

DOM NEWS BLAST

The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication

Center Directors and Dual-PIs Dr. Ashley Wennerstrom and Dr. Ben Springgate (Community & Population Medicine) recently received word that their multiyear cooperative endeavor agreement (CEA) with the Louisiana Department of Health for \$9 million supporting the LSU Health Center for Healthcare Value and Equity, has been renewed effective July 1, 2023. Building on a record of collaboration and success since 2018, the three years of support through June 2026 (with an option to extend to June 2028) will provide at least \$9 million for the Center's efforts to expand collaborative research and evaluation, innovation, and partnerships improving health and health care for the people of Louisiana.



Congratulations to Dr. Wennerstrom and Dr. Springgate!



Dr. Fred Lopez recently participated on the ID MKSAP committee in Philadelphia. He is pictured with Dr. Allan Tunkel (Brown University School of Medicine), a member of the committee and the 2017 LSU ID Dascomb Visiting Professor.



In a collaborative effort, members of our residency program and Pulmonary/Critical Care section recently published in Respiratory Medicine. Dr. Thomas Fox (EM/IM Resident), Dr. Michael LaNasa (Former Baton Rouge IM Resident), Dr. Bennett deBoisblanc and Dr. Matthew Lammi (Pulmonary/Critical Care) reported on the test characteristics of 3 questionnaires for obstructive sleep apnea in a cohort of patients with pulmonary hypertension (PH): the STOP-Bang, STOP-Bang with modifications and Epworth Sleepiness Scale (ESS). STOP-Bang was equal in performance in patients with PH as compared to those without PH.



Shout-out to Dr. Boulmay!

Dr. Brian Boulmay (Hematology-Oncology) was recently lauded by one of our LSU medical students for his suggestions for care of the student's dad, who lives overseas. The student wrote "Over the e-mail, I discussed my Dad's clinical situation and his current medications with him (Dr. Boulmay) and he worked with me to recommend a regimen for his advancing prostate cancer. He also attached primary literature to support his recommendations. This was an act of extraordinary care and my family and I are immensely grateful. My Dad is doing better now."



Thank you Dr. Boulmay for your generous care and support.