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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

Women in Medicine Month

We are excited to announce a series of impactful events in **September** as part of the **Women in Medicine Celebration**. Collaborating with several exceptional women faculty members, we have organized eight events spread throughout the month giving everyone an opportunity to participate. Your presence and active engagement will enrich these events and demonstrate our support for promoting diversity and inclusion. See the below flyer for upcoming events!

September is Women in Medicine Month!

Please join us as Children's Hospital New Orleans celebrates our extraordinary women providers with the following events:

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Women in Medicine Month Kick-off ***
Stop by our table for treats and games
Friday, September 1st, 11am – 1pm
Children's Hospital, Concourse
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Women's Breakfast Celebration*
Monday, September 11th, Breakfast Buffet, 7 – 10am
Children's Hospital, Large Conference Rooms
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Early Career Women's Workshop*
Presented by Dr. Ann Tilton, Professor
Friday, September 15th, 12–1pm, Lunch provided
Children's Hospital, Large Conference Rooms
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Keynote Address***
Presented by Susan Distefano, Executive Leadership Coach
Tuesday, September 19th, 12 – 1pm, Lunch served starting at 11:30am
Children's Hospital, Worley Hall Conference Center
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Women's Leadership Workshop
Presented by Susan Distefano, Executive Leadership Coach
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Working Mom's Lunch**
Discuss the challenges and joys of juggling multiple roles with other women in medicine
Thursday, September 21st, 12 – 1pm
State St building, Administration Board Room
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Evening Social Hour*
Meet and mingle with other women physicians. Beverages and snacks provided
Thursday, September 21st, 5 – 8pm
The Chloe Hotel
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Women in Medicine Month Send-Off
Stop by as we close out the month with treats and trivia
Friday, September 29th, 11am – 1pm
Children's Hospital, Concourse

***All invited

**Women of CHNOLA Medical Staff, fellows, residents, and students with children

*Women of CHNOLA Medical Staff, fellows, residents, and students

Celebration activities are sponsored by:



Welcome New Faculty

The Department Pediatrics welcomes our new Section Head of the Cardiac Intensive Care Division, Dr. Melvin Almodóvar. He will also serve as Co-Director of the CHNOLA Heart Center and Service Line Chief of the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit. Dr.

Almodóvar received his medical degree from Stanford University. He then moved to Children's Hospital Boston where he completed his Pediatrics Residency, Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship, and Advanced Clinical Fellowship in Cardiac Intensive Care Medicine. Dr. Almodóvar has held academic appointments at Harvard Medical School, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and most recently University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. As Medical Director for the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit, Dr. Almodóvar will join his Heart Center Co-Directors to



coordinate and integrate a team approach, unifying cardiovascular surgeons, intensivists, anesthesiologists, cardiologists, and advanced practice providers. Welcome to LSU Pediatrics, Dr. Almodóvar!

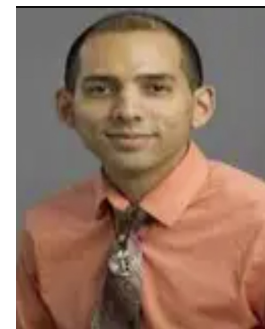
LSU Pediatrics welcomes back Dr. Michael Carver! Dr. Carver is now an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics in the Division of Gastroenterology. He received his medical degree from The University of Queensland School of Medicine in 2016. He was a part of the 2020 LSU Pediatrics Residency graduating class during the height of the pandemic. He then went on to complete a fellowship in Pediatric Gastroenterology at Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA. While at Stanford, Dr. Carver served as a Fellow Reviewer for the Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition and was a member of the Fellow's Committee for the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition. LSU and CHNOLA are happy to have you back, Dr. Carver!



LSU Pediatrics welcomes Dr. Minghua Hao as Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics in the Division of Cardiology. Dr. Hao received her medical degree from Shanghai Jiao Tong University (formerly Shanghai Second Medical University). She also earned a Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering from Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Hao completed her Pediatric Residency at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in Elmhurst, NY in 2011 and her Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship at Virginia Commonwealth in 2015. For the past 8 years, she has been working as a pediatric cardiology attending physician. She joins LSU and CHNOLA after working at Central Pediatric Cardiology Association in Sacramento for the past 3 years. Dr. Hao will be part of the Cardiology Echo team performing transthoracic, transesophageal, and fetal echocardiography. In addition, she will be staffing an outpatient clinic and participating in the inpatient cardiology rotation. Welcome to LSU Pediatrics, Dr. Hao!



