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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

Recent Scholarly Activity



Congratulations to Pediatric Hematology/Oncology's Molly Sonenklar for the recent publication of her article in *Pediatric Blood and Cancer*. You can read the article [here](#). Way to go, Dr. Sonenklar!

Sonenklar M, Marks S, Donald C, Valrie C, Smith W, Sisler I. Association of Unmet Social Needs With Disease-Related Outcomes in Pediatric Patients With Sickle Cell Disease. *Pediatr Blood Cancer*. 2024 Dec 9:e31478. doi: 10.1002/pbc.31478. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 39654091.



Congratulations to Pediatric Gastroenterology's Colleen LeBlanc and Elizabeth McDonough for the recent publication of their article, *Food Access and the Severity of Newly Diagnosed Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease*, in the *Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition*. You can read the article [here](#). Way to go, Drs. LeBlanc and McDonough!

Department Coordinator Responsibilities

With the recent addition of Tricia Forrest to the administrative staff team, here is a review of the responsibilities for both of our Department Coordinators:

Michele Hallinan
(mhalli@lsuhsc.edu):

- Dr. Moulton's calendar
- Re-credentialing, malpractice verification requests
- Tuesday Tidbits / Cub Corner
- Faculty Timesheets
- Department Website
- PM-11 processing
- Event planning

Tricia Forrest
(tforr2@lsuhsc.edu):

- Faculty & Trainee Allotment & Reimbursements (LSBME renewal, reappointment subscriptions, testing, etc.)
- Travel priors/reimbursement
- Clinic travel/mileage
- Meal priors/reimbursement
- **Effective Feb 7th** – Department credit card purchases (supplies, lab coats, amazon, etc.). Until then please continue to reach out to Hanh Rimmer.

Special Leave for Weather Closure

Logging Special Leave in PeopleSoft

Unclassified staff (**including faculty**) must submit a SF6 leave request for "Special Leave" through People-Soft Self-Service for the period of closure. To code Special Leave in the SF-6 system **for time not worked** during this period, in PeopleSoft Self Service, select Main Menu, Self Service, Absence, Absence Request (SF-6) then click on "Create New Absence Request". Select "Special Leave" in the drop down from the Absence Type and then select "Emergency Closure" from the drop down for the Reason. **In the comment section, please add Weather Closure – Inclement Weather.**

If an employee had scheduled sick or annual leave during these closure periods, they should complete an SF-6 deleting the sick/annual leave request and instead, request Special Leave as per the instructions above and example below. If an employee was on LWOP or unpaid FMLA leave during the closure period, special leave will **not** apply. Please refer to [LSUHSC Chief Human Resources Officer Jill Frago's email sent on 1/28/25](#) for more information.

Logging Special Leave on **Faculty Timesheet**

If faculty worked during the school closure, please log hours as you normally do. If you did not work, choose No Facility - Special Leave.

Please remember, leave taken must match in both the PeopleSoft and Faculty Timesheet Systems.



The 2025 Louisiana
Sickle Cell-cebration

Navigating the Journey of Sickle Cell

February 1, 2025 Children's Hospital New Orleans, Worley Hall

- 10a-12p Guest Speaker Topics: Curative Therapies, Mental Health Care in SCD
- 12-2pm Food, Music and Fun!



RSVP by scanning the QR code

Join us for educational guest speakers, informational booths, food, entertainment, blood and marrow drive, and family activities

Louisiana Sickle
Cell Commission

LSU Health
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Department of Pediatrics

Children's Hospital
New Orleans
SICKLE HEALTH

Tulane
UNIVERSITY
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Department of Pediatrics

LA CaTS 2024 Roadmap Scholars Program

The LA CaTS Professional Development Core is pleased to announce a request for applications for the **LA CaTS 2025 Roadmap Scholars Program**. The full text of the application instructions is attached or can be found here. For questions, contact the LA CaTS Professional Development Core at CareerDevel@LACaTS.org.

Important Dates:

- Applications Deadline: **5:00pm on Monday, February 3, 2025**
- Nominees and Mentors Notified by: **Friday, April 25, 2025** (approximately)
- Salary support begins: **July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027**
- Classes begin for Scholars: **Tuesday, July 1, 2025**

Resident Clinic Book Drive

We accept new or gently used books in Spanish or English appropriate for any age children or teens!

If you would prefer to donate cash, please venmo @William-Morgan-20, all donations will be put towards new books.



Order free
CDC pediatric
books here:



Take a look
at our
wishlist here:



FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

New video monthly

January Video: RIME

RIME - Reporter, Interpreter, Manager, and Educator are skills we expect our learners to master throughout training. This 11 minute video reminds us of how these categories can be useful in giving meaningful feedback and in writing evaluation comments. Invest a few minutes to review as this video can help you strengthen your feedback and evaluations.

