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William "Beau' Clark, MD, of Baton Rouge
Named Louisiana State Medical Society President

On Friday, February 3, 2017, William "Beau" Clark, MD of Baton Rouge officially began his presidency of the Louisiana State Medical Society (LSMS). The LSMS House of Delegates, the official policy-making body for the organization, met the same day to discuss current health care issues, decide on a course of action for the coming year, and welcome its new leaders.

As president-elect for the society in 2016, Dr. Clark spent the last year learning more about the society’s involvement on key health care issues at both the state and federal level.

“It is truly an honor to accept the presidency of the Louisiana State Medical Society and I pledge to do my best to be its steward for the next year, defending the principles of medicine that provide the best outcomes for our patients,” said Clark in his inauguration remarks.

Dr. Clark received his undergraduate degree from Louisiana Tech University and graduated from LSU School of Medicine-New Orleans. He completed his internship and residency at Earl K. Long Medical Center in Baton Rouge. He is board certified in Emergency Medicine and practices as an emergency room physician. In 2011 he was elected East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner and was sworn into office on March 26, 2012. He will began his second term in March 2016.

Dr. Clark served as as president of the Capital Area Medical Society (CAMS) in 2014 and has been a member of LSMS and CAMS since 2003. He served in other leadership roles including as member of the board of directors of the Louisiana Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians from 2002-2011 and president in 2009, as well as president of the Louisiana Association of EMS Physicians for 2010-2011.

“It is up to us to ensure that the role of the physicians remains the quarterback of the medical team. This is what is best for our patients,” said Clark.

About the Louisiana State Medical Society
Established in 1878, the Louisiana State Medical Society (LSMS) serves as the trusted advocate for physicians in the state of Louisiana. LSMS aims to promote excellence in the practice of medicine and is the largest voluntary physician organization in the state, representing all specialties. For more information, visit lsms.org.

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