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LETTER FROM OUR PD

To all our Residents and Alumni,

I'm excited to announce a new LSU Internal Medicine Residency Program Newsletter. One of my goals as Program Director is to substantially improve communication from the program to our Alumni, current residents, and future residency candidates. This includes presenting you with what you need to know about the program, as well as, letting you know about our resident's exciting accomplishments throughout the year. Finally, this newsletter and associated efforts will be used to connect our current house staff to our alumni. Each quarter in this newsletter, we will bring you updates on any happenings in the residency, a list of upcoming events, leadership updates, resident, staff and alumni spotlights, and opportunities to support the residents. Please enjoy this first issue of this new endeavor to give up to date information on our program in New Orleans.

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LSU IM Resident '09-'12

2023-2024 Leadership

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GET TO KNOW OUR PROGRAM

I am thrilled to share with you some exciting updates from our residency program, highlighting the innovative initiatives and enhancements we have implemented to provide exceptional training experiences for our trainees.

- **Point of Care Ultrasound Curriculum:** We have introduced comprehensive POCUS training to equip our residents with essential skills in bedside ultrasound, enabling them to provide timely and accurate diagnostic assessments at the point of care.
- **Comprehensive Procedure and Simulation Labs:** Our residents now have access to state-of-the-art procedure and simulation labs, allowing them to hone their procedural and clinical skills in a controlled and supportive environment utilizing real world simulated experiences.
- **Scholarly Activity:** We encourage and support our trainees to engage in scholarly activity by providing access to regional and national meetings, fostering networking opportunities and the exchange of ideas with experts in various fields. Our residents regularly win awards and represent our program across the country. We have highlighted some of these in this issue (page 3).
- **Enhanced Clinical Training:** We have expanded our clinical training offerings to include rotations in addiction medicine, palliative care, and outpatient subspecialties, among others, ensuring a well-rounded educational experience for our residents.
- **Career Tracks:** Our residency program continues to offer hospitalist and primary care tracks, and we have recently added a specialized HIV track to meet the evolving needs of our patient population.
- **Focus on Fellowship Training:** We are dedicated to fostering a culture of fellowship training, providing mentorship and support to residents interested in pursuing subspecialty training in their chosen field.
- **Individualized Quality Improvement Projects:** Residents have the opportunity to implement individualized quality improvement projects, allowing them to actively contribute to enhancing patient care and clinical outcomes over their three years of training.
- **Continued Focus on Clinical Training:** We remain committed to providing exceptional clinical training experiences for our residents, leveraging the diverse and extraordinary patient population of New Orleans as a learning resource.

We believe it is essential to keep our esteemed alumni informed about the exciting developments in our residency program. Your support and insights are invaluable as we strive to maintain excellence in medical education and training.



CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

SRM

We had 52 total abstracts, 44 posters, and 8 oral presentations

Trainee Research Winners

**Ryan Leonard (PGY 2) /Fernanda Correa (PGY 3),
Sepehr Sadeghi (PGY 1), Hannah Zulli (PGY 1) and
Humza Malik (PGY 3)**

Lily Chen - oral presentation
Hannah Zulli x 2 - oral presentation
Amanda Ritchie - oral presentation
Sepehr Sadeghi - oral presentation
Humza Malik - oral presentation
Victoria Lulich - oral presentation
Calvin Rome - oral presentation

Conferences Coming Up:

**ATS International Conference
San Diego, CA - May 17-22**

Dr. Luke Yesbeck (PGY 2) had 2 abstracts
accepted

**National ACP IM Conference
Boston, MA - April 18-20**

Dr. Evan Villemez (PGY2) will be
presenting as a poster finalist

**AFMR Southeastern Regional Meeting
Birmingham, AL - May 23-24**

Dr. Lily Chen (PGY1) had an abstract accepted
as a Poster Presentation

Louisiana ACP

There were over 180 abstracts submitted with LSU
NO representing with the most submissions.

