprehensive care through the referral network among medical and dental specialists.

Dr. Kevin Reed, medical director of ELKMC, said the LSUSD faculty and residents provide outstanding treatment to many patients who would otherwise not get care. "The clinic is also a great training site for our future practitioners," he said. "Dr. Record does a great job not only as a clinician and educator but also in promoting the excellence of LSU in our community."

Dr. Shelley Joachim is assistant director of the clinic. For more information and a link for referrals, go to: <http://www.lsusd.lsuhs.edu/BRClinic-patients.html>