

DOM NEWS BLAST

The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication Shout out IM Residents and Ambulatory Faculty

The residents and faculty, Dr. Jennifer Hart, Dr. Cacky Hebert, Dr. Angela McLean, Dr. Dexter Matrana, Dr. David Borne (Comprehensive Medicine) have been working hard to close open encounter notes from the UMC Resident clinic. At last count they were down to just 15 open charts – Amazing Work!



Dr. Menhaz Rahman (Cardiology) was recently the invited speaker for Cardiology Grand Rounds at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Her talk was entitled “The Right of Way: Avoiding Wrong Turns in Ventricular Assessment”.



Great job, Dr. Rahman!

Springgate and De La Cruz Appointed New Leadership Roles Within Louisiana Department of Health

Dr. Vanessa de la Cruz, (Community & Population Medicine) Office of Behavioral Health Medical Director

Dr. de la Cruz will provide expert consultation and assistance relative to the development, implementation and maintenance of high-quality and evidenced-based behavioral health services for children, adolescents and adults. She will also supervise Louisiana's Opioid Treatment Authority and work closely with Eastern Louisiana Mental Health System and Central Louisiana State Hospital clinical directors, the clinical directors of other program offices and departments, and other clinical subject matter experts within OBH and Local Governing Entities.



Dr. Benjamin Springgate, (Community & Population Health) Senior Policy Advisor to LDH for Addiction and Substance Use

Dr. Springgate will work closely with LDH leadership and across program offices to ensure strategic alignment in programming and policy development related to opioids, substance use disorder and harm reduction.

Dr. Paula Seal, Dr. Lauren Richey, and Dr. Tat Yau (Infectious Diseases) recently presented at the 2024 National Ryan White Conference on HIV Care and Treatment in Washington D.C. The team presented "Healthy Balance Weight Management Initiative in HIV Care." In addition, Dr. Richey and Dr. Kaitlyn Catanzarite (LSU Psychology Postdoctoral fellow at UMCNO ID Center) presented "Addressing the Mental Health Care Needs of People with HIV in RWHAP (Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program)-Funded Clinics."

Congratulations!

