

Local Vascular Surgeon Chief Dr. Albert Sam Named American Stroke Association National Spokesperson

Free Stroke Seminar and Screening at Baton Rouge General May 27, 2010

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Baton Rouge, La. March 25, 2010. Dr. Albert Sam of Vascular Specialty Center was recently named national spokesperson for the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association. As an affiliate of this group of nationally renowned scientists, physicians and experts, Dr. Sam is charged with enhancing the public's awareness of cardiovascular disease and stroke through informing media about the latest developments in prevention and treatment and persuading the public to adopt behaviors that reduce risk for these diseases.

"I am honored to have been chosen for American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's National Spokesperson Panel. My passion for caring for people and finding ways to improve vascular health is at the forefront of my efforts as a clinical researcher and practitioner, and I look forward to sharing my experiences with the public on a local and statewide level," states Dr. Albert Sam of Vascular Specialty Center.

Dr. Sam is scheduled to provide his expertise for a free community stroke seminar and screening at the Baton Rouge General, Thursday, May 27 at 5:30 p.m. Prevention, new treatments and research will comprise the discussion. Free carotid ultrasounds, blood pressure and BMI screenings along with cardiovascular disease risk assessments will be offered. The event is free and open to the community; registration is required as space is limited. Those interested in signing up may call (225) 763-4281.

About Vascular Specialty Center

About Baton Rouge General

Baton Rouge General Medical Center is a full-service community hospital, with 544 licensed beds between two campuses. As the first hospital in Baton Rouge, opening its doors in 1900, Baton Rouge General has a long history of groundbreaking milestones, as well as providing the Greater Baton Rouge community with high quality healthcare for generations. It is also the current titleholder of "Hospital of the Year" by the Louisiana Nurses Association. For more information, please visit www.brgeneral.org.

Baton Rouge General Medical Center was approved by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer as a Community Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Program in 1989 and

was the first cancer program in the region to attain approval. The program has maintained continuous approval subsequently. Baton Rouge General's Pennington Cancer Center was most recently re-approved in March 2008 and again achieved full three-year approval with commendations. In addition, the Center's Radiation Oncology Department received accreditation from the American College of Radiology in 2007. www.BRGeneral.org

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