

DOM NEWS BLAST

The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication

Dr. Angela Johnson (Baton Rouge) who was recently selected by the American Medical Women’s Association as an AM-WA INSPIRE Award winner! She is being celebrated for exemplary leadership, mentorship, and a deep commitment to changing the culture of medicine.

Congratulations, Dr. Johnson!



Dr. Cathy Lazarus was recently selected as one of the 2025 *Academic Medicine* Excellence in Reviewing Award winners. Annually, the journal identifies volunteers who have consistently demonstrated excellence in the peer review process as measured by editors’ assessment of review quality, timeliness, and number of reviews completed in the calendar year.

Great job, Dr. Lazarus!



Recently Funded Grants

The LSUHSC-NO Comprehensive Alcohol-HIV/AIDS Research Center P60 was recently refunded for 5 years. Dr. David Welsh (Pulmonary/ Critical Care) is Research Component PI and Co-Director of Experimental Core for the P60. In addition, Dr. Welsh received a notice of award for an R01 titled “Geroprotective Precision Medicine Strategies in PWH that Use Alcohol” this week.



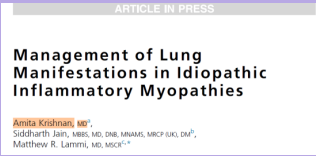
Strong work, Dr. Welsh!



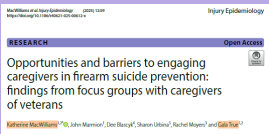
Dr. Gala True (Community & Population Medicine) recently received funding of over \$600K from Face the Fight Foundation. The organization focuses on reducing Veteran suicide, and will fund expansion of The Armory Project. The Armory Project helps prevent firearm suicide by facilitating temporary and voluntary out-of-home firearm storage with trusted firearm retailers and other vetted community partners in local communities.



Working on Our National Reputation



Dr. Amita Krishnan (Pulmonary/Critical Care) recently published this review on the management of lung manifestations in idiopathic inflammatory myopathies.



Kate MacWilliams and Dr. Gala True (Community & Population Medicine) recently published in *Injury Epidemiology* a paper describing opportunities and barriers to engaging caregivers in firearm suicide prevention. They identified three primary themes: 1) caregivers recognize and endorse importance of having conversations about secure firearm storage to prevent suicide, 2) despite this, caregivers described barriers to discussing lethal means safety both with healthcare providers and with Veterans, and 3) caregivers suggested strategies to improve their involvement in LMS planning in clinical settings and to support their ability to initiate LMS discussions with Veterans.

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FROM THE STATES

Uptake of Medicaid Billing for Community Health Worker Services in Louisiana, 2022–2023

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Dr. Ashley Wennerstrom and Dr. Marcus Bachhuber (Community & Population Medicine) recently published in *Medical Care* this analysis of the uptake of billing for Community Health Workers. They found billing for CHW services was limited and suggested providers may need education about CHW roles.

Dr. Stephen Lindsey (Rheumatology) was recently part of the faculty for the North American Young Investigator Forum and had a podium presentation of one of the LSU abstracts. He was also on the faculty for the Congress of Clinical Rheumatology and presented a poster with one of the Tulane residents.

