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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

Welcome New Administrative Staff

The LSU Department of Pediatrics is pleased to welcome **Kayley Kish** as our new **Residency Program Administrator**. Kayley will help oversee the Critical Care, Emergency Medicine, and Nephrology Fellowship Programs, bringing a strong background in healthcare administration, program coordination, and educational support. Prior to joining LSU, she served as the Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Nursing at the University of Holy Cross, where she managed regulatory compliance, coordinated large-scale events, and supported faculty and students through every stage of their academic journey. An LSU alumna with both bachelor's and master's degrees, Kayley is passionate about graduate medical education and is excited to support our fellows, faculty, and program leadership. Please join us in welcoming Kayley to the Department of Pediatrics!

The new Administrative Staff Composite can be downloaded here.

School Supply Drive

Back-to-school season is just around the corner, and we know how quickly the cost of school supplies can add up. To help make the start of the school year a little easier, the LSU Health New Orleans Staff Senate is hosting a School Supply Drive for LSU Health staff and their families.

The LSU Department of Pediatrics will have a collection box located in the LSU Pediatrics Administrative Office for anyone who would like to donate school supplies. All donations are greatly appreciated and will help support fellow LSU Health families. Please drop off your donations by Friday, July 31.

If you or your family could benefit from school supplies this year, please sign up using the link below:
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/5HKJQnBh3L

Thank you for helping us make the new school year a little brighter for our LSU Health community!

Support The Pelican Krewe!

The Pelican Krewe has been selected as a nominee for the Kiefer & Kiefer Gives campaign this month. Community members are encouraged to cast their vote for The Pelican Krewe every day throughout the month. The nonprofit organization with the most votes at the end of the campaign will receive a $5,000 donation to support its mission.Your daily vote can make a difference!

Visit the link below to vote and help support The Pelican Krewe:
https://kieferandkiefer.com/gives/

Faculty Development Summer Series Begins In July

Summer lecture series

Please join the Office of Faculty Development for a summer lecture series featuring multidisciplinary lectures on current topics in healthcare

12-1 pm
Large Hospital Conference Room
Zoom option available
Lunch will be provided

July 1
Medicine, Malpractice, and the Law
Ann Marie LeBlanc
Partner, Caraway LeBlanc

July 8
AI Trends in Healthcare
Dr. Shubho Sarkar
Chief Quality Officer, Manning Family Children's

July 15
Physician Wellness
Kristen Gradney
Chief Wellness Officer, LCMC Health

July 22
Mentorship in the Healthcare Setting
Dr. M. Tonette Krousel-Wood
Associate Provost for the Health Sciences, Tulane University
Zoom only

July 29
Point of Care Ultrasound Simulation
*Participation at capacity

August 5
Patient Safety and Quality Initiatives at Manning Family Children's
Dr. Shubho Sarkar
Chief Quality Officer, Manning Family Children's

Sponsored by Manning Family Children's Faculty Development
For questions, contact caroline.brennan@LCMChealth.org

Manning Family Children's
LCMC Health

Pennington Biomedical Research Center's Annual Childhood Obesity Conference September 24, 2026

August 1, 2026: Early Bird Registration Deadline
August 21, 2026: Abstract Submission Deadline
September 13, 2026: Registration Deadline

Click link for registration and more information:
https://event.auctria.com/3679d74d-2afb-4f84-b843-6fbd582b7cc4/aa6cd270-8751-11e9-a741-3fcfcb35cbb0

Evacuation Readiness Resources for Families with Medically Complex Children

A multidisciplinary team—including physicians, nurses, social workers, pharmacists, nutritionists, and family representatives—has created a booklet to help families with medically complex children prepare for emergencies. These booklets are available on the Children's Hospital New Orleans Emergency Preparedness website and include a QR code for easy access. Providers are encouraged to use the smartphrase ".emerprepMFC" in the AVS and discharge instructions to share this resource with families. Clinics are also asked to print and post the flyer in visible areas to help spread awareness.

This video features PHM fellow Dr. Jantzen Collette
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0tSJGiA2HKc

LSU School of Medicine Clinical Handbook and Clerkship Objectives Acknowledgement

You recently received an email with the LSU School of Medicine Clinical Handbook for Faculty, Residents, and Fellows and Pediatric Clerkship Course Objectives for review and signature.

If you have not already completed the attestation, please do so as soon as possible. Completion is required to demonstrate compliance with LCME standards.

Please see the screenshot below for reference regarding the appearance of the email. Note the email is marked as an external email.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

New video monthly

For questions or comments regarding Faculty Development, please contact Amy Creel.

July Video: Bedside Teaching Tips

Get the most out of bedside rounds - In only 2 minutes learn about some Do's and Don'ts of Bedside teaching in this efficient video. Let's kick off our academic year with renewed dedication to excellence in medical education!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iiqB-eQcbT8

Manning Family Children's Announcements

Grand Rounds

Grand Rounds is on summer break and will resume on September 2nd.

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

Raghubir Mangat, 45 years
Brian Barkemeyer, 35 years
Bonnie Desselle, 31 years

Staci Olister, 29 years
Dana Rivera, 29 years
Suzanne Lefevre, 27 years
Jay Hescock, 22 years
Ken Paris, 20 years
Amy Creel, 18 years
Jeffrey Surcouf, 16 years
Raegan Gupta, 14 years
Chelsey Sandlin, 13 years
Luke Wall, 13 years
Marcella Houser, 12 years
Christy Mumphrey, 12 years
Dana LeBlanc, 11 years
Jessica Patrick-Esteve, 11 years
Amy Prudhomme, 11 years
Amanda Messer, 9 years
Michelle Knecht Lechler, 9 years
Shannon Palombo, 8 years
Andrew Abreo, 7 years
Julie Gallois, 7 years
Lauren Davis, 6 years
Anne Martin, 4 years
Anne Tufton, 4 years
Ashley Autrey, 1 year
Isabella Marranzini, 1 year

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

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