

**June 17, 2025**



**School of Medicine**  
Department of Pediatrics

# **LSU Pediatrics Tuesday Tidbits**

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## **LSU Pediatrics Announcements**

### **Congratulations, Graduates!**

Congratulations to our Department Residency and Fellowship graduates who took home their diplomas throughout several ceremonies last week.

The graduation ceremony for our Pediatrics, Medicine/Pediatrics, and Pediatric/Emergency Medicine residency graduating classes was held this past Saturday at the Audubon Tea Room.

#### **Pediatric Graduates:**

Alexis Brantley  
Sarah Brewington  
Kathryn Melancon  
Stephanie Miles  
Shivani Patel  
Anne Reed  
Hope Retif  
Alanna Sam  
Caroline Self  
Madeleine Stansberry  
Nicholas Tadros  
Morgan Viviano  
Sneha Yadlapti

#### **Certified Pediatric Neurology Graduate:**

Andraya Dickens-Chang

#### **Pediatric Chief Graduate:**

Karleigh Barkemeyer  
Amanda Garnier

**Pediatric/Emergency Medicine Graduate:**

Erin Asher

**Medicine/Pediatric Graduates:**

Sara Anderson  
Brooke McVaney  
Vivek Patel  
Taylor Sanders

**Medicine/Pediatric Chief Graduates:**

Brooke McVaney  
Taylor Sanders



The graduation ceremony for our Pediatric Subspecialty Fellowship programs was held on Friday at the Audubon Tea Room. Graduates included:

**Sarah Campbell**  
Allergy Immunology

**Jesus Jalie**  
Cardiology

**Amber Gafur**  
Gastroenterology

**Heather Valdin**  
Hematology/Oncology

**Kayla Griesse**  
**Aamna Hafeez**  
Hospital Medicine

**Kathryn Cyrus**  
**Mary-Elizabeth Lago**  
Neonatal-Perinatal

**Jessica Rosario-Falero**  
Nephrology

On Friday, the department joined the graduating residency class for an awards ceremony in Worley Hall hosted by Program Director Dr. Chelsey Sandlin. Congratulations to all award winners:

**Madeleine Stansberry, MD**  
**Nicholas Tadros, DO**  
Penny Scurto, MD Outstanding Pediatric Resident Award

**Vivek Patel, DO**  
Outstanding Medicine/Pediatric Resident Award

**Charles Hemenway, MD**  
Nicholas Gagliano, MD Outstanding Faculty Award  
Given annually by the LSU Pediatrics Residents for excellence in teaching, and for sharing, through knowledge and example, the facts and feelings that prepare us for a lifetime of service to children

**Leslie Reilly, MD**  
Suskind Outstanding Pediatric Faculty Award  
Presented annually to the faculty member who has made an outstanding academic contribution to the education, research, clinical service and advocacy missions of the LSU Department of Pediatrics

**Morgan Viviano, MD**  
Gretchen Life, MD Award  
Awarded to the graduating resident who embodies Gretchen's zeal for life and love for patients

**Vivek Patel, DO**  
Outstanding Cardiology Resident  
Selected by Cardiology Faculty to recognize a resident with outstanding clinical and professional performance on the rotation

**Leah Smith, DO**  
Outstanding Hematology/Oncology Resident  
Selected by Hematology/Oncology Faculty to recognize a resident with outstanding clinical and professional performance on the rotation

**Lexi Glaser, MD**  
Outstanding Pediatric Critical Care Resident  
Selected by Pediatric Critical Care Faculty to recognize a resident with outstanding clinical and professional performance on the rotation

**Jesus Jaile, IV, MD**

### Outstanding Fellowship Teaching Award

Awarded annually by the residents in recognition of outstanding teaching and mentoring skills

**Nali Gillespie, MD, Hope Retif, MD, Morgan Viviano, MD**

Alfonso Vargas, MD Research Award

For the Residents Who Have Demonstrated Outstanding Performance in Pediatric Research

**Eleanor Koonce-Oubre, MD**

Intern of the Year Award

Given annually by Pediatrics PGY 1, 2 and 3 acknowledging an intern who exemplifies the values of our residency: dedication to the care of patients, advocacy for their patients, professionalism, interdisciplinary collaboration, and collegiality among residents

**Holly Monk, MD**

Pediatric Alumni Award

Congratulations to our stellar class of graduates! We will miss you all!

Special thanks to our Residency and Fellowship Program Directors, Associate Program Directors, Chief Residents, and Program Administrators as we wrap up another academic year and the concluding ceremonies that go along with it.

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## Faculty Development Summer School Series Begins in July

### Faculty Development Summer School Series



Mark your calendars for this summer's faculty development workshop series! All sessions will be held in the **Hospital Large Conference Rooms on Wednesdays at noon**. Lunch is provided.

