

DOM NEWS BLAST

The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication

OUTSTANDING FELLOWSHIP MATCH for 2026

The results are in and our residents matched well across all three campuses. If you see these residents, please congratulate them on their success in the match!

New Orleans Campus:

- Dr. Alexandra Anderson – LSU New Orleans - Rheumatology
- Dr. Nikki Arceneaux – U South Alabama - Gastroenterology
- Dr. Lily Chen – Hematology and Oncology
- Dr. Thomas Deiss – Harbor-UCLA Med Ctr - Pulmonary/Critical Care
- Dr. Catherine Fontenot – George Washington Univ - Infectious Disease
- Dr. Edward Leonard – U Tennessee -Knoxville - Cardiovascular Disease
- Dr. Catherine Loehr – LSU New Orleans - Gastroenterology
- Dr. Assad Mussarat – LSU New Orleans - Cardiovascular Disease
- Dr. Hannah Porter – Ochsner Clinic Foundation - Endocrinology
- Dr. Sepehr Sadeghi – ECU Health Med Ctr - Cardiovascular Disease
- Dr. Luke Yesbeck – U Miami/Jackson Health System - Pulmonary/Critical Care
- Dr. Ilija Zecevic – U North Carolina Hospitals - Geriatric Medicine



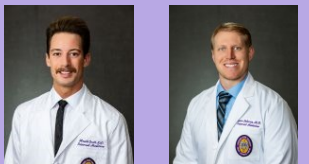
Baton Rouge Campus:

- Dr. Parker Yount – UNC - Pulmonary Critical Care
- Dr. John Johnson – LSU New Orleans - Pulmonary Critical Care



Lafayette Campus:

- Dr. Heath Scott – Orlando - Critical Care
- Dr. Ryan Falcone – UAB - Nephrology
- Dr. Jacob Cunningham – LSU New Orleans - Nephrology
- Dr. Ahmad Anbar – LSU New Orleans – Pulmonary/Critical Care



Previous residents-

- Dr. Joseph Prechter – Ochsner – Palliative Care
- Dr. Keat Ng – Tampa - Critical Care
- Dr. Ben Pickard – Tulane University - Cardiology



Dr. Ben Springgate (Community and Population Medicine) is serving on the National Steering Committee of the Medicaid Prescription Cap Policies, Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), & Related Outcomes study, an NIH funded mixed methods study based at Brown University assessing the impacts of different state Medicaid pharmacy benefit limits on access to life saving MOUD.

National AIDS Treatment Advocacy Program (NATAP) website highlighted research from the recent ID Week conducted by Dr. Tat Yau and Dr. Lauren Richey. The poster was titled: Change in Utilization of Statin Therapy Among People with HIV with Recent Guideline Changes at a Ryan White Clinic in New Orleans, Louisiana.



Dr. Erwin Aguilar was a guest speaker at the International Congress of Ethics at the University of Santiago in Santiago, Chile, on November 26-28. His presentation was titled “Clinical Research Ethics”.

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Dr. Vanessa de la Cruz (Community and Population Medicine) and Dr. Virginia Saussy (Emergency Medicine) hosted a filled-to-capacity Louisiana Bridge Symposium at the ULL LITE Center in Lafayette on 12/2/25. The symposium provided education and capacity building for hundreds of clinicians and administrators from around Louisiana about processes and structures to improve access and quality of care - including buprenorphine and naloxone for Opioid Use Disorder - through timely, evidence-based care models in the emergency department, inpatient, and outpatient settings. They were joined later at the Bridge Symposium by Dr. Bridgette Egan (Emergency Medicine) who was highlighted as an early Bridge Champion nationally who advocated for evidence-based initiation of buprenorphine and in-hand distribution of naloxone from the emergency department.



Dr. R. Brooks Robey (Nephrology) presented “Diuretic Boot Camp: A Systematic Pharmacologic Approach to Optimizing Diuresis in Heart Failure and Kidney Disease,” in Primary Care VA-ECHO on Thursday, August 28, 2025. This session was attended by 184 learners from VA sites across the nation. The feedback received from participants was excellent.



Mission Monday

This week the Infectious Disease Center HIV Outpatient Program (HOP) was highlighted in the UMC Mission Monday! First established in 1987, HOP provides primary care, subspecialty care, and social services for people with HIV. The University Medical Center commemorated World AIDS Day and NOLA HIV Awareness Week with a variety of educational events held throughout the week. Congratulations to Dr. Lauren Richey (Director, HOP Clinic) and the other members of the HOP team including Dr. Meredith Clement, Dr. Tat Yau, Dr. Paula Seal and Dr. Michael Hagensee (Infectious Diseases). In addition, Dr. Lauren Richey had an interview at WVUE Fox 8 News on 12/5/25 to talk about importance of testing, treatment, and prevention of HIV, and to decrease stigma associated with HIV: <https://www.fox8live.com/video/2025/12/05/lcmc-nola-hivaid-awareness-week/>



Dr. Mansour Alghamdi and Dr. Stephen Lindsey (Rheumatology) recently published this review paper about Behcet’s Disease in the journal *Medicine*.

Narrative Review

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Behçet's disease unraveled

Insights into clinical manifestations, diagnosis, and management

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