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LSUHSC - New Orleans - Internal Medicine Residency Newsletter

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FELLOWSHIP MATCH 2024!

We are so excited to highlight our 12 residents that matched into fellowships in this year's Match! We look forward to seeing all the incredible things they do in the future!



2024-2025 Leadership

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2025 FELLOWSHIP CLASS

- Allen Byl, DO
 - Infectious Disease Fellowship
 - LSU Health, New Orleans, LA
- Brian Coe, MD
 - Infectious Disease Fellowship
 - LSU Health, New Orleans, LA
- Allison Derise, MD
 - Gastroenterology
 - LSU Health, Shreveport, LA
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 - LSU Health, New Orleans, LA
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 - Cardiology Fellowship
 - Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, TX
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 - LSU Health, New Orleans, LA
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 - LSU Health, New Orleans, LA
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 - University of New Mexico
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 - Gastroenterology Fellowship
 - LSU Health, New Orleans, LA
- Brooke McVaney, DO
 - Gastroenterology Fellowship
 - University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV
- Taylor Sanders, MD
 - Hospice and Palliative Care Fellowship
 - The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH



SPOTLIGHTS

Resident Spotlight - Dr. Luke Yesbeck

LSU IM Resident '22-'25

What is your favorite part of the LSU IM Residency program?

Without a doubt, my favorite part of LSU IM is all the amazing individuals that make up our program. From staff to fellow residents, everyone contributes to making the program an informative, fun, all around great environment to learn medicine. I know I have made life-long friends throughout residency and I'm very grateful to have matched here.

Favorite New Orleans "Celebrity"?

After watching the daredevil's video, Scrim would have to be my favorite. I think his resilience and sense of playful rebellion encapsulates New Orleans well, and (of course) I love dogs!



Alumni Spotlight - Dr. Amy Patel

LSU IM Resident '13-'16

Primary Care - Southeast Louisiana Veterans Healthcare System
Adjunct Faculty - Tulane University Internal Medicine Residency

How has your training at LSU IM helped in your career?

As a transplant from Chicago, the camaraderie and kinship I found in my LSU Medicine Residency experience laid the groundwork for lifelong friendships and a deep appreciation for the City of New Orleans, which I proudly now call home. Beyond the clinical knowledge and skills attained, the most meaningful and persistent lesson learned was the humanism required in patient care. Patients are more than guidelines and metrics. Remembering this every day in practice, I have built lasting relationships with my patients and their families.



Faculty Spotlight - Dr. Seth Vignes

LSU School of Medicine - Section of Hospital Medicine

LSU IM Resident '17-'20, Chief Resident '20-'21

What keeps you teaching at the LSU IM residency program?

