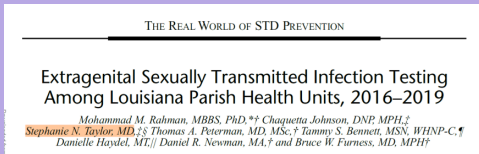


# DOM NEWS BLAST

## The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication

Dr. Stephanie N. Taylor (Infectious Diseases) was co-author of a paper nominated for a Charles C. Shepard Science Award. These awards recognize excellence in scientific achievement by CDC authors of outstanding scientific papers in the previous year and honor the memory of Charles C. Shepard, a renowned microbiologist. During the ceremony in October, the awards were described as the “CDC Scientific Community “Oscar Awards”. In 2023, there were 2,977 CDC publications in 743 journals. Of the 2,799 publications, Dr. Taylor’s paper was one of only 48 papers nominated in 5 categories. In the Prevention and Control Category, there were seven papers nominated. The 2023 Prevention and Control award was presented to authors of the landmark Mpox vaccine paper that was published in the New England Journal of Medicine. Although Dr. Taylor’s paper did not win the award, it was a tremendous honor to be nominated.



Mohammad M. Rahman, Chaquetta Johnson, Stephanie N. Taylor, Thomas A. Peterman, Tammy S. Bennett, Danielle Haydel, Daniel R. Newman, Bruce W. Furness. Extragenital Sexually Transmitted Infection Testing Among Louisiana Parish Health Units, 2016-2019. Sexually Transmitted Diseases. 2023 May 1;50(5):274-279.

### Clinical Gold Stars

Our residents have been busy being awesome, so we wanted to give them a shout out for going above and beyond. Keep up the amazing work!



Dr. Luke Sharrock Dr. Taniya De Silva writes “I was really impressed by him in many ways — he has an exceptionally strong fund of knowledge of Endocrine disorders and also asked insightful questions and was highly engaged throughout clinic. In addition, he volunteered to add a complex patient who needed help with nicotine cessation to his own continuity clinic to help her get the extra support she needed (we hadn’t asked him to do this it was his own idea).”



Dr. Edward Leonard: Ms. Charlene Nelson, Patient Navigator LSU Medicine writes that a recently hospitalized patient needed a medication prescription and the family called when unable to get it. Dr. Leonard jumped in and took over – he called the pharmacy, then called the insurance company to expedite a needed medication. By the time Dr. Leonard got off the phone the medication was approved. The family was called and before hanging up they thanked Dr. Leonard and Ms. Charlene for working so hard on getting the patient approved for his medication. She said she has never seen anyone work so fast and getting back with her before the day was over. Dr. Leonard is a fantastic doctor and Ms. Charlene appreciates everything he does for her and his patients. He does not hesitate to jump in, he is so funny and a great asset to the LSU medicine clinic.



Dr. Keyur Patel: Dr. Jay Miller writes of a patient who was transferred to the MICU. “Dr. Keyur Patel was at bedside & gave a very good summary of the patient’s issues. Patient was promptly wheeled down to 4161. This moment would have been the routine and acceptable time for him to return to his floor duties / rounds. However, Dr. Patel came with us to patient’s new room. We discussed & concluded the only appropriate plan for the patient was comfort care & DNR. I routinely deliver this news, of course, so I began searching for a translator device for my impending family GOC discussion. Before I could find one, Dr. Patel had already gathered the family in a private room with the translator device. I offered my presence for the talk, but he said he had it under control. The result of the discussion was resumption of comfort care with DNR. As of this moment, the patient is comfortable, his family are surrounding him, & they are all singing. It is a peaceful & moving scene.”