Welcome Dr. Raymond Morales to the LSU Department of Pediatrics! Dr. Morales is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics in the Division of Cardiac Intensive Care under new Section Head Dr. Melvin Almodóvar. Dr. Morales received his medical degree from University of Illinois College of Medicine in 2014. He completed his Pediatric Residency at Kaiser Oakland in 2017 and went on to complete a Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. He also completed a Cardiac Critical Care Fellowship at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh in 2021 and a Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Fellowship at Nicklaus Miami Children's Hospital in 2022. Dr. Morales is already familiar with CHNOLA since he has been working locum tenens in the hospital over the last year. Be sure to give Dr. Morales a warm welcome when you meet him!



Biostatistical Support - Welcome Dr. Zhide Fang

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Zhide Fang, PhD, to the LSU Department of Pediatrics! Dr. Fang will serve students, residents, and faculty in the LSU Pediatric Department as a

Biostatistician, available by appointment for statistical advice and assistance on both short- and long-term research projects.

Please see the [Biostat Core Guidelines](#) for a general description of the services the Biostatistics Core offers as well as how schedule and prepare for your first meeting.



Grant Writing Workshop

The Department of Physiology and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center of Excellence (ADACE) is excited to host a **Grant Writing Workshop** by Dr. Elizabeth Kovacs on **Friday, September 8th from 11:30AM-1:30PM in MEB Seminar Room 6** ([see flyer attached](#)). All students, postdocs, and junior faculty are invited to attend. **Lunch** will also be provided for those who register by this **Thursday, August 31st**. Please register at the link below.

Grant Writing Workshop

Elizabeth Kovacs, PhD

Professor and Vice Chair of Research, Department of Surgery

University of Colorado School of Medicine

Friday, September 8th 11:30AM-1:30PM, MEB Seminar Room 6

Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/NXjfZgdERR>



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All of Us Research Program! *Get your free Ancestry + Health Report!* **On Site Enrollments Will Be Held**

Friday September 22nd, 8:00am - 2:00pm

Where: Suite #439 - 4th floor 478 S Johnson St. New Orleans, LA - LSUHSC

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Register to attend our event at:
<https://aouenrollmentnola92223.eventbrite.com>

Pre-registration is encouraged to ensure a visit of 30 minutes:



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How do I take part?

- 1** 

Create an Account
- 2** 

Give Your Consent
- 3** 

Agree to Share Your Electronic Health Records
- 4** 

Complete the Consent to Get DNA Results
- 5** 

Answer Health Surveys
- 6** 

Have Your Measurements Taken (height, weight, blood pressure, etc.) and give blood and urine samples, if asked

After completing these steps, you'll receive GIFT CARDS!

World Sexual Health Day 2023: Consent!

Yesterday, September 4th, 2023, was World Sexual Health Day. This year's World Sexual Health Day (WSHD) Theme was Consent!

Consent is a crucial element of any healthy sexual encounter, and we must educate ourselves and others on what it means, how to express it, and how to obtain it. In addition, it is essential to respect and value everyone's autonomy and choices in sexual matters, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, or any other factor.

Together, we can raise awareness, reduce stigma, and improve access to essential sexual health resources. Let's work towards a healthier, happier world with Sexual Health, Rights, Justice, and Pleasure for All

Call For Abstracts: Southern Regional Meeting

Don't miss your opportunity to submit your abstract for the Southern Regional Meeting which will be held here in New Orleans from February 22-24, 2024. This meeting focuses on sharing research discoveries, networking with colleagues, and stimulating lifelong learning.

The deadline for submitting your abstract is October 6th. Please apply for all eligible awards at the time of abstract submissions. Please note that LSU trainees are eligible for the SSPR Trainee Travel Award.

[Link to SSPR Website](#)
[SRM Call for Abstract PDF](#)

NIH-funded ComPASS Program Research Opportunities



The NIH Common Fund has initiated an exciting program to address health disparities associated with adverse social determinants of health. Full details on the program can be found here: [ComPASS program](#)

Opportunities for academic investigators to collaborate and support community organizations in their execution of structural interventions have become available. See [this notice of intent](#) for more information. There is an estimated application due date of **October 23**.

