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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 New Faculty!



The Department of Pediatrics welcomes Dr. Jeffrey DeMare as Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics in the Cardiac ICU Division. Dr. DeMare received his medical degree from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. He completed both his Pediatrics Residency and Pediatric Critical Care Fellowship at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. Dr. DeMare held previous academic appointments at Creighton University, University of Nebraska, and University of Minnesota. Welcome to LSU Pediatrics, Dr. DeMare!



The Department of Pediatrics welcomes Dr. Ernesto Mejia as Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Interventional Cardiologist in the Division of Cardiology. Dr. Mejia received his medical degree from American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine in Sint Maarten in 2015. He completed his Pediatrics Residency at State University of New York in Brooklyn and a Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. Dr. Mejia also completed a two-year advanced fellowship this past summer in Pediatric Interventional Cardiology at the University of Colorado in Aurora. Dr. Mejia received fellow teaching awards while in Cleveland and already has nearly 15 peer-reviewed publications. Please give Dr. Mejia a warm LSU Pediatrics welcome!

Emily Masoumy Named

CHNOLA Provider of the Quarter



Neonatology's Dr. Emily Masoumy was recently named Children's Hospital's Provider of the Quarter for her extraordinary work. Way to go, Dr. Masoumy!

Inaugural Scholarship Academy



Last week, our Fellowship programs hosted their first Scholarship Academy. Thank you for your support of our fellows' education! We are grateful for those of you who participated as facilitators, speakers, mentors, program directors, research advisors, and fellows. The week was an incredible success thanks to your hard work and dedication!

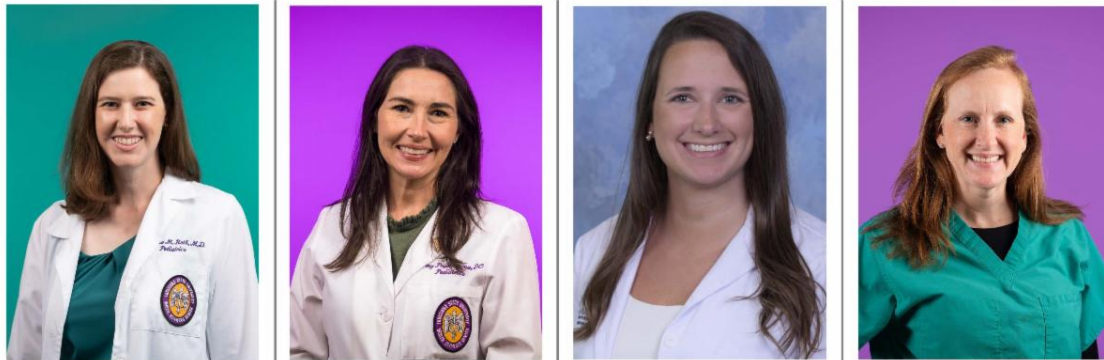
Our fellows did a phenomenal job creating well-defined, literature reviewed research questions and study ideas, which they presented on Friday. Research

topics included:

- Impact of nonpharmaceutical interventions during the COVID pandemic on non-COVID respiratory viral epidemiology
- EKG curriculum for Pediatric Residents
- SDH effects on healthcare utilization for children with medical complexity
- Multidisciplinary clinic outcomes for lupus nephritis patients
- Factors affecting response to insulin pump therapy
- HeartGift patient outcomes
- Diagnostic factors in predicting myocarditis
- NICU readmissions
- Language barriers in the NICU
- Building an accessible, electronic comprehensive care plan for patients with Sickle Cell Disease who present to the ED
- Outcomes in pediatric bone marrow transplants among Hispanic patients (CIBMTR database)
- Curriculum for patient communication for pediatric and internal medicine residents
- Evaluating a biomarker for GVHD in allogenic hematopoietic stem cell transplants
- Sedation medications in the Pediatric ER

We are also grateful to Dr. Amy Creel and Dr. Amanda Messer for the tremendous amount of work they both did in making this week a success. Their vision, organization, and planning led to an incredible learning experience.

Recent Scholarly Activity



Drs. Callie Roth, Amy Prudhromme, Kayla Griese, Robbie Beyl, and Jessica Patrick-Esteve recently had a publication accepted to MedEdPORTAL titled *Social Determinants of Health Curriculum for the Pediatric Clerkship*. The publication can be accessed [here](#). Congratulations!

Administrative Office Updates

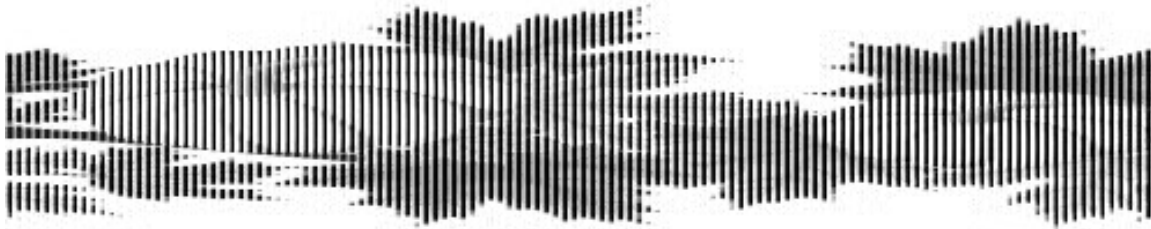
Kegan Reid is moving back to his hometown near Baton Rouge; his last day with the department was Friday, November 1st. The admin team will miss his quality of work, positive outlook and presence in the office.

