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LSU Pediatrics Tuesday Tidbits

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LSU Pediatrics Announcements

Pediatric Critical Care Fellowship Receives ACGME Approval

We are excited to announce that our new Pediatric Critical Care Fellowship has officially received approval from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). This milestone marks a significant step forward in expanding advanced training opportunities and strengthening our commitment to excellence in pediatric care.

The program will begin accepting applications during the July 2026 recruitment cycle, with the inaugural class of fellows scheduled to start in July 2027. This fellowship is designed to provide comprehensive, high-quality training for physicians pursuing specialization in pediatric critical care medicine.

For additional information about the program, application process, or curriculum, please contact Program Director Zach Daniels at zdani1@lsuhsc.edu or Associate Program Director Susan Glass at sglas3@lsuhsc.edu.

Recently Scholarly Activity



Palliative Care's [Dr. Ashley Autrey](#) recently published a paper titled "Regional Pediatric Education and Assistance Collaborative for Hospice Nurses (REACH): A Tele-Educational Intervention. *Journal of Hospice and Palliative Nursing*"

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/41860209/>

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

Pediatrics Research Day

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

Order of Events:

Graduating Fellow Presentations	8:15 – 9:45 am
Moderator: Colleen 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



Childhood Obesity as a Pediatric Vital Sign: Opportunities and Challenges
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



The 14th Annual Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Forum



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/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.

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

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