

VASCULAR SURGEONS

Robert C. Batson, MD: Dr. Batson is Professor of Clinical Surgery and Chief of the Section of Vascular Surgery at LSU Health Sciences Center. He has practiced at West Jefferson Medical Center since 1985. He is board-certified in Vascular Surgery and is a member of numerous surgical organizations including the Society for Vascular Surgery, American Vascular Society, Southern Association for Vascular Surgery, the Southern Surgical Society, as well as the American College of Surgeons. He is a past president of the New Orleans Surgical Society, Surgical Association of Louisiana, and the Peripheral Vascular Surgery Society. Dr. Batson's practice includes Vascular Surgery and minimally-invasive Endovascular Procedures. He has a special interest in carotid artery surgery as well as carotid angioplasty and stenting. He has extensive experience in treatment of aortic aneurysms, PAD, and complex re-operations for failed or infected artery repairs. Dr. Batson and his partners treat varicose veins and other venous problems at the Vein Care Center using endovenous laser therapy, sclerotherapy, and other techniques.

Tapash Palit, MD: Dr. Tapash Palit hails from Texas, where he completed his undergraduate education in Electrical Engineering from Rice University in Houston. He continued his education in Houston, where he graduated medical school from Baylor College of Medicine. Residency training brought him to New Orleans, and he completed his General Surgery residency at LSU Health Sciences Center. He went on to fellowship training at the Arizona Heart Institute in Phoenix, where he completed a fellowship in Vascular and Endovascular Surgery. He returned to LSU for further Vascular Surgery fellowship training, and subsequently joined the faculty of the LSU Health Sciences Center, where he has been in the full time practice of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery.

Claudie Sheahan, MD: Dr. Sheahan is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery at LSU Health Sciences Center. She received her MD from Boston University

and went on to complete her General Surgery and Vascular Surgery training at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. During her training, Dr. Sheahan received a grant from the National Institute of Health to study vascular disease at Harvard Medical School during a two year research fellowship. Dr. Sheahan has received numerous awards for her teaching ability as well as her clinical acumen. She was recruited to join the LSU faculty in 2004 by her former mentor Dr. Larry Hollier. Dr. Sheahan is a board certified vascular surgeon with extensive experience in minimally invasive treatments for thoracic and aortic aneurysms. She also specializes in all aspects of varicose vein therapy at the Vein Care Center.

Malachi Sheahan, MD: Dr. Sheahan is an Associate Professor of Surgery and the Director of the Vascular Surgery Training Program at LSU Health Sciences Center. He received his MD from Boston University and completed a General Surgery residency at Saint Vincents Hospital and Medical Center of New York. He then entered the Harvard Medical School/Longwood Residency in Vascular Surgery. In 2004, Dr. Sheahan left his private practice in New York City to join the LSU faculty. He is board certified in vascular surgery and a member of numerous national committees. Dr. Sheahan has extensive research experience with over 40 book chapters and journal publications. While he has special interest in complex bypass procedures in high risk patients, Dr. Sheahan's practice encompasses the entire range of vascular and endovascular surgery.

Bruce Torrence, MD: Dr. Torrance was raised in Thibodaux Louisiana and graduated from Nicholls State University with an undergraduate degree in Biology. He received his medical degree from Louisiana State University Medical School in New Orleans in 2003; and completed his residency in general surgery in 2008. Dr. Torrance went on to complete a vascular fellowship with LSU in 2010.



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William Risher, MD: Dr. Risher received his undergraduate degree from Tulane University in Biomedical Engineering in 1981. After graduating, he attended medical school at LSU Medical School in New Orleans, Louisiana. He received his medical degree graduating at the top 5% of his class in 1985. Dr. Risher completed his General Surgery residency at Ochsner Medical Center in 1990 where he was the Chief Resident in General Surgery. He completed his Cardiovascular Surgery residency in 1992 where he was the Chief Resident in Cardiovascular Surgery. He is board certified in General Surgery and Thoracic Surgery. He taught Cardiovascular Surgery at the University of Rochester in New York from 1992 through 2002. He was the Chief of Cardiovascular Surgery at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania from 2002 to recently. He was recruited to become the Chief of the Division of Cardiovascular Surgery in June of 2010. He has completed many research projects, written numerous publications in the medical field, and holds memberships in various medical and professional organizations. Dr. Risher has a strong interest in aortic aneurysm disease, valvular heart disease, surgery for cardiac arrhythmia, and minimally invasive cardiac surgery including robotic heart surgery.

NEUROLOGY

Piotr Olejniczak, MD: Dr. Olejniczak is a Professor of Neurology with tenure at the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, LA. He is board certified in neurology, clinical neurophysiology, and sleep medicine. He is currently the Director of the Epilepsy Center of Excellence at the LSUHSC in New Orleans and the Director of the Epilepsy Monitoring Unit at West Jefferson Medical Center. He serves as Director of an ACGME accredited Clinical Neurophysiology Residency (fellowship) program at LSUHSC; serves as an examiner for the American Board of Clinical Neurophysiology and the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. Dr. Olejniczak earned his medical degree and PhD from the Medical School in Wroclaw, Poland. He completed his internship at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, residency in neurology at the University of Cincinnati Hospital, and fellowship in clinical neurophysiology at the LSU, New Orleans. He

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is a former senior Fulbright scholar with fellowship in Neurosciences at the University of California San Diego in 1985-1986. His research interests include applications of quantitative EEG and MRI analysis in clinical epileptology. Dr. Olejniczak is a member of several organizations, including the AMA, American Academy of Neurology, and American Academy of Sleep Medicine.

PODIATRY

Brain E. Cain, DPM: Dr. Cain received a bachelor's degree in Psychology from St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO in 1996. He attended Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine in Miami Shores Florida. He received the prestigious Graduation Award for Motivation and Dedication to the profession of Podiatric Medicine in 2002. He did his residency at Kern Hospital and Medical Center in Warren, Michigan where he completed an extensive training in diabetic wound care and limb salvage/reconstruction, comprehensive medical and surgical training in forefoot and rearfoot pathology. Additionally, he spent 2 weeks in London, England working on the surgical exchange program. He holds staff privileges at West Jefferson Hospital, and was Vice-Chairman of the Department of Surgery, as well as a member of the performance improvement committee respectively. Dr. Cain also holds memberships in various professional medical organizations and presented lectures in the medical field of podiatric medicine and wound care.

THORACIC

Melanie Edwards, MD: Dr. Edwards is board certified in Cardiothoracic and General Surgery. Dr. Edwards attended Loma Linda University where she received her medical degree and completed her General Surgery training at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. She completed her Cardiothoracic residency at Saint Louis University with a special emphasis on lung and esophageal surgery. Since joining the faculty at LSU Health Sciences Center in 2008, Dr. Edwards has established thoracic oncology services at LSU Interim Hospital for the treatment of lung and esophageal cancer. She also treats benign disorders of the chest, including hyperhydrosis and has an interest in minimally invasive surgery.