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LSU Pediatrics Tuesday Tidbits

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LSU Pediatrics Announcements

Dr. Susan Berry Retiring After 30 Years with LSUHSC



After a varied and successful 30 year career at LSUHSC, Developmental Behavioral Pediatrician and Professor of Pediatrics Dr. Susan Berry will retire on June 30, 2021. Before starting her LSUHSC career, Dr. Berry graduated from New Jersey Medical School. She completed her Pediatric Residency at Children's Hospital in Dallas. She went on to complete a one-year Preventive Medicine Residency at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore where she also earned her Master's of Public Health. Throughout her LSUHSC career, Dr. Berry has served as Continuity Clinic Director, Chief of Clinical Services of the New Orleans Health Department, and Director of Children with Special Healthcare Needs Programs for the Department of Health and Hospitals for 14 years. Dr. Berry's proudest career accomplishments include:

- Establishing the first Louisiana Reach Out and Read Program in LSU Continuity Clinics and the City Health Department Clinics
- Being the founding Medical Director and board member for Luke's House Free Clinic which began in 2007 and continues to provide a community service outreach for our Med/Peds residents who staff it weekly under the direction of Dr. Betty Lo.
- Directing two special needs shelters as Incident Commander after Hurricane Katrina in Lake Charles and then, when Hurricane Rita came, transporting it to Shreveport.
- Expanding the birth defects surveillance system from less than 40% to

over 80% of births in the state.

- Offering trained care coordinators for all Pediatric and Med/Peds continuity clinics in all three medical schools (14 clinics) so that pediatricians would learn to care for children with special needs “in the community” in the medical home, as opposed to in institutions, as per the Future of Pediatric Education (FOPE2) goals.
- Providing a mandatory pediatric development clinic for pediatric residents. Dr. Berry said "I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our talented, competent residents and hopefully having some small impact on their careers and their appreciation for the stresses that families of children with disabilities face."

If anyone would like to contact Dr. Berry, her personal email address is berrysj802@gmail.com. Congratulations, Dr. Berry, on a successful career. Best of luck in your retirement!

Dean Nelson to Visit CHNOLA on July 21

Save the Date:
Wednesday, July 21, 2021
12:00pm
State Street Conference Center

Dean Nelson, Dean DiCarlo, and a few other key University staff will visit Children’s Hospital to conduct an LSU Faculty Town Hall Meeting. Lunch will be provided.



Recent News from the Cardiology Division

Congratulations to several members of the Cardiology Division who authored manuscripts recently:

An article written by Stefanie Cheang, MD and Stefani Samples, MD entitled "Congenital Solitary Left Atrial Mass" was accepted for publication in the World Journal For Pediatric and Congenital Heart Surgery.

Cynthia Laviolette, PA-C, Jason Turner, MD, LaTasha Lewis, MD, Song-Gui Yang, MD, Tim Pettitt, MD, Kurt D. Piggott, MD collaborated on their article entitled "Occlusive Pulmonary Artery Thrombosis in a Healthy Neonate With No Identifiable Risk Factors" in Journal of the American College of Cardiology!

Division Chief Dr. Thomas Kimball was recently featured on a FaceBook Live interview with Liz Reyes at Fox 8 discussing the likely link between the MRNA COVID-19 vaccines and rare reports of heart inflammation in younger age groups. Dr. Kimball advised the community that despite these rare cases, doctors still believe that the benefits of the vaccine far outweigh the rare chance of getting inflammation of the heart. Some of the interview will also be used in a Fox 8 newscast.



Bella Bowman Foundation Commits \$500,000 to Build "Bella's Room" Palliative Care Suite at Children's Hospital New Orleans

Dr. Alexis Morvant and her CHNOLA Palliative Care team, the Pelican Krewe, received some great news last week. The Bella Bowman Foundation has committed to a \$500,000 gift toward Children's Hospital New Orleans' capital campaign, Extraordinary Together, for the construction of "Bella's Room", a three-room comfort suite designed to be a sanctuary for delivering expert end-of-life care for the child, as well as the whole family.

Bella's Room will amplify the level of care the Pelican Krewe provides for patients and families nearing end of life, as an oasis for patients and their families.

"Bella's Room will not only be specifically designed with each child we have had the honor to care for in mind, it will also promote comfort and solace for the entire family," says Dr. Morvant. "With the generous support of the Bella Bowman Foundation, honoring sweet Bella's legacy, we will transform the way children and families across Louisiana and the Gulf South experience serious illness and end of life care." Read the full story [here](#).

Dr. Callie Roth Featured in COMSEP's June Journal Club

Pediatric Hospital Medicine Fellow Dr. Callie Roth reviewed an article in the Council on Medical Student Education in Pediatrics' (COMSEP) June Journal Club. You can read the review [here](#).





Mark Your Calendars for LSU Pediatrics' Open House

Chairman Dr. Raymond Watts and the LSU Pediatrics Administrative Staff will host an Open House on Thursday, July 8 from 11:30am - 1:00pm to introduce all new staff members to the department. Faculty are invited to stop by for some mingling. Boxed lunches will be available on the way out. Hope you can join us!

