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The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication

Congratulations to

Dr. Amy Wolfe!

**Assistant Professor of Medicine
Pulmonary / Critical Care & Allergy / Immunology**

Recipient of

**2025 Chancellor’s
Excellence Award**

This award honors individuals who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to advancing the mission and vision of LSUHSC New Orleans. Dr. Wolfe’s commitment to excellence continues to elevate our program and inspire everyone around her.



Dr. Shelby MacRae was invited to serve as a **Faculty Leader in the Bronchiectasis and NTM Workshop, Bridging our Knowledge for the Future: How to Provide the Best in Multi-Disciplinary Care**, and as an invited moderator for a poster session at the CHEST Annual Meeting in Chicago in October 2025. She also presented her research project, *Non-Cystic Fibrosis Bronchiectasis in United States Primary Care Patients: Prevalence and Incidence from 2013–2024*, in the poster forum.

Congratulations, Dr. MacRae!



LSU Nephrology was well represented at the American Society of Nephrology Meeting held in Houston, from Nov 6-9. Overall the section had 4 posters and 1 oral presentation.

Between the rock and the hard place!

Dr. Nahida Baigam, Dr. Sidhartha Bajracharya, Dr. Rajesh Mohandas

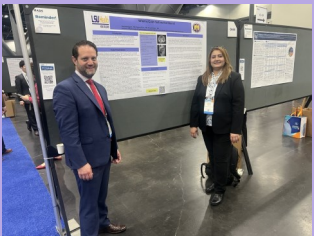
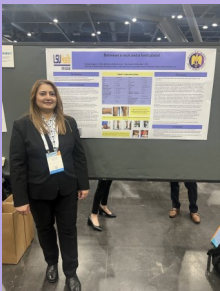
What’s the calm before the storm!

Dr. Nahida Baigam, Dr. Tammy N Do, Dr. Farshid Yazdi

Oral Antibiotic Therapy and Hospitalization in Peritoneal Dialysis-Associated Peritonitis Lazar R, Zywno M, Shapiro M, Weinhandl E, Dr. Mihran Naljayan

Positive Clinical Outcomes for In-Center Nocturnal Patients Observed in Certain Subgroups. Ryan, Claire; Sibbel, Scott; Shapiro, Mark H.; Cassin, Michelle; Dr. Mihran Naljayan; Weinhandl, Eric D.; Brunelli, Steven M.

Associations of Comorbid Conditions with Outcomes in Patients Initiating Home Dialysis Weinhandl, Eric D.; Shapiro, Mark H. del Rosario, Maria B.; Cassin, Michelle; Dr. Mihran Naljayan.



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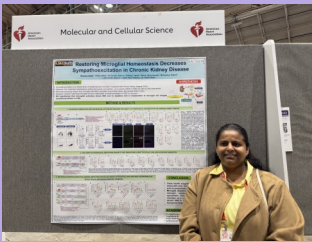
The American Heart Association Scientific Sessions was held in New Orleans from November 7-10.

Dr. Rajesh Mohandas (Nephrology) was a panelist on a discussion titled 'Everything You've Wanted To Ask a Nephrologist About Managing Hypertension but Were Too Afraid To!'

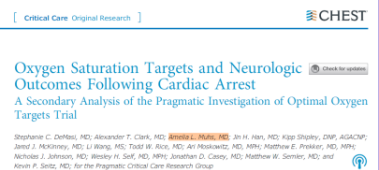
Panelist: **Rajesh Mohandas**, Ebele Umeukejem, Connie Rhee, Silvi Shah, Wendy Mc Callum, Stephen Juraschek and Roy Mathew

Dr. Swati Sharma, a post-doctoral researcher in Mohandas' laboratory, presented a poster titled 'Restoring Microglial Homeostasis Decreases Sympathoexcitation in Chronic Kidney Disease'

Sharma, Swati; Zahra, Walia; McTernan, Patrick; Paloczi, Janos; Biose, Ifechukwude; **Mohandas, Rajesh**



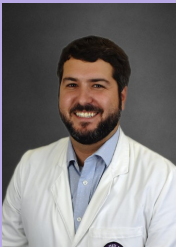
Dr. Amelia Muhs (Pulmonary/Critical Care) recently published two manuscripts in the journal *Chest* with colleagues from the Pragmatic Critical Care Research Group.



Dr. Rebecca Lillis (Infectious Diseases) published this paper on point of care molecular test for causes of vaginitis in *BMC Infectious Diseases*.



Dr. Michelle Blyth (Infectious Diseases) and Dr. Michael Modica (Hospital Medicine) recently published a paper titled "Disseminated Tuberculosis in an Immunocompetent Patient: Does sIL-2R Testing Have Diagnostic Utility?" in *Infectious Diseases in Clinical Practice*.



Dr. Jacques Nsuami and Dr. Julio Figueroa (Infectious Diseases) recently published this viewpoint in the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*

