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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 Faculty



The Department of Pediatrics is delighted to welcome Dr. Nicole Vegh as Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics in the Division of Pediatric Nephrology. Dr. Vegh is a true product of LSU Health New Orleans, having completed her medical school education, pediatric residency, service as Pediatric Chief Resident, and Pediatric Nephrology Fellowship within our Department of Pediatrics. Throughout her training, she has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to our institution, our patients, and our mission of excellence in clinical care, education, and scholarship. Her scholarly contributions have focused on pediatric kidney disease, kidney transplantation, quality

improvement, and patient-centered care, with presentations at regional and national meetings and ongoing research aimed at improving the early detection of kidney transplant rejection in children. We are thrilled that she has chosen to continue her career with LSU and look forward to the expertise, dedication, and compassionate care she will bring to our patients, trainees, and faculty for years to come.

The LSU Department of Pediatrics also welcomes Dr. Brantlee McConaughy who joins as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics in the Division of Endocrinology. Dr. McConaughy completed his Pediatric Residency and



Pediatric Endocrinology Fellowship training with the department and has distinguished himself as an exceptional clinician, educator, and advocate for children with endocrine disorders. His scholarly work has focused on improving outcomes for children and adolescents with diabetes, including investigating health disparities, the impact of socioeconomic factors on diabetes management, and the use of emerging technologies to optimize care for high-risk youth. He has presented his work at regional and national scientific meetings, contributed to peer-reviewed publications, and

demonstrated a longstanding commitment to advancing pediatric endocrine care through research, education, and community engagement. We are delighted to welcome Dr. McConaughy to our faculty and look forward to the expertise, compassion, and leadership he will bring to our patients, trainees, and academic community.



The LSU Department of Pediatrics welcomes Dr. Mike Evers as Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics in the Division of Neonatology. Dr. Evers completed both his Pediatrics Residency and Neonatology Fellowship in our department. He also completed an Infant Complex Care Fellowship at Duke University. Dr. Evers has distinguished himself through an impressive record of scholarly activity during both residency and fellowship, with research interests centered on

neonatal neurodevelopment, quality improvement, and the care of medically complex infants. His work has resulted in numerous presentations and research projects aimed at improving outcomes for vulnerable newborns and supporting their transition from the NICU to home.

In his new role, he will lead the development of a Complex Care Outpatient Clinic dedicated to supporting premature infants and other high-risk newborns as they transition from the NICU to home, ensuring comprehensive, coordinated care that promotes optimal growth, development, and family support. After many years as a trainee, we are excited to welcome Dr. Evers to our faculty and look forward to the many contributions he will make to our patients, families, trainees, and institution.

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/>

Recent Scholarly Activity

Congratulations to Neonatology's **Jeffrey Surcouf**, Palliative Care's **Ashley Autrey**, and Critical Care's **Amy Creel**, along with former Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine fellow **Kathryn Cyrus**, and Biostatistics's **Zhide Fang** on the publication of their article in the Journal of Pediatrics. Their study, "*Values in the Neonatal ICU: Insights into Caregiver Priorities*," explores the aspects of neonatal intensive care that caregivers value most, providing important insights to help guide family-centered care and improve the NICU experience for patients and their families.

Read the article on PubMed: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/42297335/>



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@LCMHealth.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

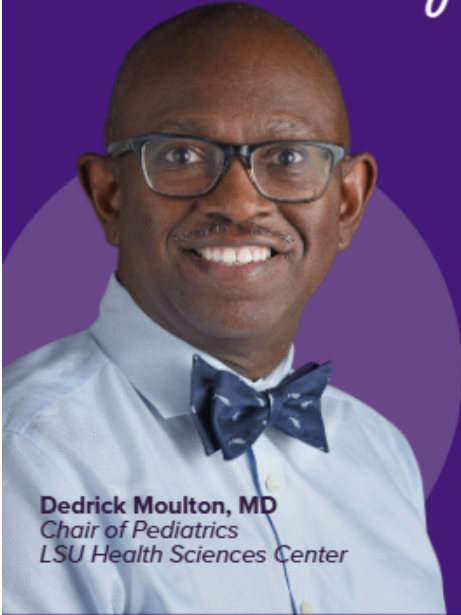
September 13, 2026: Registration Deadline

Click link for registration and more information:

<https://event.auctria.com/3679d74d-2afb-4f84-b843-6fbd582b7cc4/aa6cd270-8751-11e9-a741-3fcfc35cbb0>

Welcoming

Dr. Dedrick Moulton
KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Dedrick Moulton, MD
Chair of Pediatrics
LSU Health Sciences Center

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Pennington Biomedical Research Center's
Annual Childhood Obesity Conference

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September 24



**C.B. Pennington Jr.
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Research Center
Louisiana State University

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Healthy**



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.

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Please sign this acknowledgement confirming your receipt of the Undergraduate Medical Education Clinical Handbook and the Pediatrics Course Description and Objectives for the 2026-2027 academic year. If you have questions about this form, you may contact the UME Office at 504-568-4006 or cheber@lsuhsc.edu.

Clinical Handbook:

https://www.medschool.lsuhs.edu/medical_education/undergraduate/docs/Clinical_Handbook.pdf

Course Description and Objectives:

https://www.medschool.lsuhs.edu/medical_education/undergraduate/docs/Pediatrics_Syllabus.pdf

Pediatrics Clinical Handbook and Course Objectives Acknowledgment

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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 Hescocock, 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

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