

DOM NEWS BLAST

The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication



Louisiana ACP Resident Student Meeting

Saturday, January 31, 2026

LSU CALS Building 1st floor, New Orleans

Thank you to those who have volunteered! We are still in need of several judges for the in-person POSTER SESSION from 12:30-2:00pm at the 2026 Resident and Student Meeting on January 31at the LSU CALS Building in New Orleans.

If interested in volunteering to be a poster judge, please respond to Mrs. Sarah Waldrop. Fellows would also be welcome to participate.

Sarah Waldrop: laacpchaptermeeting@gmail.com



Dr. Vijay Nijjar (Pulmonary & Critical Care) and Dr. Giulia Monticone were recently awarded a New Investigator Award from the Louisiana Cancer Research Center. The award carries a grant for a pilot study investigating T-cell exhaustion and senescence in early-stage non-small cell lung cancer. The study will build off Dr. Monticone's previous work on molecular mechanisms of tumor immune evasion by combining it with advanced diagnostics of early-stage tumors by Dr. Nijjar.

Dr. Shelby MacRae (Pulmonary/Critical Care) was recently featured on a podcast produced by the Bronchiectasis & NTM Association focused on helping patients navigate their first bronchiectasis and nontuberculous mycobacteria (NTM) center appointment. In the episode, she discusses what patients can expect, how to prepare for an initial visit, and key questions to ask when establishing specialty care. The episode can be accessed here: <https://www.podbean.com/ep/pb-jw46k-19e8b22>



Dr. Seth Vignes (Hospital Medicine) recently became board certified in Addiction Medicine.