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## LSU Pediatrics Tuesday Tidbits

Welcome to the Department of Pediatrics' weekly email blast designed to deliver important department information straight to your inbox.

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### LSU Pediatrics Announcements

#### Recent Scholarly Activity

Congratulations to our Pediatric Cardiology Fellows who recently represented the department at the American College of Cardiology Conference in New Orleans where they presented their scholarly work on a national stage. Fellows [Dr. Cyndee Jocson](#), [Dr. Mike Charles](#), [Dr. Saloni Trivedi](#), [Dr. Christine Rizkalla](#), and [Dr. Sana Shuja](#) showcased three accepted posters, highlighting their dedication to advancing pediatric cardiovascular care and innovation.

**Charles M**, Trivedi S, Jocson C, Rizkalla C, Shuja S, Mejia E, Cheang S. *An Unusual Case of Single Ventricle with Pulmonary Atresia, Multiple Aortopulmonary Collateral Vessels, and Pulmonary Arteries Fed by Proximal Left Main Coronary Artery Fistula*

**Trivedi S**, Jocson C, Shuja S, Rizkalla C, Charles M, Schwartzenburg E, Mejia E. *Virtual Reality-Enhanced 3-Dimensional Computed Tomography Modeling for Surgical Guidance in Double Outlet Right Ventricle with Complex Anatomy.*

**Shuja S**, Bhalla N, Jocson C, Rizkalla C, Trivedi S, Charles M, Mejia E. *A Novel Strategy for Testing Valve Stability during Transcatheter Pulmonary Valve Replacement.*



**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



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The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Quality Improvement and  
Patient Safety Forum



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# 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/qi\\_forum.aspx](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](#).

### 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



Manning Family  
Children's  
LCMC Health

### Dr. Juan Gershanik Lecture: Enhancing Disability Inclusion in Medicine: The Why, the What, and the How

Wednesday, April 22, 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:

- Describe the prevalence of physicians with disabilities across the continuum of medical training and practice.
- Summarize the experiences of physicians and trainees with disabilities, including common barriers to access, disclosure, and support.
- Identify common sources of ableism in clinical and training environments and their impact on learners, clinicians, and patient care.
- Select at least one strategy to improve inclusion or access within their clinical, educational, or institutional setting.

**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.



**Lisa M. Meeks, PhD, MA** is a Clinical Professor in the Department of Medical Education at the University of Illinois Chicago College of Medicine and Executive Director of the Docs With Disabilities Initiative. A nationally recognized leader in disability inclusion in health professions education, Dr. Meeks' work focuses on improving access, equity, and outcomes for learners and physicians with disabilities. She has held faculty appointments at leading institutions including the University of Michigan and the University of California, San Francisco, and has received numerous national awards for her contributions to medical education and diversity. Dr. Meeks is widely published and an invited speaker internationally, advancing innovative strategies to foster inclusive learning environments in medicine.



## 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.

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## 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](#))

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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### **Share Your News!**

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