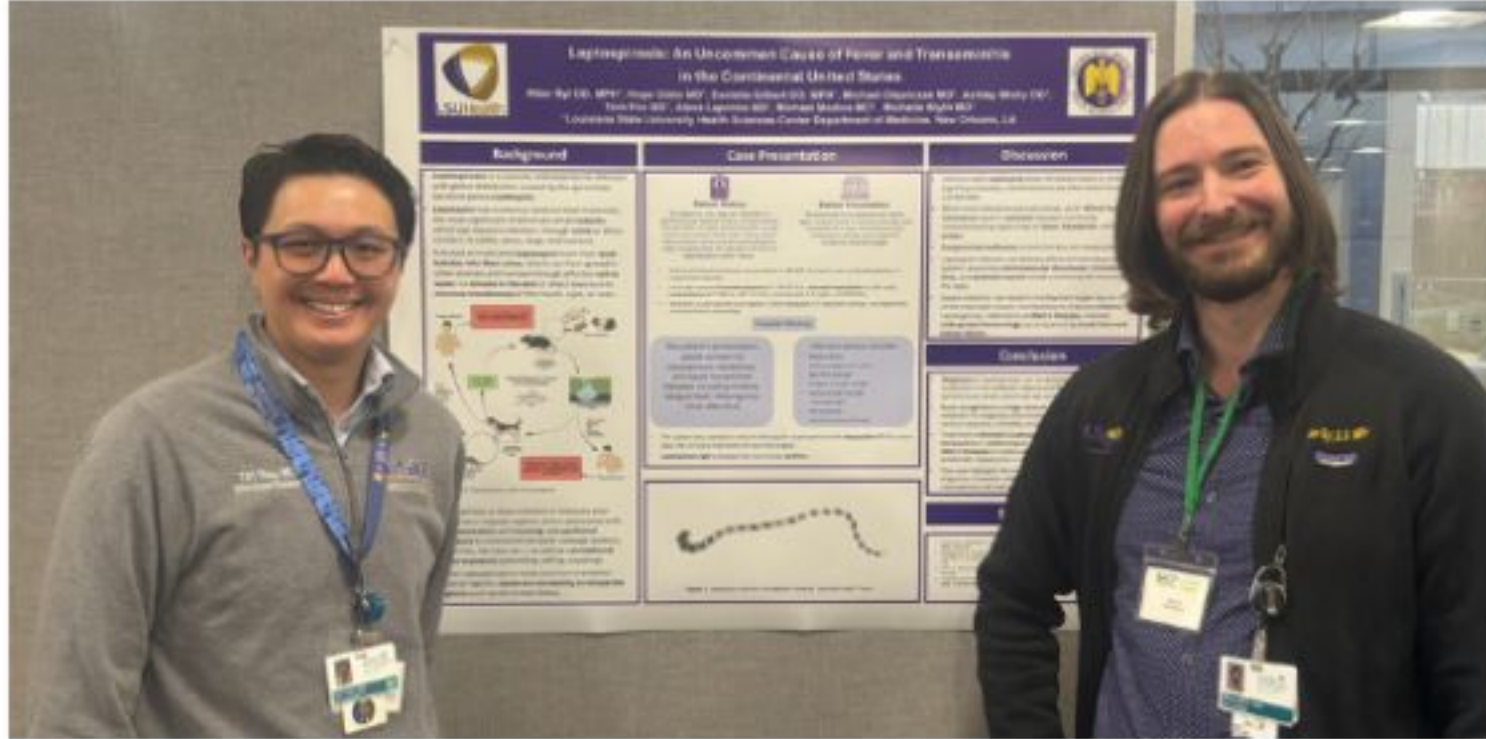
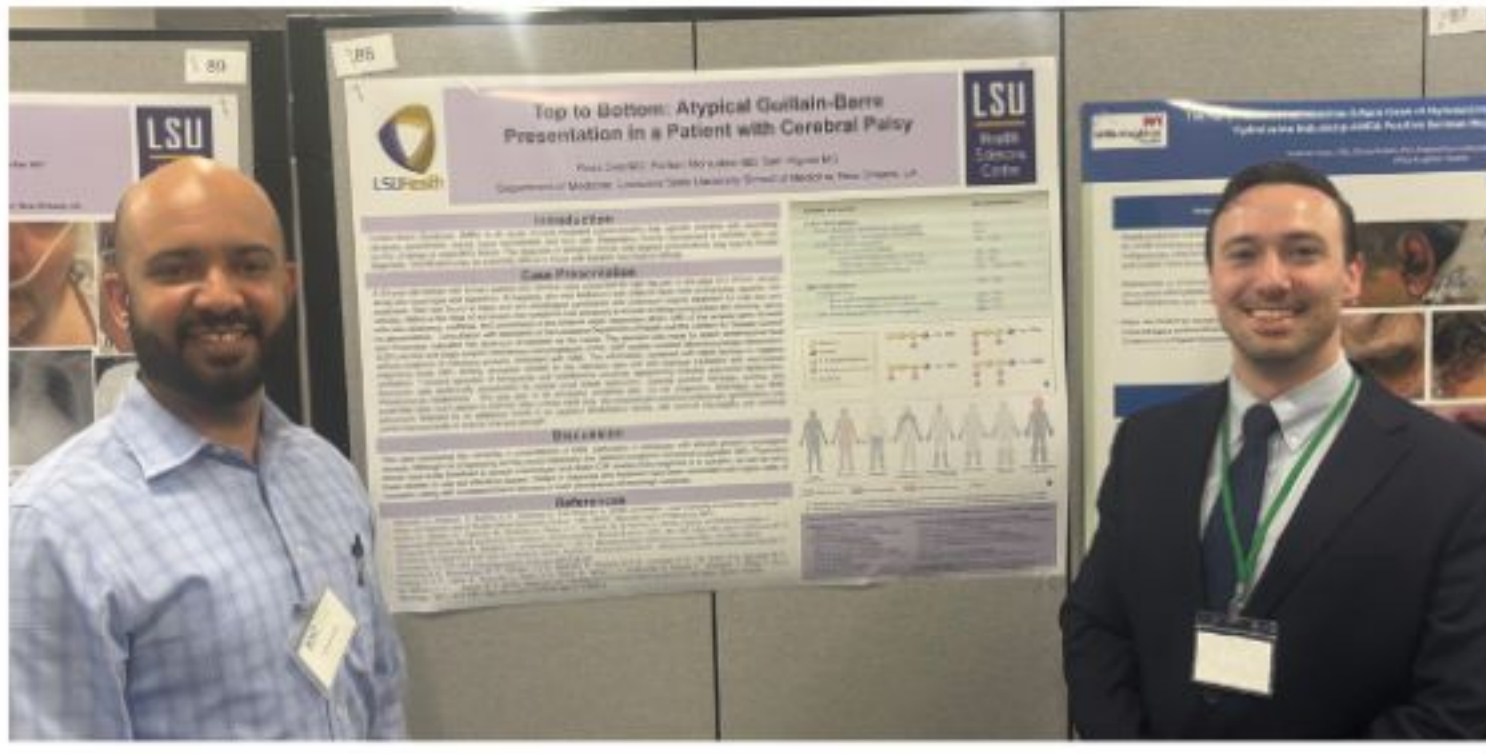
Academic medicine is a wonderful blend of providing high-quality care to patients and teaching it to our students and residents. LSU allows me to live in and serve my hometown community while supporting my research interests, too. The most fulfilling part of the job is watching the residents grow from intern to third year, it's a remarkable transformation over those three quick years.

