

**August 26, 2025**



**School of Medicine**  
Department of Pediatrics

## **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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website

### **LSU Pediatrics Announcements**

#### **Commemorating Katrina Symposium**

The School of Public Health is hosting a four-part symposium series in remembrance of Hurricane Katrina for the storm's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The LSU Health family is invited to join one or all of the series panel discussions which will examine topics including Katrina through the eyes of hospital staff, restoring care in New Orleans, Public Health lessons from Hurricane Katrina, and academic recovery and future readiness.



## MONDAY

August 25, 2025  
12-1:15PM

Medical Education Building  
1901 Perdido St, Lecture Room 1101B

### TRAPPED AND HEALING: KATRINA THROUGH THE EYES OF HOSPITAL STAFF

Join us for a panel featuring healthcare workers who endured Hurricane Katrina inside New Orleans hospitals, sharing firsthand stories of resilience, ethical challenges, and the critical importance of disaster preparedness in healthcare.

#### Moderator:

Dr. Donna Williams

#### Speakers:

Dr. Denise Johnson - Dr. Cathi Fontenot - Dr. Barry Keim  
Dr. Juzar Ali



## TUESDAY

August 26, 2025  
12-1:15 PM

Medical Education Building  
1901 Perdido St, Lecture Room 1101B

### HEALTH AFTER THE STORM: THE FIGHT TO RESTORE CARE IN NEW ORLEANS

Discover how New Orleans' healthcare community responded to the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina through firsthand accounts of rapid response, resourcefulness, and the fight to restore care in a city left in crisis.

#### Moderator:

Dr. Michael D. Celestin, Jr.

#### Speaker:

Dr. Scott Hemmerling - Dr. Peter DeBlieux - Dr. Demetrius Porche  
Mr. Mark Schleifstein



## WEDNESDAY

August 27, 2025  
12-1:15 PM

Medical Education Building  
1901 Perdido St, Lecture Room 1101B

### FROM DISASTER TO RECOVERY: PUBLIC HEALTH LESSONS FROM HURRICANE KATRINA

Join experts as they discuss Hurricane Katrina's lasting impact on mental health and community well-being—and what it teaches us about building resilience in a changing climate.

#### Moderator:

Dr. Tekeda Ferguson

#### Speakers:

Dr. Barry Keim - Dr. Susanne Straif-Bourgeois - Dr. Stephen Phillippi  
Dr. Adrienne Katner

## THURSDAY

August 28, 2025  
12-1:15 PM

Medical Education Building  
1901 Perdido St, Lecture Room 1101B

### ECHOES OF THE STORM: ACADEMIC RECOVERY AND FUTURE READINESS

Former deans and academic leaders from LSU Health New Orleans share their experiences navigating the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, highlighting the university's resilience, innovative recovery efforts, and commitment to rebuilding education and community health with purpose and compassion.

#### Moderator:

Representative  
Joseph Cao

#### Speakers:

Dr. John Gallo - Dr. Jimmy Cairo - Dr. Kevin Lord - Dr. Paul Fidel

## FRIDAY

August 29, 2025

### 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF HURRICANE KATRINA

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Dr. Barry Keim  
Email: bkeim@lsuhsc.edu

**LSU Health**  
NEW ORLEANS  
School of Public Health

## Southern Regional Meeting Call for Abstracts

Abstract deadline for the Southern Regional Meeting (SSPR) is October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm. The meeting will be held February 26-28 in New Orleans.

Please click link for details! [Click Here](#)

# Southern Regional Meetings

## Call for Abstracts



### Research Travel Award Opportunities Available

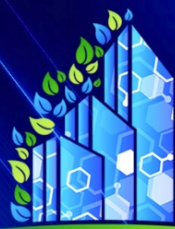
**Meeting Dates:**  
**February 26-28, 2026**

**Abstract Deadline:**  
**October 3, 2025 by 6:00 pm EST**

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**Pediatric Symposium Series: A Focus on Pediatric  
Endocrinology**





# HUMAN GROWTH FOUNDATION ENDOCRINE EDUCATION DAY

In collaboration with: **Manning Family Children's**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 • 8:30 AM TO 1:30 PM**

**Manning Family Children's**

Worley Hall • Floor 1  
210 State St. New Orleans, LA 70118

**4 CE Units and 4 CMEs**

Breakfast and Lunch Provided

Join HGF for a day filled with insightful learning!



