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LSU Pediatrics Tuesday Tidbits

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LSU Pediatrics Announcements

AOA Inductees and Manning Family Children's Fellow/Faculty of the Year



Congratulations to Gastroenterology Fellow, **Dr. Kyle Glisson** on being selected as a fellow inductee in Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society

and on being named Fellow of the Year at Manning Family Children's! Way to go, Kyle!



Congratulations to Hospital Medicine's **Dr. Amanda Messer** and Neonatology's **Dr. Jeffrey Surcouf** on being selected as LSUHealth faculty inductees into Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. Election to AOA is an honor signifying a lasting commitment to professionalism, leadership, scholarship, research, and community service. Selection is based on recognizing high educational achievement, honoring gifted teaching, encouraging the development of leaders in academia and the community, supporting the ideals of humanism, and promoting service to others.



Congratulations to Cardiology's **Dr. Kelly Gajewski** on receiving the Best Clinical Teacher of the Year Award at Manning Family Children's!

Recent Scholarly Activity



Congratulations to Pediatric Cardiology Fellow **Dr. Cyndee Jocson** on her recent publication in *Case Reports in Cardiology*! You can read the article [here](#).

Jocson C, Sernich S, Nelson P, Pettitt T. *Kingella kingae* Endocarditis and Septic Pulmonary Emboli in a 12-Year-Old Male With Repaired Tetralogy of Fallot and a Bioprosthetic Pulmonary Valve. *Case Rep Cardiol*. 2026 Feb 20;2026:2583276. doi: 10.1155/cric/2583276. PMID: 41725644; PMCID: PMC12921531.



Gratis Clinical Assistant Professor **Dr. Maria Pereda Ginocchio** recently received the New Investigator Award at the Transplantation and Cellular Therapy Meetings for her research titled: *Phase 1 Trial of Ruxolitinib added to Conditioning for Haploidentical or Mismatched Unrelated Donor Transplantation in Relapsed or Refractory Idiopathic Severe Aplastic Anemia*. Congratulations, Dr. Pereda Ginocchio!

**LSU Pediatrics at
Council on Medical Student Education in Pediatrics**



LSU Pediatrics was well represented at last week's annual COMSEP conference in Vancouver. Fourth year medical students, Beau Goodreaux and Toni Henry, presented their poster entitled: *Reducing Bias in Pediatric Clerkship Didactics: A Quality Improvement Project*. Also contributing to this project were future residents **Anne Caffrey** and **Afryea Dunbar** as well as Clerkship Director **Dr. Callie Roth**.

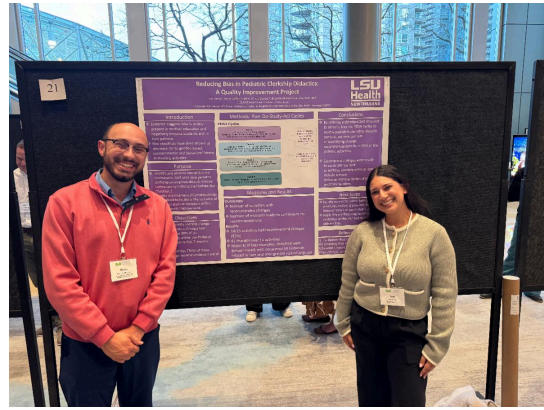
Hospital Medicine's **Dr. Leslie Reilly** presented two posters, "Charting the Ascent: A Qualitative Study of Current and Former Medical Student Liasions' Perceptions of the Role" and

"Reaching New Heights Together: Faculty Perspectives on Partnering with Pediatric Medical Student Liasions, A Mixed-methods Study." She also led a workshop along with fourth year medical students Beau Goodreaux and Toni Henry as well as physicians from three other institutions titled: "Building Bridges: Enhancing Trainee Education while Caring for Children with Medical Complexity." Dr. Callie Roth and fourth year medical student, Samuel Newcomb also contributed to this endeavor.

Dr. Reilly also presented a workshop titled: "Innovative Electives: Beyond the Bedside" with several colleagues from COMSEP.

Dr. Amy Creel and **Dr. Robin English** presented a workshop titled: "Mapping the Education Scholarship Trail: A Journey of Belonging, Becoming, and Personal Identity" with contributions from Dr. Amanda Messer.