Favorite topics to teach?

Diagnostic reasoning and its associated pitfalls/biases, evidence-based physical exam, and opioid use disorder inpatient management



CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION



Many of our residents participated in the LA ACP Meeting on February 1st! Below are the Winners!

For oral presentations:
1st place - Pickering Syndrome
Ross Dies (PGY1)

Mandie DiMarco PA, Jack Hebert MS, William Gibson MD, Domonique Smith MD, Brian Coe MD, Arash Ataei MD, Seth Vignes MD; Louisiana State University, New Orleans, LA.

For Posters:
2nd place - Leptospirosis: An Uncommon Cause of Fever and Transaminitis in the Continental United States
Allen Byl (PGY3)

Hope Oddo Moise, MD; Danielle Gilbert, DO, MPH; Michael Olejniczak, MD; Ashley Misky, DO; Tom Fox, MD; Alexa Lapointe, MD; Michael Modica, MD; Michelle Blyth, MD; Louisiana State University, New Orleans, LA.

3rd place - Recurrent Chylothorax Secondary to Kaposi Sarcoma Infiltration of Thoracic Duct in AIDS Patient
Gurtaj Mahil (PGY1)

Brandon Dang MD, Tamara Zaza MD, Victoria Lulich MD, Zachary Chandler DO, Kyle Happel MD, Shane Guillory MD; Louisiana State University, New Orleans, LA.

