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Department of Pediatrics

LSU Pediatrics Tuesday Tidbits

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LSU Pediatrics Announcements

Welcome Dr. Alex Firan and Dr. Acela "Cristina" Rosado



The LSU Department of Pediatrics welcomes Dr. Alex Firan as Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics in the Division of Cardiology. Dr. Firan earned

his medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine in 2017, followed by Pediatrics Residency and Chief Residency at Inova Children's Hospital in Falls Church, VA. As a graduating resident, he was recognized with both the Top Resident Teacher in Pediatrics Award and the Pediatric ICU Resident of the Year Award. He went on to complete his Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital where he earned the distinction of Medical Educator. He then pursued advanced training with a fourth-year fellowship in Pediatric Interventional Cardiology at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. During his training, Dr. Firan presented his scholarly work at regional and national meetings, including Pediatric Academic Societies and the World Congress of Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery. Dr. Firan is board certified in both Pediatrics and Pediatric Cardiology. Please join us in giving a warm LSU Pediatrics welcome to Dr. Firan!



The LSU Department of Pediatrics welcomes Dr. Acela "Cristina" Rosado as Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics in the Division of Rheumatology. Dr. Rosado earned her medical degree from Universidad Central del Caribe School of Medicine in Bayamón, Puerto Rico where she was chosen as a class representative during both LCME and ACGME accreditation processes. She went on to complete her Pediatrics Residency at Puerto Rico Women and Children's Hospital in 2022, followed by her Pediatric Rheumatology Fellowship at Penn State Health Children's Hospital in Hershey, PA this past summer. During her fellowship, Dr. Rosado held national leadership roles, serving as Co-Chair of the Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance (CARRA) Fellows Subcommittee and as Fellow Liaison for the JDM Rehab and Exercise Workgroup, collaborating with fellows across the U.S. and internationally. She has presented her research and case reports at regional and national conferences. Board-certified in General Pediatrics, Dr. Rosado is an active member of numerous professional organizations, including the American College of Rheumatology, CARRA, and the American Academy of

Pediatrics. Dr. Rosado brings a strong commitment to patient care, medical education, and advancing research in pediatric rheumatology to the department. Welcome to LSU Pediatrics, Dr. Rosado!

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!

 <p>GOITERS AND THYROID NODULES</p> <p>Presented by Dr. Ricardo Gomez</p>	 <p>DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE: IDENTIFYING THE ADOLESCENT WHO WILL STOP GROWING PREMATURELY</p> <p>Presented by Dr. Stuart Chalew</p>	 <p>PREMATURE THELARCHE, PUBARCHÉ, AND MENARCHE AND WHEN TO WORRY</p> <p>Presented by Dr. Dania Felipe</p>	 <p>PEDIATRIC BONE HEALTH: BASICS AND BEYOND</p> <p>Presented by Dr. Arlette Soros</p>
 <p>CURRENT SCREENING RECOMMENDATIONS AND AVAILABLE TREATMENTS FOR CHILDREN AT RISK FOR TYPE 1 DIABETES</p> <p>Presented by Dr. Brantlee McConaughy</p>	 <p>DELAYED PUBERTY AND WHEN TO WORRY</p> <p>Presented by Dr. Patrick Quebedeaux</p>	 <p>AN UPDATE ON MEDICATIONS FOR OBESITY MANAGEMENT</p> <p>Presented by Dr. Mary A Younger-Rossi</p>	 <p>ENDOCRINE CONSEQUENCES OF CANCER TREATMENT</p> <p>Presented by Dr. Isabella Marranzini</p>

FREE, MANDATORY ONLINE REGISTRATION: [HGFOUND.ORG/EVENTS](https://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](#).

Final Schwartz Rounds

The final Schwartz Rounds of this calendar year will be on Thursday, Sept 4th at 7:45 AM. We are delighted to have Dr. Brian Barkemeyer serve on the panel.



"The Shift I'll Never Forget"

Session Panelists:

Brian Barkemeyer, MD
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

Claire Koper, MHT
Behavioral Health

Cherie Bergeron, MHT
Behavioral Health

Bridget Perry, CCLS
Child Life

Thursday, September 4th, 2025

Large Conference Rooms
7:45-8:45am

Breakfast is provided.

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

- Describe the social, emotional, ethical, and personal issues that arise during the care of patients and their impact on caregivers.
- Demonstrate enhanced communication with patients, family members and colleagues.
- Value opportunities to explore and understand multiple perspectives across disciplines.
- Value opportunities to provide and receive support from other members of our healthcare community.
- Model behaviors of nonjudgmental listening and respect for learners.

