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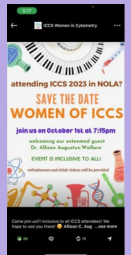


**LSU Penicillin Allergy Testing Trial Highlighted in NIAID blog**  
 “Approximately 15% of people attending STI clinics report an allergy to penicillin, which prevents them from using the preferred BPG treatment. However, previous studies have shown more than 95% of people who self-reported penicillin allergy could safely use the antibiotic, according to allergy test results. Rebecca Lillis, M.D., (Infectious Diseases) from the Louisiana State University School of Medicine, shared a validated process for determining penicillin allergy status in an STI care setting, which would enable providers to safely clear people who previously reported penicillin allergy for use of BPG. [www.niaid.nih.gov](http://www.niaid.nih.gov)

Dr. Gala True (Community & Population Health) was recently funded by VA for a demonstration project entitled “Partnering with Firearm Retailers to Promote and Provide Out-of-Home Firearm Storage: Sustainability and Scalability of The Armory Project”. The grant will provide close to \$500,000 over 2 years to continue The Armory project and extend it to Arkansas. Very exciting, Dr True!



Dr. Allison Augustus-Wallace has been asked to serve as a guest speaker at the 38th Annual International Clinical Cytometry Meeting & Course being held in New Orleans. She was also asked to present as part of the diversity session for the Southwest Regional Meeting.



Congratulations, Dr Augustus-Wallace!!

Dr. Ben Springgate (Community & Population Health) and Professor Ken Wells of UCLA’s Center for Health Services and Society provided a seminar highlighting two decades of partnered research collaborations across New Orleans and Los Angeles to fellows from multiple UCLA training programs, including the UCLA Clinician Scholars, as well as to leading research partners, such as the CEO of Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Anish Mahajan, and Healthy African American Families. The seminar was titled Developing a Vision and a Plan for Community-Partnered Participatory Research Programs.



Dr. Ben Springgate (Community & Population Medicine) and Dr. Tiffany Ardoin (Baton Rouge), together with L4 MD/MPH student Hannah Doran, presented preliminary findings from the PROUD (Promoting Resilience Among Medicaid Members with Opioid Use Disorder) Study to LDH leaders, researchers, and Medicaid stakeholders at the Louisiana Department of Health in Baton Rouge on August 25, 2023. Depicted are Dr. Ardoin, Dr. Springgate, Kathleen Murphy of the Public University Partnership Program, and Hannah Doran.



Dr Michael Brands (PM&R Resident) was selected to present his project “The Military Health History” at the National Conference of Academic Affiliations of the VA in Chicago this month. For the same project he won an award at Medicine Research Day earlier this year. Great job!

We are excited to announce that Dr. Matt Foy has accepted and assumed the position as the Director of Undergraduate Education for the Baton Rouge Regional Campus. In this role, Dr. Foy will be responsible for the oversight and continued development of the student curriculum for our Baton Rouge Regional Campus. He will work closely with our clerkship directors, hospital partners and the Office of Student Affairs in New Orleans to ensure that our educational environment is conducive to student learning and their professional development. Dr. Foy has been recognized throughout his career as an outstanding educator winning numerous teaching awards including recognition from the Aesculapian Society and as the recipient of the Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Award.



We look forward to Dr. Foy in his new role and the positive impact he will undoubtedly have on our students and the Regional Campus. We are also incredibly thankful to Dr George Karam for his leadership in Undergraduate Education for the Regional Campus over the years. Dr. Foy, like many have benefitted greatly from mentorship in medical education by Dr Karam so we are confident the transition will be smooth.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Foy in his new role.