*Instructions for accessing recordings of these sessions will be shared at a later date. Thank you!*



#### **How to Improve Your EPIC Experience**

*Presented by Dr. Shubho Sarkar*  
July 9 & August 6  
\*bring a laptop!



#### **Making the Most of Mentorship**

*Presented by Dr. Lucio Miele*  
July 30 & August 13



#### **Tips for Effective Feedback**

*Presented by Dr. Leslie Reilly and Dr. Caroline Roth*  
July 16 & August 20



#### **Improve Your Relationship with Your Computer**

*Presented by Emma Simon, MBA*  
July 23 & August 27  
\*bring a laptop!



# Pediatric Clerkship's New Global Evaluation

The Pediatric Clerkship will be implementing a new global evaluation for LSU medical students during the 2025-2026 academic year. Pediatric specific faculty development will be provided to relevant divisions in June and July.

The LSU School of Medicine is holding an in-depth faculty development session on the new evaluation form as well. This session will occur June 19<sup>th</sup> from 12-1:15pm in the Lion's building and via zoom. All faculty who evaluate 3<sup>rd</sup> year medical students are encouraged to attend if able. Please see the flyer for additional details and registration information.

**LSU Health**  
NEW ORLEANS  
School of Medicine



LSU School of Medicine Faculty Development Committee Presents

## Global Evaluations for Students



Matthew Foy, MD  
Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine  
Director of Undergraduate Medical Education  
LSU School of Medicine, Baton Rouge Campus

Understand the rationale and updates to the student clerkship global evaluation form and how it aligns with the revised student educational program objectives. Attendees of this session will discuss anticipated variations from previous evaluations and work through an example case.

**Thursday, June 19**

**12:00 –1:15 pm**

**Lion's Building, 6th Floor**

Zoom Option Available

**Lunch Provided**



- Scan QR code to register.
- Registration Required.
- Register by June 18



**Accreditation:** The Louisiana State University School of Medicine, New Orleans is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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## Dr. Lolie Yu Retires After 40 Years at LSUHSC



The hospital will hold a reception to celebrate her career.  
Please join us to thank Dr. Yu in person.  
Tuesday, June 24, 2025  
2:00pm - 4:00pm  
Large Hospital Conference Room

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## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

*New video monthly*

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

### June Video: "What is Difficult about Feedback?"

Feedback is crucial for our learners. This video (6 minutes) from the University of Michigan directly addresses challenges to Giving Feedback - time, feeling it's subjective, worries about rapport, negative reviews from learners - and provides some concrete ways to overcome these barriers.

<https://www.coursera.org/lecture/clinical-skills/01-03-what-is-difficult-about-feedback-Q32ML>

## Manning Family Children's Announcements

### Grand Rounds

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# Hybrid Pediatric Grand Rounds



**Manning Family  
Children's**  
LCMC Health

**Tulane University Department of Pediatrics presents  
the Ralph V. Platou Memorial Grand Rounds**

## Innovating Access & Autonomy: The Role of DPC in Modern Pediatric Practice

**Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Hospital Large Conference Rooms, Noon



**Christina Piron, MD**, is a board-certified general pediatrician and the owner and founder of MamaDoc NJ, a concierge-style pediatric practice in New Jersey. She completed her pediatric residency at Tulane-Ochsner in

2014, followed by a year as chief resident. Dr. Piron moved to New Jersey with her family in 2020 and launched her current practice in March 2024.

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

- Describe key challenges within traditional insurance-based pediatric care that are contributing to the growing interest in Direct Primary Care (DPC) models and other nontraditional models of care among both physicians and patients.
- Understand the principles, structure, and variations of DPC and concierge models, and how they differ from traditional care delivery.
- Evaluate how DPC and concierge models may impact physician well-being, patient care, and healthcare access—particularly in relation to equity and disparities among diverse populations.
- Explore future opportunities to evolve both insurance-based and DPC care models to improve access, equity, and outcomes in pediatric healthcare.

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

**Zoom link:** <https://lsuhsc.zoom.us/j/92702233054>

**Meeting ID:** 927 0223 3054

When you exit the Zoom meeting, you will be prompted to complete a short form to provide your name and email address. By completing the form your attendance will be counted. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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.

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**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 Denise Graham at 504-896-9431.



## 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](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 2024-2025 academic year! ([Resident](#), [Fellow](#), [Faculty](#), and [Admin Staff](#)).
- The Tulane Resident Composite for the 2024-2025 school year is available [here](#). Faculty members who would like a laminated copy can contact Tulane's Chief Residents, [Taylor Katt](#) and [Genesis Ricard](#).
- LSU travel policy and procedures ([information](#))
- 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**

Regina Zambrano, 13 years  
Elizabeth Alonso, 11years  
Shubho Sarkar, 8 years  
Rebecca Calix, 3 years  
Kimiyo Harris-Williams, 2 years  
Michele Hallinan, 1 year

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## **Share Your News!**

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