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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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### LSU Pediatrics Announcements

**Welcome Dr. Isabella Marranzini & Dr. Mary-Elizabeth Lago**



The LSU Department of Pediatrics welcomes [Dr. Isabella Marranzini](#) as Assistant Professor Clinical in the Division of Endocrinology. Dr. Marranzini

received her medical degree in 2013 from Universidad Iberoamericana de Santo Domingo in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. She completed her Pediatric Residency and fourth-year Chief Residency at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She recently completed her Pediatric Endocrinology Fellowship at the same institution. During her training, Dr. Marranzini presented posters and oral presentations at several national conferences including Endocrine Society, Pediatric Endocrine Society, and the Association of Pediatric Program Directors. Her fellowship research focused on assessing language barriers encountered by Spanish-speaking patients when in need of urgent medical advice and during clinical encounters. She also studied therapeutic approaches and outcomes in Youth-onset Type 2 Diabetes. Dr. Marranzini has a passion for medical education and providing equitable and compassionate care. We welcome her and her husband, Dr. Alejandro Pasaret, who will serve as gratis faculty in the department as an Emergency Medicine physician at Manning Family Children's. Welcome to the LSU Pediatrics family!

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The LSU Department of Pediatrics welcomes a familiar face as faculty today. **Dr. Mary-Elizabeth Lago** is now Assistant Professor Clinical in the Division of Neonatology. Dr. Lago received her medical degree in 2019 from LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans. She completed her Pediatric Residency and most recently her Neonatal-Perinatal Fellowship within the LSU Department of Pediatrics. While covering clinical responsibilities as a trainee, Dr. Lago also gave many presentations at SSPR, served as an NRP instructor, led several quality improvement initiatives, and developed a curriculum for the residency program's parenting elective. We welcome Dr. Lago as faculty and look forward to the many contributions she will bring to the Department of Pediatrics!

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## Recent Scholarly Activity



Critical Care [Dr. Amy Creel](#) recently published a article titled Medical Students' Sense of Belonging in Patient Care Settings: A Multi-institutional Qualitative Study in the *SpringerNature Journal*.

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s40670-025-02461-1>

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**Louisiana AAP Welcomes Dr. Susan Kressly,  
AAP President as Keynote Speaker**



President of the AAP, Dr. Susan Kressly, will give keynote address at the Louisiana AAP's Pediatrics annual conference, held this year in New Orleans, August 14th – 17th. Get your ticket and book your hotel room at <https://www.laaap.org/2025conference/>

The Full conference agenda is available at <https://www.laaap.org/2025conference/agenda/>

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## **Faculty and Staff Training Opportunities**

# PROFESSIONALISM IN THE WORKPLACE

**NEW  
TRAINING !**

**Intended Audience: All Faculty and Staff!**

**After this workshop, you will  
be able to:**

- ✓ Define professionalism and describe behaviors that demonstrate it in the workplace.
- ✓ Learn how to apply strategies and skills that exhibit professionalism in daily workplace situations.

**August 13, 2025**

**August 26, 2025**

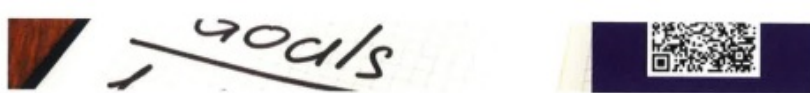
**LEC Room 632 9:30 –10:30 am**



**August 7, 2025**

**DS Admin 2203 9:00 –10:00 am**





## **TRAINING SCHEDULE**

**AUGUST**

<b>10 AM - 11 AM</b>	<b>LEADERSHIP FUNDAMENTALS: COMMUNICATION</b> August 6th Lions Eye Building Room 544
<b>10 AM - 11 AM</b>	<b>EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE</b> August 12th Lions Eye Building Room 544
<b>1 PM - 2 PM</b>	<b>TOUGH TALKS</b> August 21st Lions Eye Building Room 544
<b>10 AM - 11 AM</b>	<b>COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY</b> August 7 <sup>th</sup> Dental School Admin 2203 & August 27 <sup>th</sup> Lions Eye Building Room 632
<b>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM</b>	
<b>9 AM - 10 AM</b>	<b>PROFESSIONALISM IN THE WORKPLACE</b> August 7 <sup>th</sup> Dental School, Admin 2203 &

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### **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



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/>

## 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.



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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!

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## Pediatric Symposium Series: A Focus on Pediatric Endocrinology

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. More information and the agenda will be available in the next few weeks.

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](#).



# HUMAN GROWTH FOUNDATION

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## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

*New video monthly*

## 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!

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## 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](#))
- 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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