

ANTHONY P. BLALOCK, MD, OF LAFAYETTE
ASSUMES PRESIDENCY OF LA. STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

Lafayette, La. – 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).

“In the last decade, we have seen the changes in the practice of medicine evolve like never before. It is in leadership opportunities like this that I have been engaged to make a significant impact on physicians and our ability to provide high quality care for our patients,” said Dr. Blalock.

As a liaison to the medical staff and leader directing the hospital quality division, Dr. Blalock is chief medical officer at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center. He is also a partner with Acadiana Renal Physicians in Lafayette. He served as director of Renal Transplant Nephrology at Louisiana State University Health Science Center—Lafayette from 2008-10; and as clinical assistant professor of medicine, Louisiana State University Health Science Center from 2006-10.

Dr. Blalock has been active with the Society and Lafayette Parish Medical Society (LPMS) since 2000, beginning as a resident and participating in various committees and councils in positions of leadership. He served as president of the LPMS in 2005-06. Most recently, he served as vice president on the LSMS Board of Governors and as chair of the *Journal of the Louisiana State Medical Society*, the organization’s peer reviewed, scientific publication for physicians.

Dr. Blalock was also instrumental in the establishment of the Louisiana Emergency Medical Units (LEMU), which were implemented after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. LEMU is model emergency response system capable of providing rapid assistance to supplement existing medical services in the immediate aftermath of disasters throughout the state.

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Blalock graduated from Louisiana State University School of Medicine (New Orleans) in 1998. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Louisiana State University School of Medicine at University Medical Center-Lafayette, Louisiana, in 2000; and a fellowship in nephrology at Louisiana State University Health Science Center- New Orleans in 2003.

About Louisiana State Medical Society

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