<https://vimeo.com/76308600>

Please send any suggestions or areas of faculty development need to acree1@lsuhsc.edu.

If you are interested in other forms of Faculty Development, visit these websites:

- [LSU Pediatrics Faculty Development Page](#)
 - [LSUHSC GME Medical Education Development Site](#)
 - [LSUHSC Faculty Development and Evaluation Committee's Tiger Bites Series](#)
 - [ACGME LEARN](#)
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For questions or comments regarding Faculty Development, please contact [Amy Creel](#).

CHNOLA Announcements

Grand Rounds

Virtual Pediatric Grand Rounds



Children's Hospital
New Orleans
LCMC Health

"Too Many to Count; NOWS it's time for new medicine"

Wednesday, January 29th, 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/92702233054>

Meeting ID: 927 0223 3054

When you exit the Zoom meeting, you will be prompted to complete a short form to provide your name and email address. By completing the form your attendance will be counted. Thank you for your cooperation.



Dr. Jeffrey Surcouf is an Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics in the Division of Neonatology at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center and has been a neonatologist at Children's Hospital since 2010. A native of Kenner, Louisiana, he received his undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge and attended medical school at LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport. Dr. Surcouf completed pediatrics residency and neonatology fellowship training at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans. He is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics in General Pediatrics and Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine. In addition to clinical responsibilities, Dr. Surcouf serves as the Medical Director of the NICUs for North Oaks Medical Center in Hammond and Slidell Memorial Hospital in Slidell.

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

1. Discuss the historical perspective of opioid use and why this work is so important
2. Ground ourselves in currently accepted language related to treatment of substance- and opioid-exposed newborns
3. Describe NOWS assessment, presentation, diagnosis, and treatment
4. Discuss ways to support families affected by substance and opioid use disorder.

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.

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 CreditsSM. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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

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





Resources for Healing

LCMC Health Be Well Center
Seeds of NOLA Trauma Recovery Center

Support for team members

We'll be hosting various group and 1:1 support sessions (both virtual and in-person) through the end of January. Sessions are free.

Virtual 1:1 sessions – open to all team members

[Book a 1:1 virtual support session \(30 minutes\)](#)

Virtual group sessions – open to all team members

Wednesday, January 15, 6–7 pm
[Register/join here](#)

Saturday, January 11, 10–11 am
[Register/join here](#)

In-person sessions – no appointment needed – walk-ins welcome

University Medical Center

Friday, January 10
1–3 pm – 1:1 sessions
Trauma Recovery Center

Monday, January 13
2:30–5 pm – 1:1 sessions
Trauma Recovery Center

Tuesday, January 14
12–2 pm – 1:1 sessions
Trauma Recovery Center

Friday, January 17
11 am–1 pm – 1:1 sessions
Trauma Recovery Center

Tuesday, January 21
9–10 am – 1:1 sessions
Trauma Recovery Center

Monday, January 27
12–1 pm – 1:1 sessions
Trauma Recovery Center

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Wednesday, January 8
5–6 pm – group session (Foucher room)
6:30–8:30 pm – 1:1 sessions (Coliseum room)

Saturday, January 18
3–4 pm – group session (Foucher room)
4:30–6:30 pm – 1:1 sessions (Coliseum room)

East Jefferson General Hospital

Thursday, January 9
6–7 am – group session (Esplanade 3)
7:30–9:30 am – 1:1 sessions (Esplanade 3)

Sunday, January 19
3–4 pm – group session (Esplanade 3)
4:30–6:30 pm – 1:1 sessions (Esplanade 3)

LCMC Health Emergency Care (former downtown Tulane ED)

Friday, January 10
6–7 am – group session (southside of ED)
7:30–9:30 am – 1:1 sessions (southside of ED)

Thursday, January 16
12–1 pm – group (southside of ED)
1:30–3:30 pm – 1:1 sessions (southside of ED)



Visit the Be Well Center for more well-being programs and resources

LCMHealth.org/bewell

LCMC-WellBeing@LCMHealth.org

Need more information regarding the recent Epic upgrades? Here are some helpful guides on the recent changes: [Ambulatory](#), [Beacon](#), [ED](#), [Inpatient](#), [POTC Lactate and Blood Gas Ordering](#)

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 2024-2025 academic year! ([Resident](#), [Fellow](#), [Faculty](#), and [Admin Staff](#)).
- The Tulane Resident Composite for the 2024-2025 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](#)

Department Anniversaries

Maria Velez, 30 years
Renette Jones, 11 years
Tatjana Saunders, 2 years
Kirk Thame, 1 year

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send any news to include in *Tuesday Tidbits* to [Michele Hallinan](#).



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