Neonatology's **Dr. Jessica Patrick** attended as well!



QI & Patient Safety Forum Call for Abstracts Extended to April 7th

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The 14th Annual
Quality Improvement & Patient Safety Forum
Friday, May 29, 2026 | Noon – 5:00 pm | LEC 130

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
Submissions open to residents, students, and faculty of
all LSUHSC Schools

lsuh.sc/ms-qiforum

Deadline Extended: April 7

The deadline for abstract submissions for the **14th Annual Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Forum** has been extended! Abstract submissions for quality improvement and patient safety projects will now be accepted through **April 7th**. Submissions are open to students, residents, fellows, faculty, and staff from all LSUHSC schools. Submitters will be notified of acceptance no later than April 15, 2026. To submit your abstract and for more information about this year's forum, please visit the [QI Forum website](https://lsuh.sc/ms-qiforum).

Medical Education Scholarship Community Opportunities

Are you interested in diving deeper into medical education research and scholarship? There are new opportunities to jump in. Whether you are curious to learn more, have a project in mind, or just want to connect with other educators, you are welcome in the LSU SoM community for medical education scholarship.

You're invited join as we build skills, spark new ideas, and get involved in projects that make a real difference for learners and faculty alike. The Office of Faculty Affairs invites you to collaborate:

April 8th 1pm - Zoom - **Writing accountability session** - After a brief introduction, we will dedicate time to writing. Bring a project in progress or data you've been meaning to develop into an abstract or manuscript. You can write independently or use breakout rooms for feedback and help with editing.

Contact Dr. Amy Creel acree1@lsuhsc.edu for calendar invites.

Check the [Faculty Development website](#) for additional dates and information.

Pediatric Research Day 2026

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2026 Pediatric Research Day

Join Manning Family Children's, LSU Pediatrics, and Tulane Pediatrics as we celebrate Pediatric Research Day on Friday, May 15th from 8 am - 5 pm in Worley Hall. Faculty and trainees of all levels will be invited to share their research.



**Friday, May
15, 2026**



**8:00 am -
5:00 pm**

The 14th Annual Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Forum

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Friday, May 29, 2026
Lions Eye Center, 1st Floor
12pm–5pm

“Joint Commission and National Quality Forum Key Initiatives”

presented by



Elizabeth Drye, MD, SM

*Chief Scientific Officer
National Quality Forum
Joint Commission*

A call for abstract submissions will be sent February 23

Link: https://www.medschool.lsuhschool.edu/medical_education/graduate/EQUIP/qi_forum.aspx

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

New video monthly

For questions or comments regarding Faculty Development, please contact [Amy Creel](#).

March Video: Clinical Teaching Simplified

As we continue our mission of providing excellent medical education, check out this video. It provides a simple, efficient and effective method of teaching medical students and residents in a variety of clinical settings. It addresses major concerns (TIME!) and provides practical tips, and there are great references for those who would like to learn more.

Manning Family Children's Announcements

Grand Rounds

Please note that we have a new Zoom link:

<https://lsuhsc.zoom.us/j/97010003211>. You must have a Zoom login to enter the meeting; you will no longer be able to join using only the meeting ID.

Hybrid Pediatric Grand Rounds



Scoliosis: Diagnosis, Management, and Innovation

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Hospital Large Conference Rooms, Noon

You may join Pediatric Grand Rounds from your computer, tablet, or smartphone:

Zoom link: <https://lsuhsc.zoom.us/j/97010003211>

Meeting ID: 970 1000 3211:

Register for this session by visiting <https://manningchildrens.cds.affinitycd.com/>. You will login to the same site to claim your CE at the conclusion of the activity.

Objectives: At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Distinguish different types of scoliosis and history of general treatment options.
- Describe diagnosis and physical exam findings for different types of scoliosis.
- Describe aspects of spinal deformity surgical correction, innovation, and safety.

Intended audience: This activity is specifically directed towards the pediatric provider, but it is open to all interested physicians, residents, medical students, nursing, and allied health professionals.

Accreditation Manning Family Children's is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Designation Manning Family Children's designates this live activity for a maximum of 3.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

CNE statement: LCMC Health Nursing Education Committee is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by Louisiana State Nurses Association - Approver, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. LSNA Provider No. 4002636

ADA Statement: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special accommodations are needed, please notify Catherine Mooney at 504-896-9431.