Note that the NIH Common Fund project is not disease specific. Although NIDDK is not leading this program, we have internal contacts whom you may contact for additional information, if you'd like: Miranda Broadney, MD, MPH (Miranda.Broadney@nih.gov) & Raquel Greer MD, MHS (Raquel.Greer@nih.gov).

Share Your News!

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



FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

New video monthly

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!

<https://vimeo.com/76300757>

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](#)
- [ACGME LEARN](#)

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

CHNOLA Announcements

Grand Rounds

Please see the [attached flyer](#) for this week's presentation from Dr. Paige Culotta and Dr. Neha Mehta.

A limited number of lunches will be provided for guests in the Large Conference Rooms.

Please note: to receive credit, folks must register on Eventbrite and attendee names as they appear in zoom should clearly identify the attendee. For example, "iPhone (2)" is difficult to assign credit to, whereas "Emma Simon," "E. Simon," or "Simon, E" are all acceptable. Please reach out with any questions.

[Register Here](#)

Zoom Link:

<https://lsuhsc.zoom.us/j/92060541657>

Hybrid Pediatric Grand Rounds



"Is This Child Abuse? A Discussion on Bias and Medical Error"

Wednesday, September 6, 2023
Large Conference Rooms, Noon

You may join Pediatric Grand Rounds from your computer, tablet, or smartphone:
To receive CME or CEU credit in person or online, you **MUST** register through Eventbrite.
Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/a/chnola-office-of-medical-education-36140724807>

Zoom link: <https://lsuhsc.zoom.us/j/92060541657>
Meeting ID: 920 6054 1657

Note: This is a live activity. The link is only valid from noon – 1:00 PM and the presentation will not be recorded for CME or CEU credit. Please register and join the activity via EventBrite to receive credit.



Paige Culotta, MD, earned her medical degree at LSU Health Sciences Center. She completed her residency in Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine. She furthered her training with a fellowship in Child Abuse Pediatrics, also at Baylor. Dr. Culotta joined the CHNOLA faculty in 2018.

Neha Mehta, MD, FAAP, earned her medical degree at the Medical College of Georgia. She completed her residency in Pediatrics at the University of Kentucky. She furthered her training with a fellowship in Child Abuse Pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at LSUHSC and serves as the Medical Director of the CARE Center.

Both Dr. Culotta and Dr. Mehta work with patients in Children's Hospital's Audrey Hepburn Children at Risk Evaluation (CARE) Center, the hospital's child abuse evaluation program. The CARE Center provides medical evaluations in cases where there are concerns of possible child abuse including child sexual abuse, child physical abuse and child neglect.

- Objectives:** At the conclusion of this activity, participants will:
1. become familiar with the medical research regarding ways that bias can affect child physical abuse medical evaluations in young children.
 2. learn about an evidence-based clinical decision tool that can assist in decreasing the bias in the medical evaluation and work-up of child physical abuse in young children.
 3. see actual clinical case pictures and case scenarios discussing the "real world" application of identifying sentinel injuries of child physical abuse.

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.



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.
- GeauxHealth! is a collaboration between LSU and Tulane residents to create a resource guide promoting medical trainee awareness of social determinants of health as well as providing a tool for easy use in clinic and during discharge planning. Check out more info [here](#) and on their website: <https://geauxhealth.org/>

Research and Grants

- Updated: Several Avenues of Stats Support, Education and Consultation ([information](#)) ([using stats models through CITI](#))
- New Pre-Review for Grant Proposals service offered by LSU ([information](#))

Administrative Reminders

- Importance of Time Certification ([information](#)) - learn more about why we certify time each month!
- Use of Non-LSUHSC Email ([information](#))
- Download the new Department Composites for the 2023-2024 academic year! ([Resident](#), [Fellow](#), [Faculty](#), and [Admin Staff](#)).

Department Anniversaries

The following employees celebrate another year with the department this month. Thank you for your continued service to LSU Pediatrics!

Renee Gardner - 30 years
Cori Morrison - 13 years
Dania Felipe - 11 years
Amanda Dumas - 10 years
Leslie Reilly - 9 years
Brooke Naranjo - 7 years
Tamara Bradford - 4 years

Ashley Stevens Farge - 4 years
Nathalie Medeiros - 4 years
Shannon Powell - 4 years
Kyle Fulton - 5 years
Elizabeth McDonough - 3 years

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