**Jamie Tran (PGY 2) – oral presentation
(1st place)**

**(Switching to Long-Acting Injectables in Those with
Hepatitis B and HIV Co-Infection: Good Intentions Gone
Wrong**

**Jamie Tran, Nikki Seraji, Keionne Green, Alexander
Fixler, Lauren Nunez; Department of Medicine, LSU
Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA)**

**Edward “Ryan” Leonard (PGY 2) –
poster (1st place)**

**(Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Flare Presenting with
Pericardial Tamponade**

**Edward Leonard, M.D, Mehnaz Rahman, M.D., David
Beyer, M.D., Jacob Dubuc, M.D., Fernanda Correa, M.D.;**
**Department of Cardiology, LSU Health Sciences Center,
New Orleans, LA)**

Sepehr Sadeghi (PGY 1) – oral presentation

Luke Sharrock (PGY 1) – poster

Stephany Nguyen (PGY 1) – poster

Blane Edwards (PGY3) – poster

Asad Mussarat (PGY 1) – poster

Lily Chen (PGY 1) – poster

Allison Derise (PGY 2) – poster

Nikki Arceneaux (PGY 1) – poster

Charles Woodall (PGY2) – poster

Hannah Zulli (PGY 1) – poster



WELCOME OUR 2024 RESIDENT CLASS

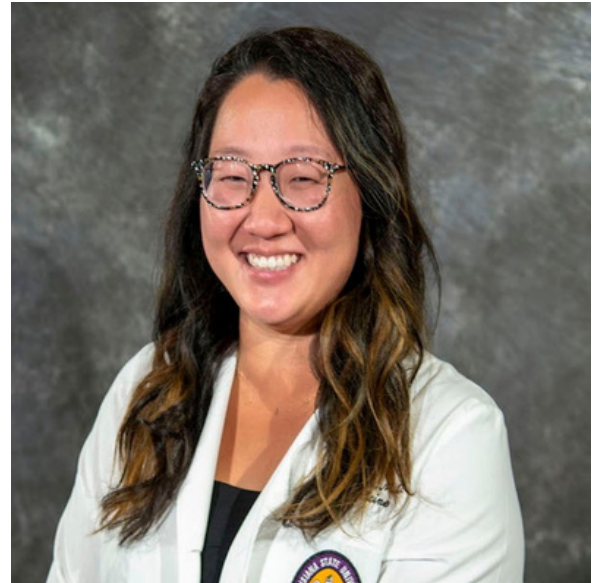
Categoricals

- Jessica Blanchard, MD
 - LSU - New Orleans
- Allison "Allie" Borst, MD
 - University of Mississippi
- Mitchel "Mitch" Capella, MD
 - LSU - New Orleans
- Anna Chataginer, MD
 - University of Mississippi
- Joshua "Josh" Cooper, MD
 - LSU - Shreveport
- Thomas Cranfill, DO
 - New York Institute of Technology
- Brandon Dang, MD
 - LSU - New Orleans
- Matthew Dear, DO
 - University of the Incarnate Word
- Ross Dies, MD
 - LSU - Shreveport
- Erika Haviland, DO
 - Alabama College
- Marley Lee, MD
 - University of South Alabama
- Gurtaj Mahil, DO
 - William Carey University
- Rachel McMullen, DO
 - Kansas City University
- Ellen Mire, MD
 - LSU - New Orleans
- Farhan Mohiuddin, MD
 - LSU - Shreveport
- Mary Katherine Moore, MD
 - University of South Alabama
- Jason Onwenu, DO
 - Kansas City University
- Nikki Seraji, MD
 - University of Missouri Kansas City
- Kristen Williams, MD
 - LSU - New Orleans

Prelims

- Jeffery Anderson, MD
 - LSU - New Orleans
- Whitney Sternfels, MD
 - LSU - New Orleans
- Tamara Zaza, MD
 - University of Alabama