**GOITERS AND  
THYROID NODULES**

Presented by  
Dr. Ricardo Gomez



**DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S  
TOO LATE: IDENTIFYING  
THE ADOLESCENT WHO  
WILL STOP GROWING  
PREMATURELY**

Presented by  
Dr. Stuart Chalew



**PREMATURE THELARCHE,  
PUBARCHÉ, AND  
MENARCHE AND WHEN  
TO WORRY**

Presented by  
Dr. Dania Felipe



**PEDIATRIC BONE  
HEALTH: BASICS  
AND BEYOND**

Presented by  
Dr. Arlette Soros



**CURRENT SCREENING  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND  
AVAILABLE TREATMENTS  
FOR CHILDREN AT RISK  
FOR TYPE 1 DIABETES**

Presented by  
Dr. Brantlee McConaughy



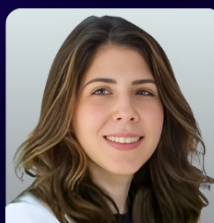
**DELAYED PUBERTY  
AND WHEN TO WORRY**

Presented by  
Dr. Patrick Quebedeaux



**AN UPDATE ON  
MEDICATIONS FOR  
OBESITY MANAGEMENT**

Presented by  
Dr. Mary A Younger-Rossi



**ENDOCRINE  
CONSEQUENCES OF  
CANCER TREATMENT**

Presented by  
Dr. Isabella Marranzini

FREE, MANDATORY ONLINE REGISTRATION: **HGFOUND.ORG/EVENTS**


Manning Family Children's in partnership with the Human Growth Foundation invites you to our next Pediatric Saturday Symposium Series: A Focus on Pediatric Endocrinology, held on Saturday September 6, 2025 at Worley Hall at Manning Family Children's State Street Campus.

This is an educational program specifically directed towards the pediatrician, but it is open to all other interested physicians, nurse practitioners, residents, medical students, nurses, and allied health professionals caring for patients with endocrine issues. We hope that you can take advantage of this unique opportunity to network with your peers and learn from clinical experts. Registration information will be shared within the next few weeks. Learn more about the Human Growth Foundation [here](https://hgfound.org).

## Clinical Methods for Nutrition and Obesity Research

This four-day intensive course will include didactic seminars, hands-on or


observational training and data analysis workshops covering methodologies in body composition, carbohydrate metabolism, exercise testing, and energy requirements & expenditure. Opportunities for career development and poster presentations will also be available.



## NIDDK Supported Course

# Clinical Methods for Nutrition and Obesity Research

- Hands-on training in gold standard and cutting-edge methodologies
- For advanced graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and early career faculty
- Career development opportunities



Grant Number: 5R25DK137743

**pb** Pennington Biomedical Research Center  
Louisiana State University

**Dates:** October 6-9, 2025

**Location:** In-person at Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Baton Rouge, LA

**Registration:** Free. A \$500 stipend will be provided for travel. Hotel and local transportation are covered. Receipt of stipend is contingent upon signing an agreement that the return flight on October 9 will be after the course concludes at 2:00 PM.

**Application:** Applicants should demonstrate involvement in obesity, nutrition, or a related research field; benefit from using the methods taught in this course; and show a trajectory toward becoming an independent investigator. Completed applications must be received by September 1st and must include:

- Application form
- NIH Biosketch
- Letter of recommendation from your mentor or department chair

Please share this information with anyone that may be interested!

<https://www.pbrc.edu/training-and-education/Scientific-Education-and-Training/clinical-methods-diabetes-digestive-kidney-diseases-course/>

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## 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 “**emergprepMFC**” 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.



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Faculty Development Summer School Series



# 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!

## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

*New video monthly*

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

## August Video: One Minute Preceptor

Efficient teaching during day-to-day clinical work is possible. This short video demonstrates and breaks down the One Minute Preceptor technique for concise clinical teaching. Whether you're new to teaching or an old pro, adding more tools and techniques will help us all achieve excellence in our educational mission.

<https://vimeo.com/76305964>

## Manning Family Children's Announcements

### Grand Rounds

Grand Rounds is on summer break and will resume on September 3rd.

Please join us for the Faculty Development Summer School Series, held every Wednesday in July and August. We look forward to your participation!

## 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](#). 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](#))
- 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.



- 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

Diego Aviles, 31 years  
Gary Duhon, 26 years  
Jerussa Aita-Levy, 25 years  
Caroline Straatmann, 10 years  
Nihal Godiwala, 9 years  
William Morgan, 9 years  
Elizabeth Wisner, 8 years  
James Krulisky, 7 years  
Colleen LeBlanc, 6 years  
Zachary Daniels, 4 years  
Mary Johnson, 4 years  
Peter Joslyn, 4 years  
Kayla Phelps, 3 years  
Mandy Nasworthy, 2 years  
Molly Sonenklar, 2 years

### Share Your News!

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



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