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The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication

2024 Chancellor’s LSU Health Excellence Awards

Congratulations to Dr. John J. Hutchings (Gastroenterology) and Dr. Daryl Lofaso (Dean’s office) on their Chancellor LSU Health Excellence awards, which aim to honor those who significantly advance the vision and mission of LSU.



At the recent American Society of Nephrology Conference, the LSU Nephrology sections of New Orleans and Baton Rouge were well represented.

Dr. Rajesh Mohandas, as Chair of the early career committee organized and chaired the ASN/AHA Donald W. Seldin Young Investigator Award & Symposium.

Numerous faculty including Dr. Farshid Yazdi, Dr. Siddhartha Bajracharya, Dr. Annalisa Perez, Dr. Mihran Najlayan, Dr. Rajesh Mohandas, Dr. Hollis “Bud” O’Neal (Baton Rouge) and Dr. Matthew Foy (Baton Rouge) had posters presented at the meetings with numerous fellows, residents and medical students. Fellows and residents are underlined.

Potassium of 8? It May Be Okay to Wait

Tammy Do, Arash Ataei, Nahida Baigam, Farshid Yazdi, Rajesh Mohandas (Tammy and Nahida are renal fellows, Arash was a resident)

Utility of Genetic Testing in Patients with CKD of Uncertain Etiology: Results from an Underserved, Predominantly African American, Urban Population

Nahida Baigam, Tammy Do, Annalisa Perez, Siddhartha Bajracharya, Rajesh Mohandas

Combination Treatment of Difelikefalin and Tolvaptan for Late-Stage Polycystic Kidney Disease

Ashlyn Anderson, Daniel Kapusta, Kara Johnson, Madison Grace Haggard, Jacob Meariman, Ian Denys, Mihran Najlayan, Juan Gao

Hereditary Angiopathy with Nephropathy, Aneurysms, and Muscle Cramp (HANAC) Syndrome: There Is More to Explore!

Nahida Baigam, Rajesh Mohandas, Siddhartha Bajracharya

Incidence and Outcomes of Nontuberculous Mycobacterium Infections in Patients Undergoing Peritoneal Dialysis

Rachael Lazar, Meredith Zywno, Eric Weinhandl, Mihran Najlayan

Connected Home Hemodialysis Machine Use and Transition to In-Center Hemodialysis

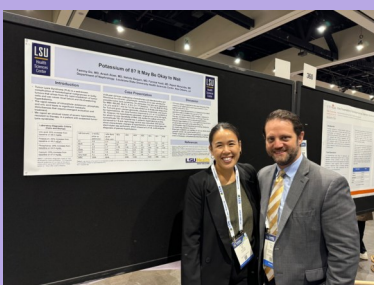
Miranda Hurtado, Meredith Zywno, Eric Weinhandl, Mihran Najlayan

Association of Connected Cycler Use with Rate of Transition from Peritoneal Dialysis to In-Center Hemodialysis

Miranda Hurtado, Meredith Zywno, Eric Weinhandl, Mihran Najlayan

A Case of Pulmonary-Renal Syndrome (PRS) in ANCA-Negative, Pauci-Immune Necrotizing Glomerulonephritis with High IntelliSep Index

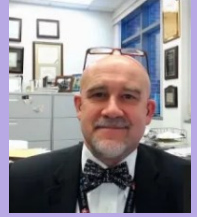
Caroline Stafford, Hollis Ray O’Neal, Christopher Thomas, Matthew Foy



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Dr. Brooks Robey was selected to serve as a judge for the new U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) \$7.5M KidneyX Sustainability Prize competition, which seeks solutions (pun intended) to reduce water & power usage during dialysis – thereby improving RRT sustainability, emergency RRT availability, & equitable care access for individuals with ESRD.



Gold Stars

Dr. Sanne wanted to recognize the LSU internal medicine residents for their hard work and dedication over the past several months, significantly reducing our program's open encounter numbers. What was once in the hundreds is now consistently in single digits. Unprompted, our program made it a priority to be strong partners with our LCMC team, supporting timely encounter closure.

This progress was achieved through the dedication of Dr. Jennifer Hart (Comprehensive Medicine) and our resident/clinic leadership team. By utilizing the twice-weekly open encounters report, we ensure residents are notified to close encounters within LCMC's 72-hour timeframe. As of this past Monday, only one LSU internal medicine resident had an open encounter, and none have appeared on the long-term open encounter list this academic year.



Please join me in commending both the residents for their outstanding efforts and Dr. Hart for her leadership and commitment to making this a priority for our LSU internal medicine clinic team.