Until the Department Coordinator position is filled, please see below for who

will manage those duties:

- Department credit card purchases (membership dues, supplies, amazon, etc.) - Hanh
- PS Direct Pay & School-side reimbursements - Aileen
- Travel & meal priors/Foundation reimbursements/clinic travel – Michele
- Travel vouchers - Michele

Second Annual DOP Thanksgiving Drive



This holiday season, LSU is hosting a Thanksgiving Drive to assist Children's Hospital's patient families!

We need your help identifying families who would benefit from receiving a Thanksgiving box. Please send the names and contact information for any families of patients who you feel would benefit from extra assistance to [Michele Hallinan](#). We will add them to those names gathered last year in order to reach as many people as possible.

Get Involved in Pediatric Research Day May 16, 2025

Dear Faculty,

We are excited to announce that **Pediatric Research Day will be held on Friday, May 16, 2025**. Last year's event was a big success, and we are looking forward to continued growth and new additions this year.

There are many ways to contribute, and we would love to have your participation! Please review this [form](#) and let us know how you would like to get involved.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Julie Gallois at Jgall3@lsuhsc.edu or Tamara Bradford at tbra11@lsuhsc.edu.

Thank you in advance for helping us showcase the incredible research happening at our own institution!

Benefits Annual Enrollment

HRM is excited to announce that the Annual Enrollment period is here!

From **October 1, 2024**, through **November 15, 2024**, you will have the opportunity to review and update your benefits for the upcoming year.

The HRM Benefits team will be hosting informational sessions to help you navigate the process and answer any questions. Please review the links below for schedules of events. Additional information can be found on our website [HERE](#).

[Benefits Fair Event](#)

[Annual Enrollment Town Hall Event](#)

A purple rectangular graphic with a white border. At the top left is a yellow ticket icon with a plus sign and the word 'TICKETS'. At the top right is a yellow 'ENROLL' button icon. The main text reads 'ALL ABOARD THE BENEFITS TRAIN!' in white, followed by 'Annual Enrollment' in large white letters with a black outline, and 'October 1 - November 15' in yellow. Below this is the text 'Visit our website for more information!' in white, with a QR code in the center. At the bottom are two yellow train icons on tracks.

TICKETS **ALL ABOARD THE BENEFITS TRAIN!** **ENROLL**

Annual Enrollment

October 1 - November 15

Visit our website for more information!



FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

New video monthly

November Video: Components of a Strong Assessment Statement

In this season of Thanksgiving, I'm thankful for our amazing faculty and our dedication to excellence in education! This is a short (under 7minutes) video that discusses components of a strong assessment statement. Whether you adopt this formula or stick with one of your own, I encourage you to spend time this month coaching your learners on a strong assessment statement to both enhance patient care and medical education.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=hK4EgwOepyE>

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](#)

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

"Pediatric Vascular Anomalies"

Wednesday, November 6th, 2024

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.



Ann Kulungowski, MD, is Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and Children's Hospital Colorado. Dr. Kulungowski earned her medical degree from the University of Texas School of Medicine. During her surgical residency at University of Colorado Hospital, she also served as the Jane and Stuart Weitzman Fellow in Vascular Anomalies at Children's Hospital in Boston. She further specialized her practice with additional fellowships in pediatric surgery and surgical critical care at Children's Hospital Colorado. As well as being active in the education of surgical learners, Dr. Kulungowski has shared her expertise in vascular anomalies through book chapters and numerous national and international presentations.

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

- Recognize differences between vascular tumors and malformations
- Identify patterns and common presentations of vascular anomalies ensuring all children have access to multidisciplinary care
- Delineate treatment options

Intended audience: This activity is specifically directed towards the pediatrician, but it is open to all other interested physicians, residents, medical students, 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 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

CNE statement: Children's Hospital is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by Louisiana State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Provider #4003155. To receive credit, you must attend the entire program and submit a post program evaluation.

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



LCMC Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

In addition to resources from LSU, all faculty, residents, and fellows have access to the benefits available through the [LCMC Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\)](#). The LCMC EAP is administered by VITAL-Work Life.

Visit VITALWorkLife.com and use code “LCMC” for both Username and Password to login and start accessing resources, such as:

- Financial services
- 5 free coaching sessions (per issue)
 - *Parenting, career, wellness, health, skills, etc.*
- Counseling (generally 5 sessions per issue)
- Unlimited, in-the-moment support from a licensed professional
- Legal support
- Fertility support
- Wellbeing assessments
- E-Courses, and more

In addition, all physicians, including residents and fellows, can access 5 free counseling sessions (per issue) through BetterHelp at BetterHelp.com/lcmchealth

- This benefit can also be used by anyone in your household, per issue.

“Per issue” means you could have 5 sessions working on developing effective strategies to cope with stress (issue 1), another two sessions at a later date about anxiety around an anticipated transition (issue 2), and then four sessions exploring your relationship with parental figures (issue 3), etc etc.

“Household” means anyone you consider to be in your immediate family. This could be a roommate or spouse who shares your home or a family member who lives elsewhere, even in another state. If a loved one’s distress is causing you distress, they can use these resources.

These resources are all entirely confidential. No one at LCMC or LSU will know who logged in or what resources were accessed; the LCMC code simply opens the menu of resources available to the organization.

Check out the [LCMC Be Well Center](#) for even more resources.

Epic Upgrades

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](#).

Department Anniversaries

Colleen Bodet, 22 years
Ricardo Gomez, 21 years
Emily Masoumy, 5 years
Susan Glass, 1 year

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



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