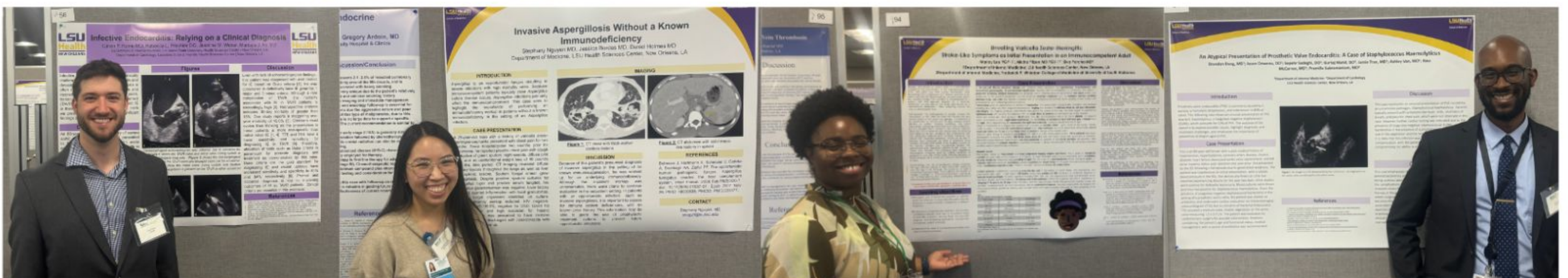
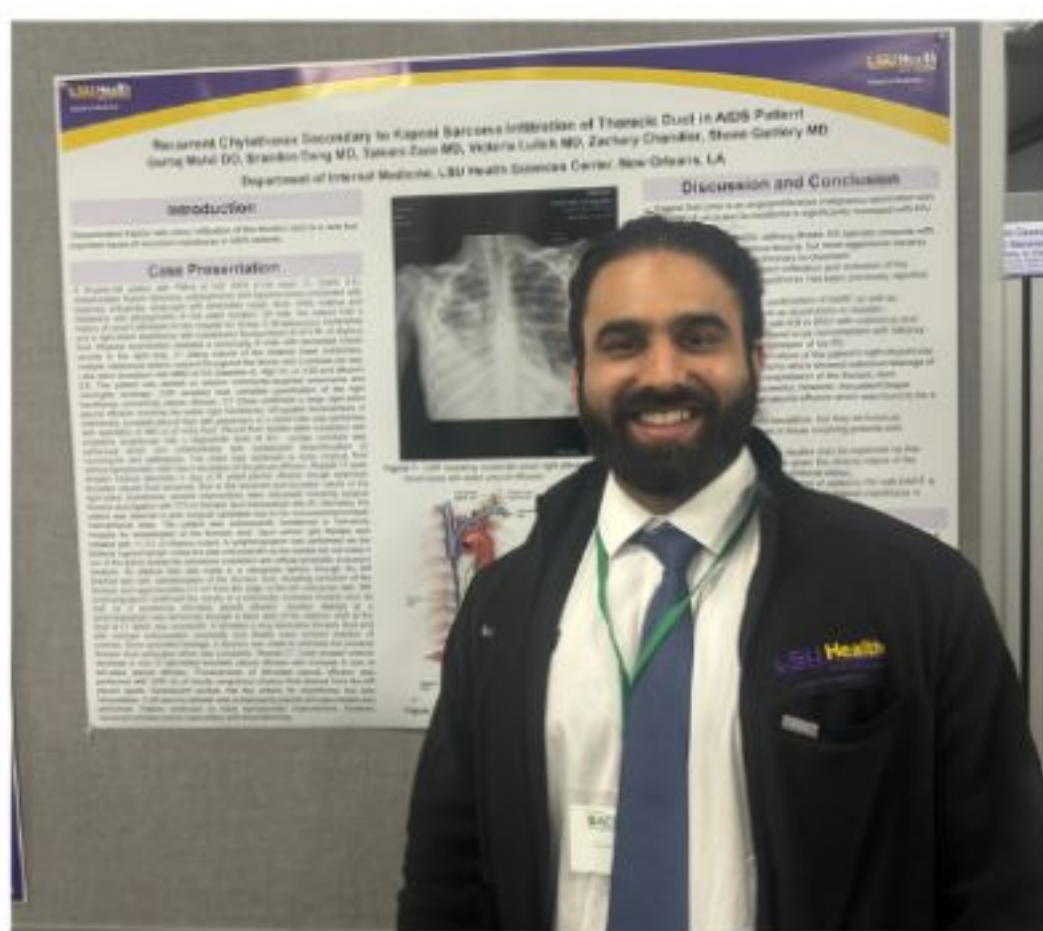
So many residents attended this year's ACG Conference this past October in Philadelphia!

Outstanding Poster Presenter Award Recipients

Allison Derise, MD PGY3
 Catherine Loher, MD PGY2
 Farhan Mohiuddin, MD PGY1

Presenters at ACG:

Wayne Wheeler, MD PGY3
 Charlie Woodall, DO PGY3
 Michelle Livitz, DO PGY3
 Stephany Nguyen, MD PGY2
 Brooke McVaney, DO PGY4
 Med Peds



