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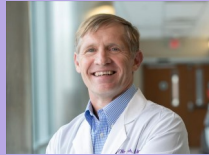
## The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication

At the ACR Convergence national conference in Washington DC, the LSU Rheumatology Knowledge Bowl team placed 3rd out of 16 teams in a two-day competition. The LSU team also won the Spirit Award for the team with the most team spirit. The LSU team consisted of two 2nd year fellows: Dr. Pavana Sakhamuri and Dr. Arya Loghmani, and Dr. Barrett Ford served as coach. Dr. Stephen Lindsey and Dr. Nirupa Patel served as faculty advisors.

Way to go, Rheumatology Team!



Congratulations to the Pulmonary/Critical Care section for their Pulmonary Hypertension Association Center of Comprehensive Care re-accreditation. As noted by Dr. Happel, section chief “The care of and research into pulmonary hypertension is one of our core “signature” programs within the section. Without your dedicated efforts and countless hours of devotion to this program, it would not be the success story it is today.” Great job!



Dr. Bud O'Neal and Dr. Tonya Jagneaux (Baton Rouge) were recently interviewed for a podcast on KevinMD regarding “Faster Sepsis Diagnosis in the Emergency Department”.



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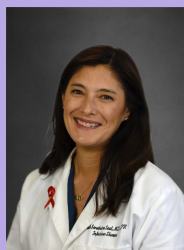
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Dr. Catherine Hudson (Gastroenterology) was recently honored with a DREAM Award for her work over the last 5 years to create the first ever obesity clinic in our underserved population at UMCNO, serving as the Director of Obesity Medicine, and working in advocacy to improve access to obesity care. In addition, she served as a moderator for the Foregut and Bariatrics section of the Tulane DREAM Symposium 2024: Innovating Solutions for DEI in Digestive and Liver Diseases and gave a lecture in that section entitled "Abundance and Scarcity: The Lack of Access to Obesity Treatments and the Role of Stigma."



Strong work, Dr. Hudson!

Dr. Tat Yau (Infectious Diseases) presented HIV 101 and Dr. Meredith Clement (Infectious Diseases) presented Ending the HIV Epidemic: Treatment and Prevention during our NOLA HIV Awareness Week at UMCNO. ID HOP is grateful to have such dedicated providers who also work to help educate others when asked. The presentations were excellent!



Dr. Paula Seal (Infectious Diseases) was recently interviewed for an article titled “Climate change is disrupting access to HIV treatment.” The reporter reached out to LSU because she had seen a 2022 Ryan White conference presentation on Emergency Preparedness presented by our faculty.

Article available at: <https://19thnews.org/2024/11/climate-change-disaster-hiv-treatment/>

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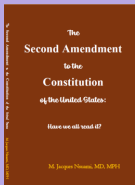
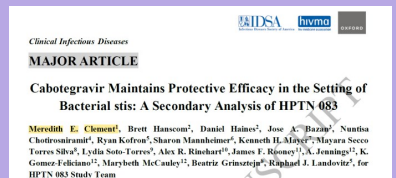
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Drs. Seema Faisal, Arya Loghmani and Stephen Lindsey (Rheumatology) presented a case report at the annual Rheumatology Alliance of Louisiana Meeting. In addition, the whole group represented LSU at the Association of Women in Rheumatology Annual Louisiana Chapter meeting in New Orleans.

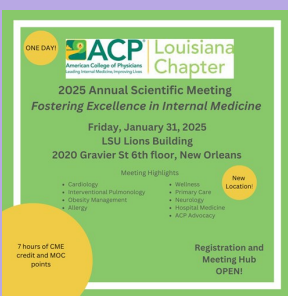
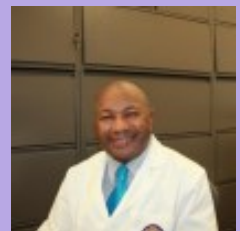


Dr. Meredith Clement (Infectious Diseases) recently published two papers. The first, published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* was from the PURPOSE 2 study of twice yearly Lenacapavir. The second, a first author manuscript published in *Clinical Infectious Diseases* describes the protective efficacy of Cabotegravir.

Congratulations, Dr. Clement



Dr. Jacques Nsuami (Infectious Diseases) published a book on the Second Amendment Right of American citizens under the Constitution of the United States. He became interested in the topic when he did some reading on the constitution and what he read did not match what he heard in the media. This is his review of the topic.



### Save the Date!

The Louisiana Chapter of the ACP Annual Scientific Meeting will be held Friday, January 31, 2025, in the Lions Building. As your lunchtime is open, you can also attend Medicine Grand Rounds where we will be having our Research Day speaker and a free lunch. CME for everyone!