[View the updated Administrative Staff composite here.](#)

June is LGBTQ Pride Month

Healthcare providers have a unique opportunity to positively impact the lives and futures of LGBTQ youth. Here are a few resources to get you started in improving your support of LGBTQ youth:

- [A Guide to Gender Identity Terms](#)
- [Creating Safer Spaces for LGBTQ Youth: A Toolkit for Education, Healthcare, and Community-Based Organizations](#)
- [Video: Voices of Transgender Adolescents in Healthcare](#)

If you are interested in additional resources and information on supporting and caring for LGBTQ youth, please contact Ryan H. Pasternak, MD (rpaste@lsuhsc.edu) or Hannah Simon, MPH (hsimo1@lsuhsc.edu).

Other Announcements

Revised LSU COVID Guidelines-important changes-please read ([Memo from Dr. Watts](#)) ([link to LSUHSC COVID Guidelines](#))

Latest edition of LSU SOM's *The Pulse*. ([link](#))

Resident Participation in Research ([information](#))

Grant Opportunity: Thrasher Research Fund ([information](#))

LSUHSC IRB's Researcher Education Series ([information](#))

LSU Proof-of-Concept Fund- LIFT2 Round 12 Announcement ([information](#))

Updated: Several Avenues of Stats Support, Education and Consultation ([information](#)) ([using stats models through CITI](#))

Importance of Time Certification ([information](#)) - learn more about why we certify time each month!

Important Notice: P-Card Restrictions on AAP Purchases ([information](#))

Use of Non-LSUHSC Email ([information](#))

New Pre-Review for Grant Proposals service offered by LSU([information](#))

Download the new Department Composites for this academic year!([Faculty](#), [Fellow](#), [Resident](#)).

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

New video monthly

June Video: What is Difficult about Feedback?

Feedback is crucial for our learners. This video (6 minutes) from the University of Michigan directly addresses challenges to Giving Feedback - time, feeling it's subjective, worries about rapport, negative reviews from learners - and provides some concrete ways to overcome these barriers.

<https://www.coursera.org/lecture/clinical-skills/01-03-what-is-difficult-about-feedback-Q32ML>

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](#)

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

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

This section of Tuesday Tidbits highlights Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion within our department as well as outline events, workshops and lecture series available to faculty, staff and trainees.

SPR Launches New PROSPER Diversity Award PRomotion of FelloWS' PEdiatric Research

The Society of Pediatric Research has announced a new \$7,500 SPR PROSPER Diversity Award to advance their mission of creating a multi-disciplinary network of diverse researchers to improve child health. In 2021 one award will be made to an under-represented in medicine fellow pursuing a pediatric research career path. Award funds will be matched by the Awardee's

organization, yielding a total of \$15,000 in research support.

In addition to this financial support SPR will provide the SPR PROSPER Diversity Awardee with mentoring over the course of a twelve-month pediatric research project. This dual-support approach is intended to facilitate a pediatric academic research-focused career trajectory for fellows from under-represented in medicine background(s) and to increase the diversity of the pediatric researcher workforce. More information about the SPR PROSPER Diversity Award is available on the [SPR website](#).

Pennington/Louisiana NORC Announces Grant Program for Underrepresented Groups

The [Pennington/Louisiana NORC](#) is pleased to announce a Pilot and Feasibility Grant Program to establish opportunities designed to increase the number of investigators from underrepresented groups and/or disadvantaged backgrounds as well as individuals with disabilities. The full text of the Application Instructions can be found [here](#).

The major objective of this program is to provide research support to develop preliminary data and/or novel methods to **early career scientists (including senior post-doctoral fellows; >1.5y) from underrepresented groups** involving nutrition/obesity-related research.

The NORC will give highest priority to research related to nutrition/obesity throughout the lifespan. The P&F awards are intended to generate preliminary data for the investigator to obtain extramural research funding from the NIH (e.g., R01).

- **Submission Deadline for LOI:** July 22, 2021
- **Funding Available:** \$100,000
- **Submission:** Apply through the Pennington NORC P&F [web portal](#)

Questions about the P/F grant program can be directed to:

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NORC Administrator
jacqueline.fox@pbrc.edu
(225) 763-2686

CHNOLA Announcements

Latest edition of CHNOLA Employee E-News ([link](#))

Report your flu-like symptoms

Please notify Employee Health at 504.962.6270 if you have any flu-like symptoms before reporting to work. Symptoms may include cough, congestion, headache, with or without fever.

Upcoming Events

No Grand Rounds this week; lectures will resume in August.

Department Wellness

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

LSU Pediatrics Wellness Resources ([information](#))

Department Anniversaries

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

Leone Coe, 29 years
Steffan Sernich, 14 years
Regina Zambrano, 9 years
Elizabeth Alonso, 7 years
Shubho Sarkar, 4 years

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