

April 14, 2026



LSU Pediatrics Tuesday Tidbits

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LSU Pediatrics Announcements

Medical Staff Pickleball Night



Join us for a **Medical Staff Pickleball Night** at **The Exchange!**

Pickleball Night at The Exchange invites medical staff to unwind with an evening of fun and friendly competition. New to pickleball? No problem—pros will be there to show you the ropes!

Wednesday, April 15
6–9 pm
The Exchange
2120 Rousseau St.
New Orleans, LA 70130


Please RSVP to catalina.ramirez@LCMChealth.org

Hosted by Dr. Bonnie Desselle, Chief Medical Education Officer
and Medical Staff President

26-41517-0325



**Manning Family
Children's**
LCMC Health

Female Youth Health Forum Successfully Held to Empower Young Women

The **Body Oddy Oddy Rising Stars Female Youth Program Health Forum** was a powerful and impactful event dedicated to empowering young women with the knowledge and confidence to take charge of their health and well-being. Hosted by the Pontchartrain (LA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in partnership with the LSU Health Sciences Center Department of Pediatrics and the New Orleans Leadership in Access and Advocacy for Pediatrics (NOLAA-Peds) Network, the forum brought together healthcare professionals and youth for an engaging and informative experience. The event was led by Sylvia Rushing, NP, Services to Youth Chair, along with dedicated chapter President,

Dr. Sheryl Kennedy Haydel, chapter members, and was thoughtfully planned and coordinated by Dr. Kimiyo Harris Williams.

Participants benefited from dynamic presentations led by an esteemed panel of physicians and nurse practitioners, including Dr. Kirk Thame, Dr. Tina Simpson, Dr. La'Nasha Tanner-Sanders, Dr. Jhanae O'Guin, Dr. Aleah Singleton, Dr. Attiyya Chisolm, and Jaime Taylor, NP. The speakers addressed a wide range of health topics relevant to adolescent girls, including preventive care, mental health, reproductive health, and overall wellness.

This collaborative effort exemplifies the power of community partnerships in advancing health education and equity, leaving a lasting impact on the next generation of young women leaders.



**Pediatric Research Day:
Detailed Agenda Released
Mark your calendars!**

Pediatric Research Day

Friday, May 15, 2026
Worley Hall
Manning Family Children's

Order of Events:

Graduating Fellow Presentations	8:15 – 9:45 am
Moderator: Collen LeBlanc, MD, Assistant Professor, LSU Pediatrics	
Features of Science (Hospital Atrium)	10:00 – 10:30 am
Moderator: Brian Barkemeyer, MD, Vice Chair, LSU Pediatrics	
Faculty Publications	10:45 – 11:45 am
Moderator: Bonnie Desselle, MD, Vice Chair, LSU Pediatrics	
Lunch/Networking	11:45 am – 12:30 pm
Welcome	12:30 pm - 12:35pm
Opening Remarks	12:35 – 12:45 pm
Stephen Hales, MD Retired Pediatrician, Hales Pediatrics Manning Family Children's Board of Trustees Member Emeritus	
Keynote Speaker	12:45 – 1:30 pm
Ihuoma Eneli, MD, MS Head, Section of Nutrition, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus	
Oral Presentations	1:30 – 2:30 pm
Moderator: Kelly Gajewski, MD, Associate Professor, LSU Pediatrics	
1:30pm	<i>Assessing Growth Faltering Status After Implementation of a Standardized Advancement of Home Feeding Regimens of Infants with Gastrostomy Tubes: A Quality Improvement Initiative</i> Mike Evers, MD, Fellow, LSU Neonatology
1:45pm	<i>Dysregulated Cytotoxic T-Cell and Immune Checkpoint Activity in Ebola Survivors</i> Anna Sanford, MD, Resident, Tulane Pediatrics
2:00pm	<i>Clinical Utility of Donor Derived Cell-Free DNA in an Established Donor-Specific Antibody Monitoring Protocol for Detection of Acute Rejection in Pediatric Kidney Transplant Recipients</i> Nicole Vegh, MD, Fellow, LSU Pediatric Nephrology
2:30pm	<i>Analysis of Utilization and Factors Associated with Clinical Utility of Plasma Next Generation Sequencing for Microbial Cell Free DNA at a Children's Hospital Over Four Years</i> Kathleen Condon, MD, Fellow, Tulane Infectious Diseases
Poster Session Group 1	2:45pm – 3:30pm
Poster Session Group 2	3:30pm – 4:15 pm
Award Ceremony	4:30pm



Review and Submit Publications for Pediatric Research Webpage: Extended to April 17th

The deadline to review and request to add publications to the research webpage has been extended! We kindly ask that you take a few moments to review the current publications listed on the webpage and notify us of any publications that may be missing or not yet included. At this time, we are only seeking to add publications from the last five years. Your contributions are essential to ensuring accurate representation and recognition of our department's scholarly work. To allow us to finalize this update in a timely manner, we ask that any additions or corrections be submitted by April 17th.

You may view the current publications page here:

https://www.medschool.lsuhschool.edu/pediatrics/selected_publications.aspx

If you would like to submit publications for inclusion on the webpage or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us by email at ashala@lsuhsc.edu or dwil77@lsuhsc.edu. We are happy to assist.

Thank you very much for your time and support.

The 14th Annual Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Forum

LSU Health
NEW ORLEANS

School of Medicine



The 14th Annual

Quality Improvement & Patient Safety Forum

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/qj_forum.aspx

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

New video monthly

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

April Video: Communication

Good communication skills are crucial to quality healthcare. Whether during rounds, in clinic or via Telemedicine we can all teach our learners about clear, compassionate communication. Let's focus on our communication skills during the month of April. This quick video (under three minute) is a great reminder of how important these skills are and gives tips for continual quality improvement.

<https://youtu.be/aeSIJPLFk8Q>

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



What's New for Newborns? AAP Policy Updates from the Last 3 Years

Wednesday, April 15, 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.affinityced.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:

- Recognize how AAP policies are created and how to interpret their application in clinical practice.
- Identify key updates in American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines, policies, and reports for newborns from the last three years.
- Recommend changes to current clinical practice and policies to ensure they are aligned with the latest AAP recommendations for newborn care.



Dr. Julie Gallois is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics in the Division of Neonatology at LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. She completed her medical degree, pediatric residency, and neonatal-perinatal fellowship at LSU, where she also served as Chief Resident. Dr. Gallois is board-certified in both General Pediatrics and Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine. In addition to her clinical work in NICUs across the region, she serves as Physician Director of Quality for Neonatology at LCMC Health. Her academic interests focus on quality improvement, neonatal care, and breastfeeding medicine. She is actively involved in medical education, curriculum development, and mentoring trainees, and has led numerous initiatives aimed at improving patient safety and outcomes in the NICU.

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 1.0 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.



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

Foundation Reimbursement - 60 Day Deadline

The Foundation has adopted an accountable plan that meets IRS regulations. In that any reimbursement request submitted 60 days after the date of expense will be treated as taxable to the employee. The best way to ensure this doesn't happen is to submit receipts soon after the event/travel takes place. You have the option to receive reimbursement via check or direct deposit. If you choose direct deposit and we don't receive the direct deposit form back from you in time to make the 60-day deadline we will go ahead and submit a request for check reimbursement to avoid taxable income

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

Pinki Prasad, 15 years

Bonnie Schiffman Brignac, 7 years

Charles Hemenway, 4 years

Taylor Rogge, 4 years

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