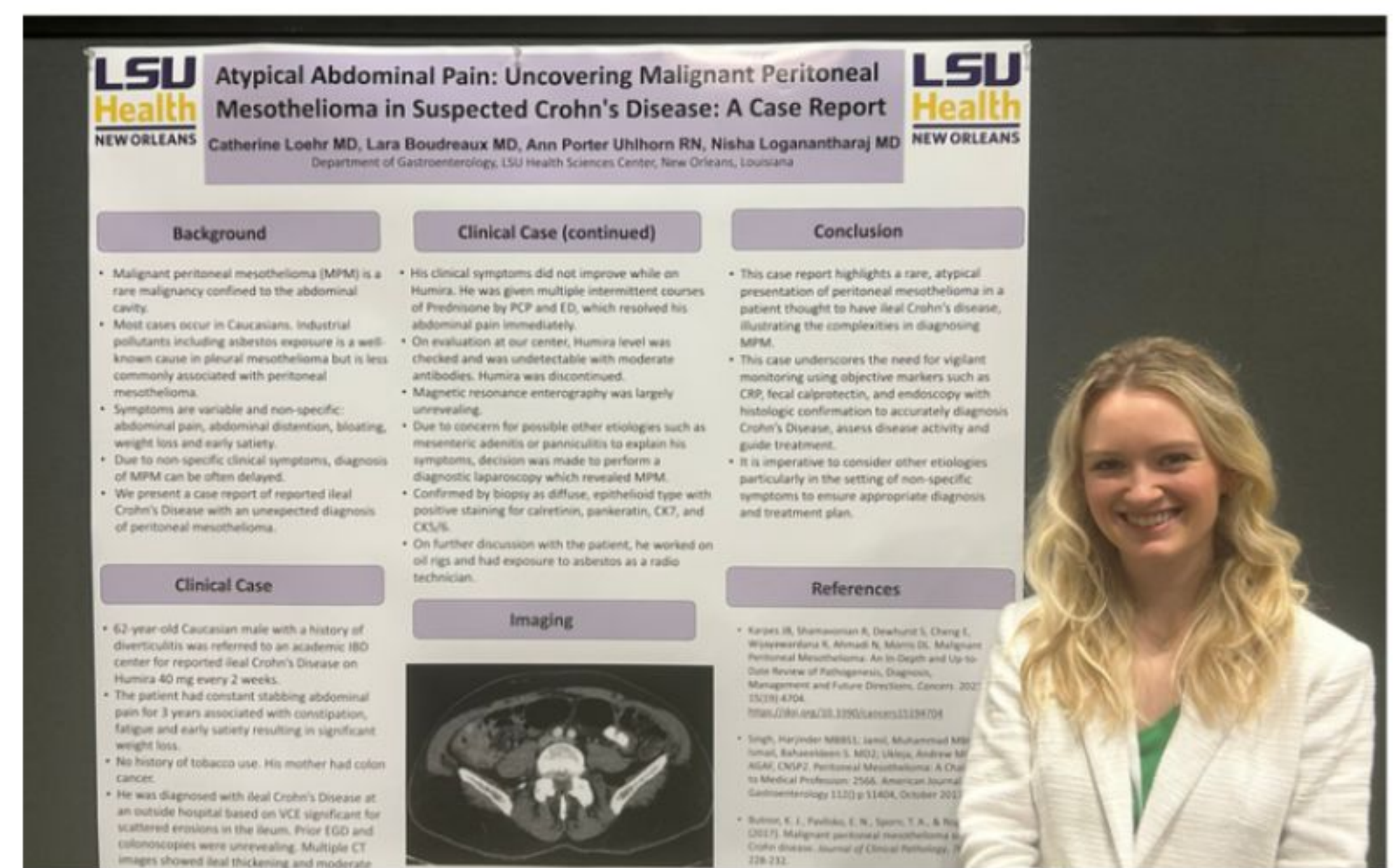


PGY 2 Catherine Loehr, MD did an oral presentation at the Mississippi Gastroenterology Society Annual Meeting!

