Dear Preventive Medicine Enthusiast,

I am excited to say the Tulane Preventive Medicine Program is alive and well. We graduated our first resident Dr. Sheikh in June. Dr. Sheikh is now continuing his career in Michigan as a primary care physician. This past July we started two new residents Dr. Greene and Dr. Johnson. Currently the residency program has 5 residents and is on track to graduate two more Prev Med physicians this academic year.

We are always looking for ways to improve and expand our program. Dr. Jayasinghe is in his final year of residency and is at the forefront of this goal. Dr. J, as he likes to be called, will spend the entire year at the VA New Orleans working in quality improvement. This extensive experience in QI will pave the way for future residents who desire a career in quality improvement. We are working on expanding our rural options. Future residents will rotate through Rural Primary Care VA clinic in the Alexandria, VA area. We’re also working with a local non-profit to set up a preventive medicine clinic for Veterans in the Welsh, LA.

In short, I am thrilled about what we have accomplished already.
Resident Spotlight:

George Singletary, MD

Dr. George Singletary grew up in Boulder, Colorado. He graduated from Creighton University Medical School in Omaha, Nebraska where he met the program director who would introduce him to life in the Big Easy. While working in a long term care facility for the New Orleans elderly, Singletary became interested in exploring a field of medicine that would enable him to understand how to improve the quality of life in the elderly by understanding the cumulative effects of their environment. Singletary spent his first year working on a Masters of Public Health degree in epidemiology. He plans to specialize in occupational medicine. He has a particular interest in addiction medicine, a subcategory that he finds fascinating, and which he hopes to apply for the benefit of people in New Orleans.

Dr. Raoult Ratard, a senior member of the department of preventive medicine and the Louisiana State epidemiologist, has a fascinating history. Born in Vanuatu, a French-speaking Pacific Island, Ratard moved to Paris with his older brother at the age of sixteen. There he earned his MD from the University of Paris Medical School. He chose to practice and study tropical medicine that would allow him to have a hands-on experience. He preferred examining people in areas in which outbreaks would be occurring, as opposed to working in hospitals. Because of this, Ratard has chosen a nomadic career; he never stays in the same city for more than six years at a time, with the exception of New Orleans, which he calls his “home base”. His experience includes studying tuberculosis in North Carolina, schistosomiasis in Cameroon, hospital infection control in Saudi Arabia, leprosy control in Texas, teaching infectious disease epidemiology in Tampa, and consulting for the CDC on prevention of tuberculosis transmission in China, Morocco, Cote d’Ivoire and Nigeria. He currently serves as the rotation supervisor for Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Emergency Preparedness as well as chief consultant in Environmental Epidemiology through the Louisiana Office of Public Health.