

# DOM NEWS BLAST

## *The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication*

The **2024-2025 AESCULAPIAN SOCIETY COURSE EVALUATION** for the Internal Medicine Clerkship was recently reviewed/presented.

When students were asked what grade they would give the course, the most frequent response (scale of "Poor" to "Excellent") was "Excellent".

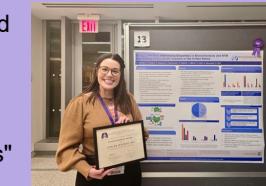
The Department would like to acknowledge the leadership of the Internal Medicine Student Curriculum including Dr. Greg Ardoin (Lafayette), Dr. Neeraj Jain (Cardiology), Dr. Victoria Burke (Infectious Diseases), Dr. Dean Lauret (Baton Rouge) and Kelly Rauser (New Orleans).

Also major thanks to the faculty and house staff of the LSU-Baton Rouge, LSU-Lafayette and LSU-New Orleans campuses for the teaching and mentorship of our medical students.



Dr. Ben Springgate and Dr. Vanessa de la Cruz (both Community and Population Medicine) presented talks for a panel on Climate and mental health at the American Geophysical Union conference. The American Geophysical Union is a 501 nonprofit organization of Earth, atmospheric, ocean, hydrologic, space, and planetary scientists, and the conference attracted 20,000 attendees to New Orleans. The panel, Climate Extremes and Population Mental Health in the Deep South: Lessons from Katrina and Paths to Resilience highlighted science and progress towards population resilience to the impacts of disasters over the last 20 years of climate extremes in our region of the country, and included colleagues from the University of Alabama, Birmingham School of Public Health; the American Psychological Association; and University of South Dakota's Disaster Mental Health Institute.

Dr. Shelby MacRae (Pulmonary/Critical Care) served as an invited faculty member at the 2<sup>nd</sup> North American Bronchiectasis and NTM Symposium, participating in a case-based panel discussion on "Immunodeficiency in Bronchiectasis." In addition, her poster title "Bridging the Gap: Addressing Disparities in Bronchiectasis and NTM Care Across Public Health Systems in the United States" was awarded runner-up at the symposium.



Congratulations to the outstanding multidisciplinary team of LSU, UMCNO/LCMC, and Tulane physicians and leaders represented by Dr. Seth Vignes (Hospital Medicine, and Addiction Medicine) and Dr. Ben Springgate (Community and Population Medicine, and Addiction Medicine), Dr. Patrick Greiffenstein (LSU Trauma Surgery), Dr. Jeff Elder (UMCNO CMO and LSU Emergency Medicine), Dr. Anjali Niyogi (Tulane Internal Medicine), and Amy Pruijm (Director, LCMC Population Health). This top team has been selected in a competitive, national award process for participation in the American Hospital Association / Health Research and Educational Trust's Opioid Use Disorder / Stimulant Use Disorder Linkage and Retention Learning Collaborative. The LSU / UMCNO / Tulane / LCMC team will be one of six teams participating in a national learning collaborative in 2026, with the goal of enhancing inpatient linkage into care and outpatient follow up for opioid use disorder and stimulant use disorder. Opioid use disorder and stimulant use disorders are leading causes of morbidity and mortality in New Orleans, Louisiana and nationally.



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Dr. Efrain Reisin (Nephrology) was an invited speaker at the 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Prehypertension, Hypertension and Cardio Metabolic Syndrome held in Split, Croatia. The talk's title was "Obesity and Hypertension: The Heart and the Kidney, a Fifty Year Meteoric Retrospective"



Dr. Shane Sanne (Hospital Medicine) and Dr. Catherine Loehr (IM Resident) recently published this case report in *Cureus*.

Presentation, Diagnosis, and Acute Treatment of Secondary Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis: A Case Report  
 Alexandra Bartholomew • Michael Connick • Catherine Loehr • Shane Sanne  
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Dr. Rebecca Lillis (Infectious Diseases) recently published this first author paper in the *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*.



Evaluation of *Mycoplasma genitalium* positivity and co-infection with *Chlamydia trachomatis* and/or *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* at various care sites across the United States  
 Rebecca Lillis<sup>1</sup> • Rodney Arnett<sup>2</sup> • Charity M. Bassus<sup>3</sup> • Steven F. Chavouette<sup>4</sup> •  
 LaShonda Crane<sup>5</sup> • Nicole d'Empaire<sup>6</sup> • Aaron C. Ermel<sup>7</sup> • Glenn Harrett<sup>8</sup> •  
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 Stephen Young<sup>14</sup> • Barbara Van Der Pol<sup>15</sup>, on behalf of the Lisi CI/NG/MG Clinical Trial  
 Study Group