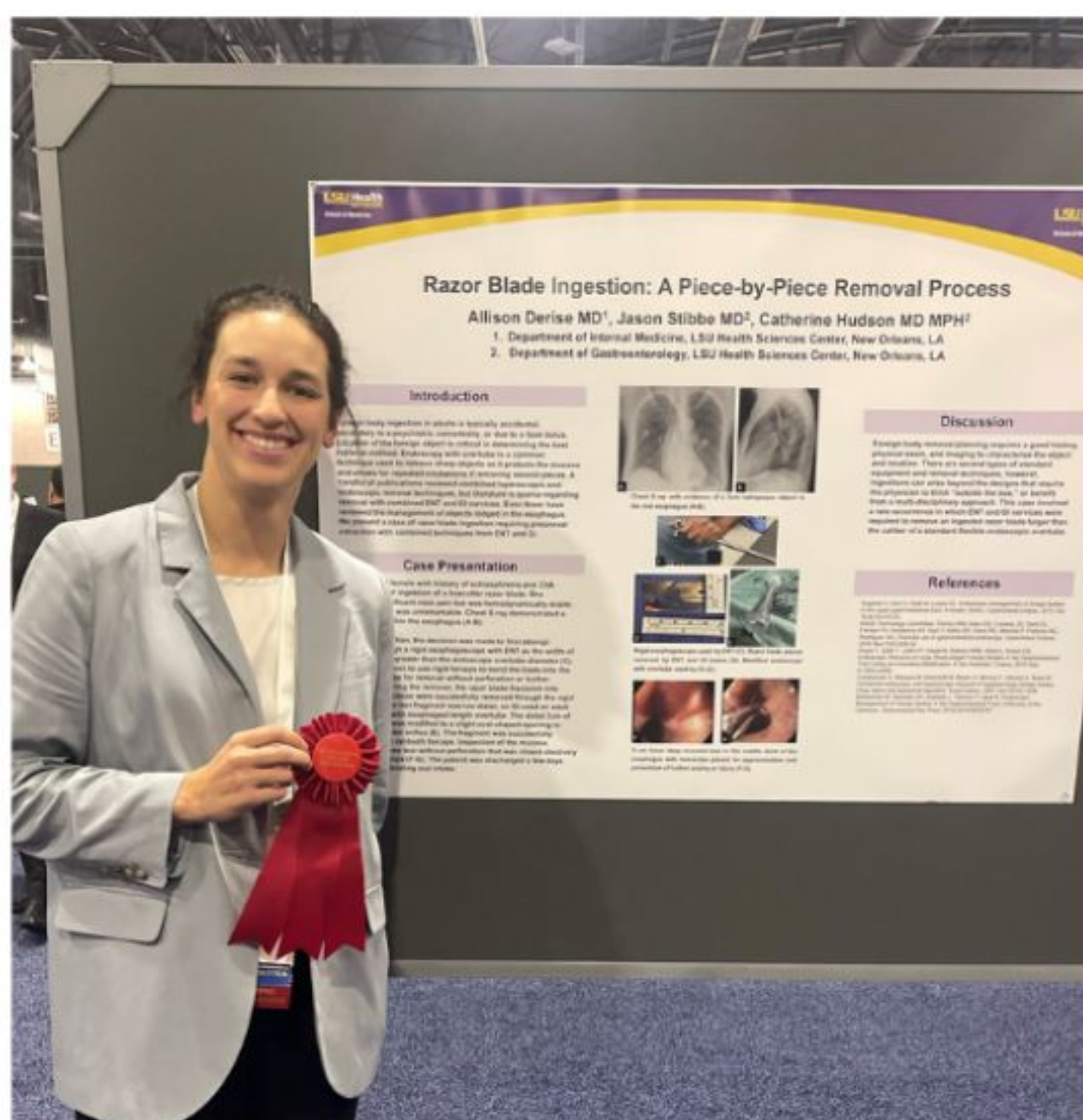
YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK!

Thanks to your Donations to the Alumni Fund, we were able to help send residents to Annual Conferences this year!

Conferences Coming Up:
PGY2s Sepehr Sadeghi, DO and Asad Mussarat, MD had Poster Presentations accepted for the American College of Cardiology Conference 2025 Annual Meeting in Chicago!



