

DOM NEWS BLAST

The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication

Dr. Lauren Richey (Infectious Diseases) and Dr. Hope Oddo-Moise (Hospital Medicine) recently presented at the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC) CONTINUUM 2024 Conference in Puerto Rico. Dr. Richey presented "Corrective Strategies and Adaptive Benefits to Address Maladaptive Thoughts and Reduce Internal HIV Stigma in Individuals with Trauma Histories" and "Best Practices Learned from PEPFAR HRSA Skills-Sharing Program in Jamaica." Dr. Oddo-Moise presented her CQI project: "Rapid Re-Entry into Care."



Strong work!

Dr. Brooks Robey (Nephrology) was recently appointed by the Board of Directors to serve as the Chair of the Medical Advisory Board of the National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana.

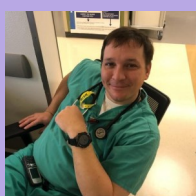
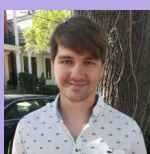
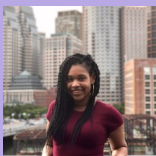


Congratulations, Dr. Robey!

Emergency Medicine Awards

The following EM Residents and EM Faculty received awards at the Emergency Medicine graduation celebration. Congratulations!

1. William Bradley Award- Trevia Jackson, MD
2. Albert J Lauro Award- Michael Okoronkwo, MD
3. Nursing Excellence Award- Max Oertling, RN
4. Outstanding Junior Resident Award- Alex Woodbridge, MD
5. Sonostar Award: Trevia Jackson, MD; Thomas Fox, MD
6. Social EM champion: Joshua Lara, MD
7. Resident of the Year: Trevia Jackson, MD
8. Intern of the year: Joshua Lara, MD
9. Clerkship Resident of the Year: Trevia Jackson, MD; Paul Ramirez, MD, Sara Muramoto, MD, Aaron Singer, MD
10. Academic Faculty Award- Jordan Vaughn, MD
11. Clinical Faculty of the Year Award (Dr. Jeffrey St. Clair)- Jacques F. Ancelet, MD
12. Clinical faculty of the year award from an off-site rotation Slidell, CHNOLA, WJ, Lalie, VA, OLOL- Robert Mercadel, MD
13. Clerkship Faculty of the Year: Meghan Maslanka, MD



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Dr. Allison C. Augustus-Wallace (Dean's Office) recently spoke at a AAMC IDEAS Learning Series on the Voters' Education Initiative: Engagement and Empowerment during which speakers discussed voting as a social determinate of health and the use of this legal, non-partisan initiative to increase awareness of current issues relevant to academic medicine.



Great job!



Dr. Rajesh Mohandas (Nephrology) recently published this paper on the relative safety of erythropoiesis-stimulating agents (ESA) in *Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics*. The authors found long-acting ESAs were associated with lower risk of all-cause mortality, with no difference in the risk of major cardiovascular adverse events when compared to short-acting ESAs.



Dr. Ian Crimmins (EM Resident) and Dr. David Beran (Emergency Medicine) recently published a case report in the *Journal of the American College of Emergency Physicians* describing a patient with traumatic tension pneumocephalus with CT images showing a classic "Mount Fuji sign".



Dr. Paul Harch (Emergency Medicine) recently published a case report on dementia sensitivity to altitude changes and treatment with hyperbaric air and glutathione precursors published in the *Frontiers in Neurology*. The authors showed cognitive deteriorations and improvements in a patient with dementia with hypobaric/hypoxic motor vehicle ascents and descents from altitude (in the Rocky Mountains). Temporary beneficial motor vehicle descents were replicated in a hyperbaric chamber.

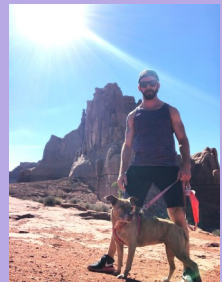


Shout out to Dr. Sabo

Dr. Scott Sabo (EM Resident) was recently acknowledged for going above and beyond the "usual". We received the following email from a member of the New Orleans EMS.

"I responded to a death today and called for DNAR orders via radio. After giving me his name and the official time, Dr. Sabo asked me to give his condolences to the family members present on the scene.

In the 17 years that I have been a paramedic, this was the first time this has ever happened to me. The family members expressed their gratitude to him immediately, and the moment was very grounding for me. We respond to obvious deaths, traumatic deaths, or otherwise non-workable arrests several times a week, sometimes even several times a day. This moment was a reminder for me to remain just as present and compassionate for these simple calls as I do for a workable cardiac arrest. It was such a small gesture on his part, but I truly believe things like that within medicine have a greater impact than we realize."



Way to go, Dr. Sabo!