A unique and important contribution to the culture within healthcare organizations, the Schwartz Rounds allow for interdisciplinary conversation about some of the most complex and compelling dilemmas that health professionals face as they balance compassionate care with the strenuous demands of their daily work. For more information, [click here](#).

Intended audience: This activity is available for Manning Family Children's staff, faculty, and medical residents and fellows.

Accreditation Children's Hospital New Orleans is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Designation Children's Hospital New Orleans designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

An application is pending for 1.0 hr General Education, NASW-LA

ADA Statement: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special accommodations are needed, please notify Catherine Mooney at 504-896-9431.



September is Women in Medicine month!
Please join us to celebrate our women physician colleagues.

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Please join us as Manning Family Children's celebrates our extraordinary women providers with the following events:



Women in Medicine Month Kick-off

Stop by our table for stickers and treats

Tuesday, September 2nd, 11am – 1pm
Manning Family Children's Concourse



Networking Social

All are welcome to celebrate the beginning of Women in Medicine month at this informal networking event

Wednesday, September 10th, 5pm – 7pm
The Gilded Perch at the Park View Historic Hotel



Perspectives of Women Physicians in New Orleans: Challenges and Changes

Featuring: Dr. Sheila Gottschalk & Dr. Jodi Gates

Thursday, September 11th, 11:30am – 1:00pm, Lunch provided
2Center Conference Room



Women's Breakfast Celebration

Breakfast provided by the Medical Staff for women physicians and APPs

Tuesday, September 16th, 7am – 10am
Hospital Large Conference Rooms



Working Mom's Lunch

Discuss the challenges and joys of juggling multiple roles with other women in medicine

Tuesday, September 16th, 12pm – 1pm, Lunch provided
Office of Medical Education Conference Room, 1st Floor State St



Beyond the White Coat: Caregiving as a Woman in Medicine

Discussion and support for taking time to care for others or the self

Tuesday, September 23rd, 12pm – 1pm, Lunch provided
Worley Hall



Lunchtime Listening Session: We Can Do Hard Things

Join us for a semi-guided listening and discussion session about the July 6th, 2025 episode of the podcast, "We Can Do Hard Things"

Monday, September 29th, 12–1pm, Lunch provided
Hospital Large Conference Rooms



Pediatric and Congenital Interventional Cardiovascular Society (PICS) Symposium

Last week was the annual Pediatric and Congenital Interventional Cardiovascular Society (PICS) Symposium. Our Cardiology department was well represented. Dr. Ernesto Mejia presented a case titled "Beating the Odds: Multidisciplinary Approaches to Neonatal d-TGA with CoA on ECMO." We also had several poster presentations:

"Coarctation Stenting in a 3-Week-Old Preterm Infant with Unrepaired Transposition of the Great Arteries Using the Venous Cannula of the Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation Circuit"

Third-year Fellow, Cyndee Jocson MD, recent graduate, Jesus Jaile IV, and Ernesto Mejia MD

"Total Transcatheter Stage I Palliation with In-Vivo Modification of Microvascular Plugs as Pulmonary Flow Restrictors in Preterm Neonate with Complete, Unbalanced, Right-Dominant Atrioventricular Septal Defect and Trisomy 21"

Second-year Fellow, Saloni Trivedi, recent graduate, Jesus Jaile IV, and Ernesto Mejia

"Innovative Guidewire Technique for Transseptal Puncture During Pulmonary Vein Angioplasty in an Infant with Repaired Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Return:

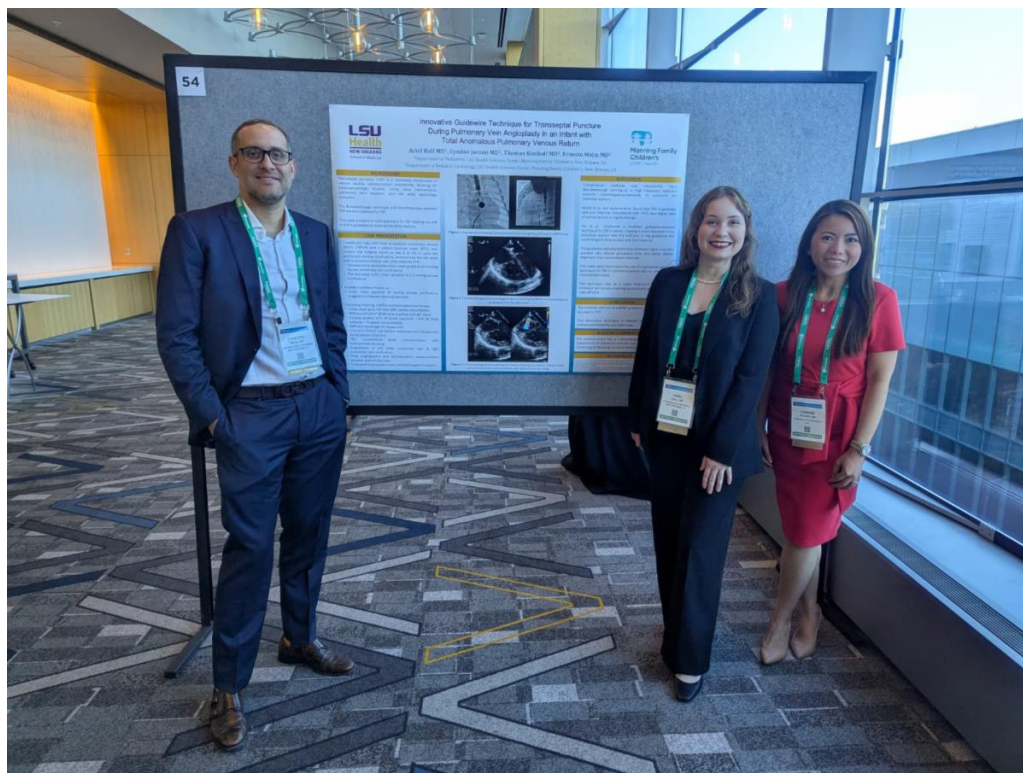
Second-year Pediatric Resident, Ariel Hall, Third-year Fellow, Cyndee Jocson, MD, Thomas Kimball, MD, Ernesto Mejia, MD

"Novel Percutaneous Technique for Intracardiac Thrombus Evacuation in Pediatric Patient"

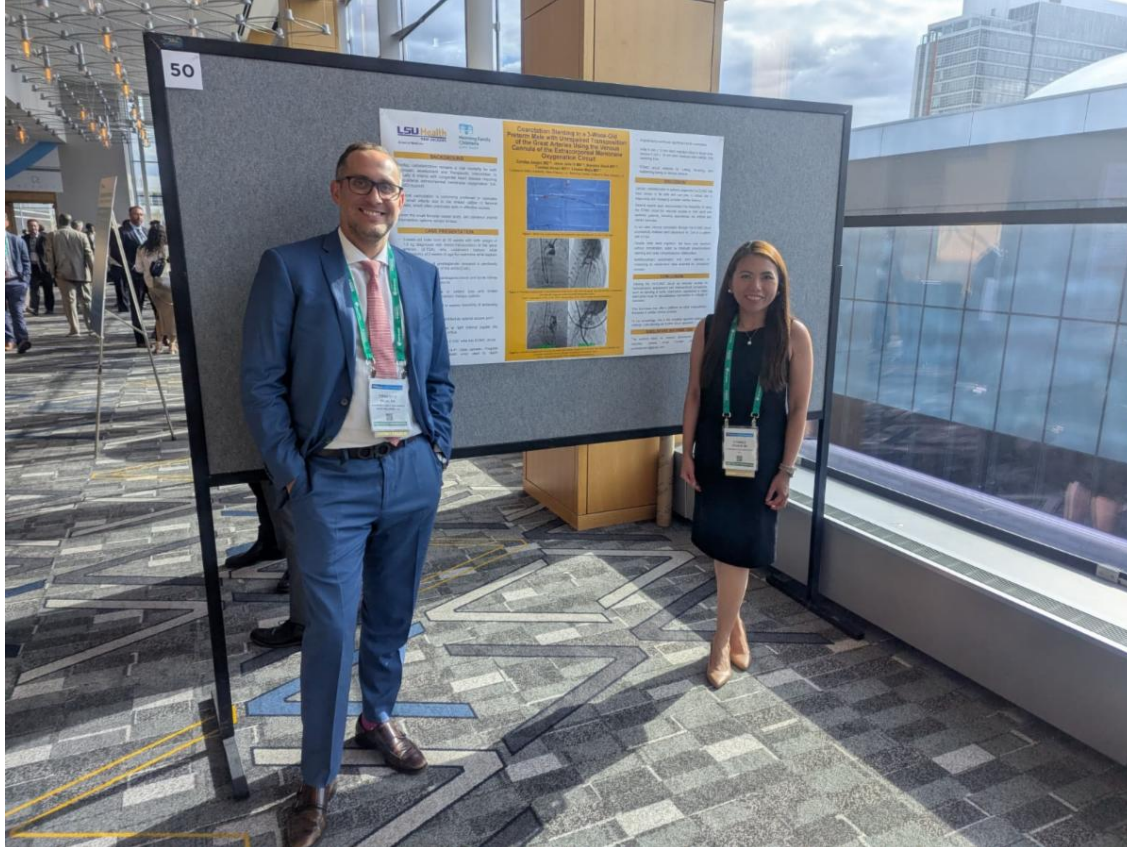
Recent graduate, Jesus Jaile IV, Ernesto Mejia