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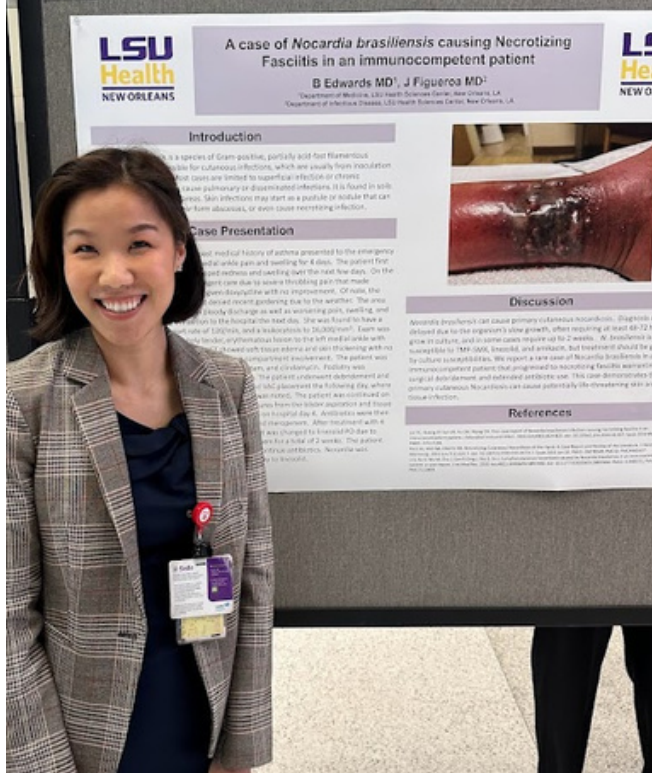
Hope Oddo Moise, MD

Associate Program Director

WE ARE EXCITED TO INTRODUCE
OUR NEW APD! DR. ODDO WILL BE
STARTING WITH THE NEW
ACADEMIC YEAR IN JULY.

2018-21 LSU Internal Medicine Resident
2021-22 LSU Internal Medicine Chief Resident
2022-24 LSU Infectious Disease Fellow

DR. ODDO WILL BE INSTRUMENTAL IN
INCREASING RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS, AND
PRESENTATIONS WITHIN THE PROGRAM.
SHE WILL ALSO HAVE A KEY ROLE IN
RECRUITMENT AND INTERVIEW SEASON.



SUPPORT A RESIDENT DONATE TO OUR ALUMNI FUND

Our residents are doing great work! Please consider sponsoring a resident by donating to our LSU Internal Medicine Residency Alumni Fund! Your tax-deductible donations will go toward paying for registration fees, travel, and accommodations for our residents to attend regional and national meetings to present their scholarly activity! Please donate on our [website](https://www.lsuhealth.com/education/lsu-internal-medicine-residency-alumni-fund) or email mmodic@lsuhsc.edu for more information.

Mike Modica, MD
Custodian, LSU IM Residency Alumni Fund
LSU IM Resident '14-'17

OTHER RECOGNITIONS

New Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society Members

- Cynthia Brown, MD - Department Chair
- Ross McCarron, MD - Faculty
- LSU IM Resident '09-'12
- Allison Derise, MD - IM PGY 2
- Munraj Singh, MD - IM PGY 3
- Christopher Hayden, MD - IM/EM PGY 5

UMC Resident of the Year 2023-24

Tammy Do, MD - IM PGY 3

Gold Humanism Honor Society Resident of the Semester - Fall 2023

Charles Woodall, DO - IM PGY 2

Touro Infirmary Clinical Teacher of the Year

Mike Modica, MD - Faculty

2025-26 IM Chief Residents Selected

- Edward "Ryan" Leonard, MD
- Victoria Lulich, MD
- Luke Yesbeck, DO

Aesculapian Society 2024

Excellence in Teaching Award Nominees

- Mike Modica, MD - L2 Fall - Hospital Medicine
- Shane Guillory, MD - L2 Spring - Hospital Medicine
- LSU IM Resident '09-'12
- Seth Vignes, MD - L3 Faculty - Hospital Medicine
- LSU IM Resident '17-'20
- Briggs Welch, MD - L4 Resident Fellow Award - IM PGY 3

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