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The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication

<u>Dr. Julio Figueroa</u> (Infectious Diseases) participated in a national media briefing sponsored by Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) about avian influenza last Friday during which he shared what was happening in Louisiana.

Great job representing, Dr. Figueroa!





National Association of EMS Physicians

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<u>Dr. Keith Van Meter</u> (Emergency Medicine) had a paper titled, "Effect of cardiopulmonary resuscitation on perfusion in a porcine model of severe hemorrhagic shock", which was highlighted as one of the top ten papers at the recent National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) meetings. Dr. Raul Coimbra, the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery* has selected the manuscript as the Editor's Choice, Best of Basic/Translational Science, for the February issue!



<u>Dr. Ben Springgate</u> (Community and Population Medicine) served as an expert resource for the newly released website, report, and tools for clinicians from Undue Medical Debt, an organization that seeks to prevent and mitigate the adverse effects of medical debt faced by Americans, including our patients. <u>First Do No Harm: How Clinicians Can Champion the End of Medical Debt</u> explores the experiences of frontline healthcare workers navigating cost-of-care conversations with their patients and sets the groundwork for helping clinicians become more engaged and empowered to tackle the medical debt crisis. Medical debt is the number one cause of personal bankruptcy in the United States. This work explores how we as practicing physicians can help reduce the likelihood that our patients are faced with that all-too-common outcome of unmanageable or overwhelming debt after seeking needed health services.



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<u>Dr. Ashley Wennerstrom</u> (Community and Population Health) and colleagues had a paper accepted titled "Engaging community health workers in Primary Care Practices" in the Journal of Ambulatory Care Management. Dr. Wennerstrom served as senior author.

<u>Dr. Catherine Hudson</u> (Gastroenterology) recently completed training and received certification in Advanced Bariatric Suturing from the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) through their STAR Certificate Program which included a written exam and hands-on skills assessment lab in Chicago. These skills are essential to perform Endoscopic Sleeve Gastroplasty and Transoral Outlet Reduction as part of a comprehensive bariatric endoscopic practice.





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Bronchiectasis and Mycobacterial
Lung Disease
Management. Care and Research Impact

The Pulmonary/Critical Care Section recently organized and hosted a CME symposium on Bronchiectasis and Mycobacterial Lung Disease as a pre-Tri State Annual Meeting event. Speakers for the event included: <u>Dr. Juzar Ali, Dr. Shelby MacRae, Dr. Amy</u> Wolfe, Dr. Michelle Korah-Sedgwick, Dr. Judd Shellito, and Dr. David Welsh.







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<u>Dr. Agustin Garcia</u> (Hematology Oncology) contributed his expertise as a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy Ovarian Cancer Expert Panel. The panel developed updated guidelines regarding neoadjuvant chemotherapy for advanced ovarian cancer, which were published in the Journal of Clinical Oncology.



<u>Dr. Paul Harch</u> (Emergency Medicine) was recently interviewed for the city news in Montreal regarding a child he is treating after drowning. The interview can be found here:

Alyssia Rubertucci, City News, Montreal, "Montreal toddler receiving post-drowning treatment in U.S. that's inaccessible to Canadians:

https://montreal.citynews.ca/2025/01/17/montreal-toddler-post-drowning-us-treatment/, 1/17/2025.