"New Predictive Equation for Oxygen Consumption During Pediatric Cardiac Catheterization Derived from Real Time Measured Data"

Recent graduate, Jesus Jaile IV, Thomas Kimball, Marla Johnston, Ernesto Mejia, Zhide Fang







LSU Pediatrics Sweatshirt



For those interested in getting a sweatshirt, we can order them through the LSU bookstore if at least 48 shirts are requested. **We'll be placing the order**

on Monday, September 15th so that they arrive by late October. The cost is **\$36 per shirt** and includes tax plus shipping/handling. Dr. Sandlin will place the order on her personal credit card but will need individuals to reimburse her no later than 9/19 via Venmo/check/cash/Zelle. If you'd like to order any of these shirts, please add your name and the size(s) to this google document. We'll send a few reminders leading up to the deadline. Thanks.

[LSU Peds Sweatshirt Order.xlsx](#)

COMSEP Annual Meeting



COMSEP 2026 Annual Meeting
From Sea to Summit: Reaching New Heights in Pediatric Education
Workshop & Abstract submissions are OPEN!

[Submit Now!](#)

Deadline: Monday, October 8, 2025

Conference Workshops

[WORKSHOP GUIDELINES](#)

Some priorities for this year's Workshops include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Inclusive teaching – how to approach learner accommodations
- Helping Student deal with moral distress, difficult situations
- Communication challenges in pediatric medical education – dealing with difficult conversations at a time when science is being questioned

Research Abstracts, Innovation Abstracts and Works-in-Progress

[ABSTRACT GUIDELINES](#)

Southern Regional Meeting Call for Abstracts

Abstract deadline for the Southern Regional Meeting (SSPR) is October 3^d 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

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>

Stay prepared, stay safe

Emergency preparedness checklist for medically complex children

Our team of providers, social workers, and medical professionals created a checklist to help ensure you and your child have a solid plan in place for **any emergency**.



Scan the QR code to download the
checklist booklet

manningchildrens.org



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FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

New video monthly

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

September Video: Giving Feedback

Feedback is crucial for educating our learners. But it doesn't always come naturally. This video breaks down characteristics of effective feedback. And uses some scenarios to show do's and don'ts in clinical scenarios. With a run time of 12 minutes it's great to watch over lunch, during a break, or in small chunks when you have a minute to invest in education!

Manning Family Children's Announcements

Grand Rounds

Hybrid Pediatric Grand Rounds



**Manning Family
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LCMC Health

Pediatric Radiology

Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025

Hospital Large Conference Rooms, Noon

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

Zoom link: <https://lsuhsc.zoom.us/j/96795644737>

Meeting ID: 967 9564 4737

Registration is not required. However, you may register for this session to receive automatic email reminders by visiting

<https://manningchildrens.cds.affinityed.com/hub.php>

You will login to the same site to claim your CE at the conclusion of the activity.



Dr. Jacqueline Urbine the Service Line Chief of Radiology and Associate Chief Medical Officer for Faculty Development at Manning Family Children's. Dr. Urbine obtained her medical degree from Temple University Lewis Katz School Of Medicine in Philadelphia. She then completed her Diagnostic Radiology Residency at Bryn Mawr Hospital in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Dr. Urbine furthered her training with a Fellowship in Pediatric Radiology at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children.

After serving as the Director & Section Chief of Pediatric Imaging at the Children's Hospital of Richmond at Virginia Commonwealth University, Dr. Urbine joined the Manning Family Children's Medical Staff in 2023.

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

1. Critically analyze research, guidelines and appropriate use criteria to develop best-practice diagnosis and treatment strategies
2. Evaluate latest innovations in imaging to assess safety and effectiveness

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

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Department Wellness

CHNOLA's childcare center open for children of providers/staff working at Children's Hospital ([flyer](#))

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](#). 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:

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

Cori Morrison, 15 years
Dania Felipe, 13 years
Leslie Reilly, 11 years
Brooke Naranjo, 9 years
Tamara Bradford, 6 years
Ashley Stevens Farge, 6 years
Nathalie Medeiros, 6 years
Kyle Fulton, 7 years
Elizabeth McDonough, 5 years
Melvin Almodovar, 2 years
Minghua Hao, 2 years
Michael Carver, 2 years
Raymond Morales, 2 years

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