

DOM NEWS BLAST

The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication



Dr. Shelby MacRae (Pulmonary/Critical Care) was recently awarded the 2025 – 2026 Faculty Assembly Outstanding Junior Faculty Member Award. This prestigious award celebrates a rising star and is designed to honor an outstanding early-career Instructor or Assistant Professor making waves in academic medicine. This recognition spotlights exceptional young faculty who excel in groundbreaking independent research, inspiring teaching, and dynamic professional collaborations.



Dr. Raj Mohandas (Nephrology) is a Co-Investigator on Dr. Eric Lazartigue's R35 Award: Screening and validation of miRNA targets for neurogenic hypertension.

Dr. Lauren Richey (Infectious Diseases) recently was awarded additional funding from HRSA End the HIV Epidemic to expand an innovative low barrier, open access clinic to address barriers to HIV care in New Orleans. The clinic goals were to enhance linkage to care, entry and re-entry to care, optimize engagement and retention in care, and consequently improve viral suppression for those who are difficult to engage. The clinic was able to demonstrate significant improvements in care including improved viral suppression rates and a reduction in out of care percentages.

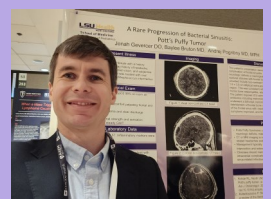
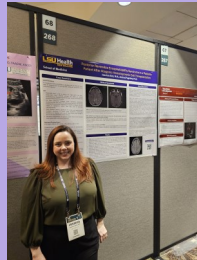
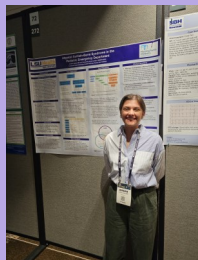
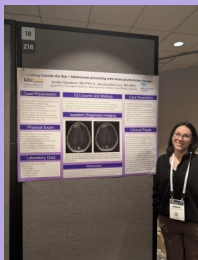


The American Academy of Emergency Medicine held its Annual Scientific Assembly in Seattle last month, and LSU Emergency Medicine was well represented.

Dr. Amber Davidson (PGY-4) presented a poster titled: "Thinking Outside the Box- Adolescents Presenting with Acute Psychomotor Changes"

Dr. Jordan Smith (PGY-3) presented a poster titled: "Atypical Guillan Barre Syndrome in the Pediatric Emergency Department"

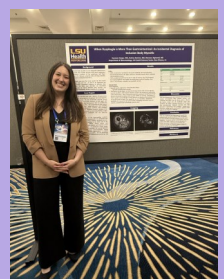
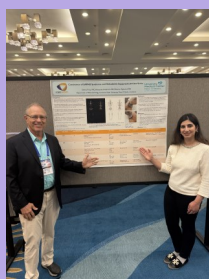
Dr. Jessica Aird (PGY-3) and Andrej Pogribny MD (Peds/EM faculty) presented a poster titled: "Posterior Reversible Encephalopathy Syndrome In A Pediatric Patient After Allogenic Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation"



Two LSU EM faculty had presentations at the conference:

Dr Pierre Detiege and Dr Jordan Vaughn presented "Health Equity Rounds- Real World Case Conferences" and Dr Jordan Vaughn also presented "First, Do NO Harm: The Hidden Risks of Overcorrecting DEI in Emergency Medicine"

The Rheumatology section attended the Congress of Clinical Rheumatology in early May. Dr. Suzanne Cooper and Dr. Seemal Faisal (Rheumatology fellows) presented posters. Dr. Stephen Lindsey (Rheumatology) was one of the esteemed faculty for the Congress.



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Dr. Fred Lopez (Infectious Diseases) was the Medicine Grand Rounds speaker at LSU Shreveport. His talk was titled “Update in Infectious Diseases”.



Dr. Rajesh Mohandas (Nephrology) was an invited speaker at LSU Shreveport and gave two talks. The first was titled “High Volume Hemodiafiltration: Are you Convinced Yet?” and the following day he gave Medicine Grand Rounds titled “The Silent Epidemic of Primary Aldosteronism: Rethinking Diagnosis and Management”



Dr. Mihran Najayan (Nephrology) delivered a presentation at the National Kidney Foundation meeting held here in New Orleans on May 8th. The talk was titled “Going Virtual: The New Architecture of Kidney Care Education — Innovative Digital Approaches Transforming Kidney Care Learning.”



Dr. Lauren Richey (Infectious Diseases) was invited to serve as a member of the Community-Acquired Pneumonia Section Group for the NIH-HIVMA/IDSA Panel for the Guidelines for the Prevention and Treatment of Opportunistic Infections in Adults and Adolescents with HIV. These guidelines are accessed by healthcare professionals across the world and see almost 500,000 page views each year.



Dr. Christopher Wexler (Lafayette, Infectious Disease) along with the OUHC Infection Preventionist had an article published in the *Journal for Healthcare Quality* entitled: Reducing Community-Acquired CDIFF Admissions: Outpatient Antimicrobial Stewardship.