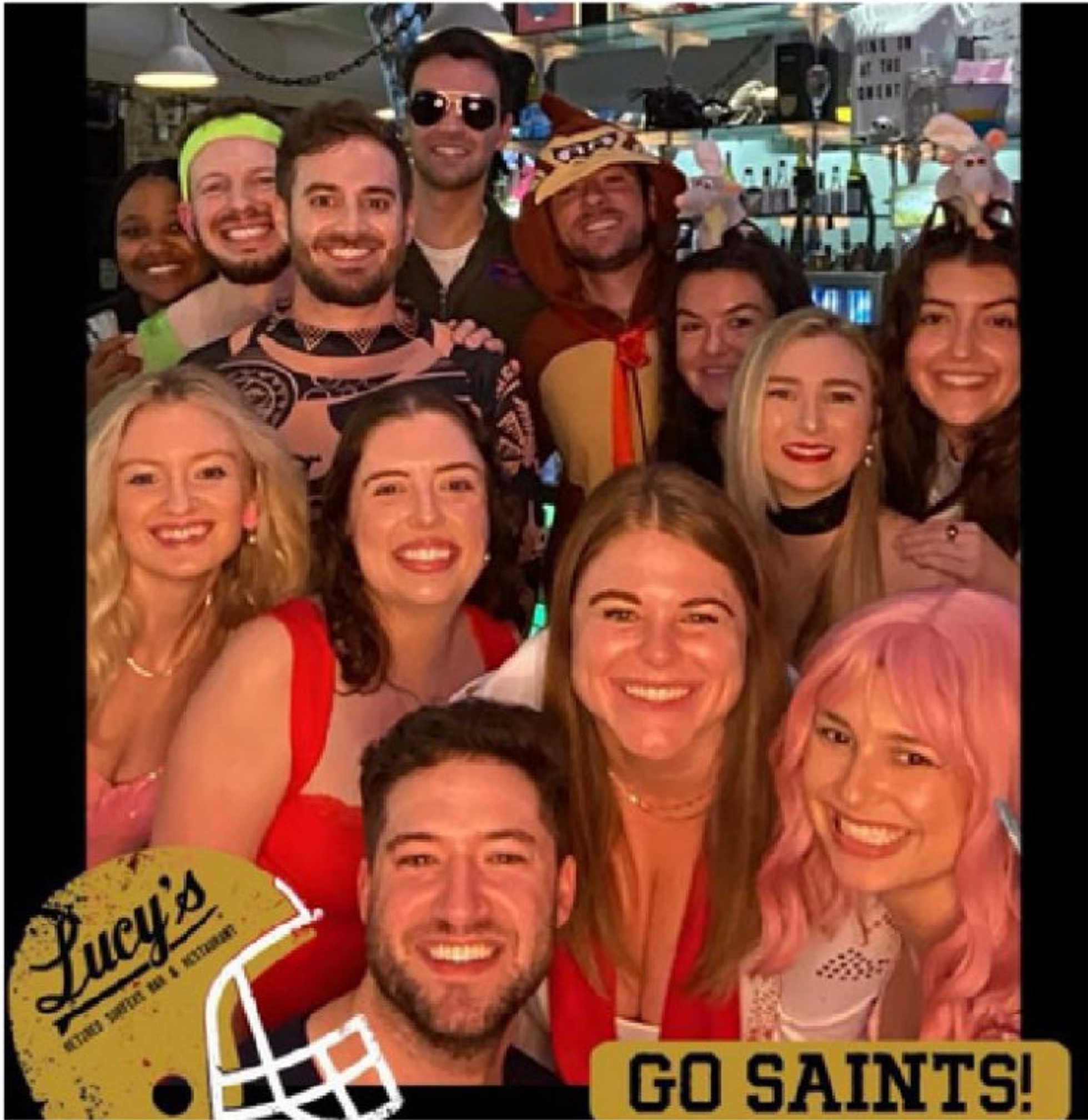
PGY 2 Catherine Loehr, MD attended the Advances in Inflammatory Bowel Disease (AIBD) 2024 Annual Meeting in Orlando where she presented a poster!



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 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.edu/alumni-fund) or email mmodic@lsuhsc.edu for more information.

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

RESIDENT OUTINGS



Snow Way!
Our residents got experience an event of a lifetime when New Orleans received almost a foot of snow!

The Residents went on a Halloween Bar Crawl! New Tradition? We think yes!



Happy Holidays from our Kenner Team on Christmas!



Friendsgiving 2024!
We loved being able to hang out and enjoy some good food! Shout out to Dr. Walvekar for hosting us!

DEAR DR. BROWN, WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOU!

Here in Internal Medicine, we are extremely appreciative for the constant support we receive from our incredible Department Chair, Dr. Cynthia Brown.

She is always willing to assist in the betterment of our program.

Recently, she has been financially supporting our residents going to national conferences, our yearly graduation and recruitment endeavors during interview season. She has also backed a boards prep curriculum for all of our residents and a week long Boards Prep Class for our PGY3s who will be graduating.

We are incredibly thankful for her constant support of us and look forward to seeing what we will accomplish together in the future!

OTHER RECOGNITIONS



Congratulations to our Newest APD
Hope Oddo Moise, MD
on passing her Infectious Disease Boards!

SSCI SRM

We had 18 published only abstracts, 27 posters presentations, and 18 oral presentations accepted!

Nikki Seraji (PGY 1) and Asad Mussarat (PGY2) were also granted Research Travel Awards!

The Southern Regional Meeting will be held February 13 - 15, 2025

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