Timothy J. Skalak, MD is a board-certified orthopaedic surgeon specializing in pediatric orthopaedics. He serves as an Assistant Professor at Tulane University School of Medicine and is on staff at Manning Family Children's Hospital in New Orleans. Dr. Skalak completed his medical degree at The Ohio State University, followed by residency at Beaumont Hospital and fellowship training in pediatric orthopaedic surgery at Nationwide Children's Hospital. His clinical and academic interests include pediatric fractures, scoliosis, and limb deformities, and he is actively involved in teaching, research, and national orthopaedic organizations.



We have a new management system for CE Credits

Registration is required for Pediatric Grand Rounds. You may register for Grand Rounds up until 5pm of the day of the activity – this is to allow you time to register and evaluate after the session if participating virtually. Use [this link to access the CE Center](#) and bookmark it for easy access. The link is also available on the flyer.

At the end of the session, you will have to login to the CE Center to claim your credit. A QR code/link will be provided at the end of each Grand Rounds to help with this.

For the instruction guide click [here](#). This will help walk you through creating an account and registering for a session.

Travel/Reimbursement Corner

How is parking reimbursed for a local conference?

Although Travel Priors are not required for local conferences, you must decide in advance whether you will be requesting reimbursement for parking. If parking reimbursement is requested, the conference will follow the same guidelines as an out-of-state conference, and an approved Travel Prior is required before any expenses are paid, including the conference registration fee. For conferences held in the New Orleans Metropolitan area, both the parking expense and the conference registration fee must be processed through the Travel Voucher reimbursement process. While the conference registration fee may be placed on a P-Card, if parking is being claimed, all related expenses must follow Travel Voucher guidelines, and the conference registration fee cannot be paid until the Travel Prior has been fully approved.

Department Wellness

CHNOLA's childcare center open for children of providers/staff working at Children's Hospital ([flyer](#))

LSU Pediatrics Wellness Resources ([information](#))

Other Announcements

Latest Edition of The Pulse ([link](#))

Resident Education

- Resident Participation in Research ([information](#)) - complete a shared spreadsheet with a brief description of the project you are looking for collaboration or assistance with.

Department Biostatistician

- Department Biostatistician, Dr. Zhide Fang, is available to provide biostatistical support to faculty, fellows, and residents. Please see below for revised scheduling procedures:
 1. Email Zhide Fang at zfang@lsuhsc.edu

2. Provide brief explanation of the service you need and, if applicable, times you are able to meet
3. Dr. Fang may request additional information depending on the nature of your request
4. Asking simple, direct questions through email is welcome at any time, but appointments are preferred

Administrative Reminders

- Importance of Time Certification ([information](#)) - learn more about why we certify time each month!
- Use of Non-LSUHSC Email ([information](#))
- Download the Department Composites for the 2025-2026 academic year! ([Resident](#), [Fellow](#), [Faculty](#), and [Admin Staff](#)).
- The Tulane Resident Composite for the 2025-2026 school year is available [here](#).
- LSU travel policy and procedures ([information](#))

Department Poster Printing

At least 3 business days before a poster is needed in hand, send the following to Ashley Pate, apat30@lsuhsc.edu:

1. PowerPoint file
2. Size you would like the poster to be printed
3. Day you need the poster printed by
4. Is a travel tube needed?

The poster author will be copied on all correspondence with the LSU Printing and Graphics Dept. Once Ashley sends the PowerPoint file to the printer, the office will respond (usually quickly) and ask for the author's approval of the PDF proof. Please be on the lookout for an email; the author must approve before the Graphics Dept can print. Ashley will send you an email once the poster has been delivered to her office.

Additional Resources

- Download the new Clinical [Handbook](#) and Pediatric Clerkship [Objectives](#) for Faculty, Residents, and Fellows.
- Grant Support is available through an LSU/Hanover [collaboration](#) - more information is available [here](#).
- [LSUHSC Library Research Resources](#)
- [EQUIP project proposal form](#)

Department Anniversaries

Sheri Russell-Cromwell, 12 years

Dedrick Moulton, 3 years

Devante Williams, 1 year

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