

April 7, 2026



## 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

#### Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS)

The LSUHSC New Orleans Chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) recognizes individuals who exemplify humanistic patient care and who can serve as role models, mentors, and leaders in medicine.

**Dr. McKenzie Schwarze**, Internal Medicine/Pediatrics Resident, is among six residents recognized by the chapter. She will receive the Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award (HETA) which honors outstanding humanistic teaching as identified by students.

Pediatrics faculty in Lafayette **Dr. Nahla Dahr**, and Pediatric Surgery's **Dr. Jessica Zagory** are two of four faculty members also specially recognized for their commitment to humanism, teaching, and creating an environment that is kind, safe, and trustworthy for both patients and students.

All awardees have been selected through a nomination process and vote amongst the student body.

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#### 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@LCMHealth.org](mailto:catalina.ramirez@LCMHealth.org)

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

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



The 14<sup>th</sup> 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](https://lsuh.sc/ms-qiforum)

**Deadline Extended: April 7**

The deadline for abstract submissions for **the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>**. 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).

## 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](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](mailto:ashala@lsuhsc.edu) or [dwil77@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:dwil77@lsuhsc.edu). We are happy to assist.

Thank you very much for your time and support.

## 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](mailto:acree1@lsuhsc.edu) for calendar invites.

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

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## Pediatric Research Day 2026

# Pediatric Research Day



## 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**

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



The 14<sup>th</sup> 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](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



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## Serious Illness Communication: Evidence-Based Strategies from VitalTalk

Wednesday, April 8, 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:

- Demonstrate the importance of evidence-based communication training.
- Develop an evidenced-based approach to serious illness communication and delivering bad news.
- Expand evidenced-based approaches to respond to emotions of patients and families.



**Caitlin J. Creel, MD, MPH** is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, specializing in pediatric palliative care. She earned her medical degree and Master of Public Health from LSU, followed by pediatric residency training at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and fellowship training in Hospice and Palliative Medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern.

Dr. Creel provides compassionate, patient- and family-centered care for children with serious illnesses and is actively involved in medical education, teaching students, residents, and fellows. Her academic interests include symptom management, ethics in pediatric care, and improving quality of life for patients and families. She also contributes to research and serves on multiple hospital committees supporting patient care and family services.

**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.

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## 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](#))

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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!**

The department wants to highlight your success! Please send any news to include in *Tuesday Tidbits* to [Ashley Pate](#).



Submit information to the next Tuesday Tidbits

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