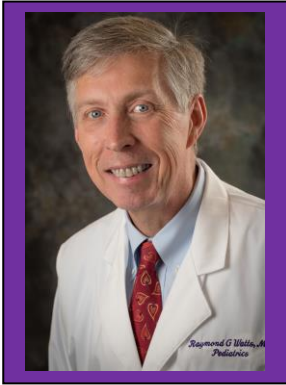


# PEDS NEWS

LSU DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS

## FROM THE CHAIR



After about three months in my new job, I can tell you all that my opinion of your work and abilities has grown as I have met with more faculty

members and gained a deeper understanding of the work of our Department.

I have now met with about forty individual faculty members, held a series of meetings with the Division Heads and trusted the advice of Drs. Vargas and Barkemeyer, our Departmental Vice Chairs. I still have much to learn, so please continue your instructions (and set up an appointment to meet with me individually).

You will find that I will share news and decisions with you. I will also seek your advice in dealing with issues and problems. To that end, the last few weeks have presented challenges as the uncertainty of State funding of Higher Education and Health Care has slowed efforts to plan for the immediate future. Both Children's Hospital of New Orleans (via their parent LCMC) and the School of Medicine (via LSU) are both directly impacted by potential further cuts. Although I don't pretend to

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## SOUTHERN SOCIETY for PEDIATRIC RESEARCH

LSU Department Pediatrics made a strong showing at the annual meeting of the Southern Society for Pediatric Research (SSPR) February 18-20 in New Orleans. Over 15 residents and 6 fellows presented posters while 3 residents, 2 fellows and 1 faculty member were selected to give oral presentations. Faculty served as mentors on all posters and a few presented their own research. **S. Amanda Dumas, MD** represented the department as co-chair of region 7 of the Academic Pediatric Association. Congratulations to **Justin Farge, MD**, PGY-3, for placing third for his oral presentation "*An Atypical Case of Gastroenteritis: a 7yo with Typhoid Fever.*" Other presentations from department members included:

### Oral Presentations:

*When Cellulitis is Actually Subcutaneous Panniculitis-Like T-Cell Lymphoma*, L Raney, P Musacchia, M Velez, S Induru and S Lambert

*Atypical Case of Gastroenteritis: A 7yo with Typhoid Fever*, J Farge, C Sandlin and A Prudhomme

*A Rare Case of Congenital Pro B Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia – Presentation at 12 Hours of Life, Leukemia Cutis in the Setting of a Lymphoid Neoplasm and Negative for Mixed Lineage Leukemia Gene*, H Menghani and M Velez

*A Very Rare Occurrence of Severe Aplastic Anemia with a Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria Clone in an Adolescent with Sickle Cell Disease Successfully Treated with Stem Cell Transplant*, H Menghani and R Gardner

*A Case of Atypical Lemierre Syndrome*, IM Remedios, A Gastanaduy and J Hescok

*A Very Rare Hemoglobin Variant – Hemoglobin Abraham Lincoln With HB A2 Prime Trait – A Case Report of an Unusual Waxing/Waning Course of Hemolytic Anemia with Elevated Hemoglobin F Levels*, H Menghani and P Prasad

*Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Boot Camp: A Supplemental, Preparatory Curriculum for House Officers*, JW Surcouf, B Barkemeyer, M Buis, R Gupta, C Mumphrey, S Olister, J Patrick, D Rivera and S Chauvin

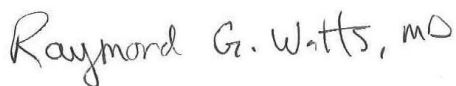
*Listeria Bacteremia: A Hidden Reason to Avoid the Deli*, S Beck, S Arguello, LS Engel, R McCarron and J Figueroa

understand the process and procedures of the Louisiana Legislature, it appears likely that final answers to some budget and funding issues won't be defined until as late as June or July.

Despite uncertainty, we are busy planning for the next academic year (July-June). Thanks to all who are providing me information and background details to support our requests. If contacted for documentation or clarification, don't worry, but help us by providing answers and explanations.

I know you are all working hard. I will fight to obtain the tools we all need to have the best chance to succeed. Let's all do our part. Continue to work hard to provide excellence in patient care, education and research. Treat our patients, learners, partners and colleagues with the highest level of respect. Take pride in the work you do and the communities you work for-LSU Department of Pediatrics and Children's Hospital of New Orleans.

Learn more about the work of our Department and your colleagues in the newsletter. Thank you for all you do.



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Poster Presentations:

*Delayed Presentation of Choledochal Cyst*, T Kazecki, R Zwiener and B Keith

*A Diagnostic Conundrum in an Immunosuppressed Sexually Active Patient with Orogenital Ulcers*, IM Remedios and I Ashoor

*Precocious Puberty in a Patient with Trisomy 21*, R Faucheux, C Sandlin, M Hamdan and A Vargas

*Dysphagia Lusoria*, RE Herdes, R Arrouk and PE Hyman

*Multi-System Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis Presents as Blueberry Muffin Rash*, V Fabrizio, H Menghani and M Velez

*A Rare Case of Resistant Evans Syndrome – Successfully Treated with Plasmapheresis*, H Menghani and M Velez

*A Unique Initial Presentation of Sickle Cell Disease*, L Raney, N Patel and C Morrison

*Extraosseous Ewing's Sarcoma Mimicking Infection*, HP Wilson and M Velez

*Recurrent Salmonella Meningitis Due To An Unforeseen Focus Of Infection*, E Villar and J Hescok

*Streptococcus Pneumoniae Meningitis and Subdural Complications*, E Villar, RE Herdes and C Sandlin

*A Curious Case of Reversible Tetany*, J Aita-Levy and P Musacchia

*Congenital TTP in Identical Twins: A Case Report*, E Chang, M Fletcher, P Prasad and LS Engel

*Dress Syndrome Secondary To Sulfasalazine In A Patient With Inflammatory Bowel Disease*, VP Devlin, S Sussman and V Dimitriades

*A Common Complaint with an Uncommon Answer: Abdominal Pain in a Child with Lipoblastoma*, J Farge, R Arrouk and R Brown

*Atypical Presentation of Neonatal Hemochromatosis*, JL Steinkampf, R Arrouk, B Keith, M Stark and C Mumphy

*The Arterial Intima-Media Thickness is Abnormal in Children with Congenital Heart Disease Despite Successful Repair*, E Owers, E Schwartzburg, J Cronan, P Clesi and C Lilje

*Genital Ulcerations in a Sexually Inactive Female Due to a Common Adolescent Virus*, MJ Sims and J Aita-Levy

*From Nondescript to Admitted: A Presentation of Kingella Kingae Endocarditis*, A Pogribny and J Aita-Levy

*Fulminant Coxsackie Myocarditis*, S Beck, S Struthers, LSU Engel, R McCarron

## *SSPR Presentations Continued*

*Septo-Optic Dysplasia in a Suspected Metabolic Disorder*, JL Steinkampf, J Gallois and JW Surcouf

*A Case of Neonatal Intracranial Hemorrhage in Monoallelic Bolzano Mutation Form of Bernard Soulier Syndrome*, S Sussman and J Morales

*Breaking News: Humeral Physeal Fracture in a Neonate*, M Knecht, D Thompson, M Buis and D Rivera

*Neonatal Renal Failure Due to Maternal Ace-I Use*, J Marret, M Knecht, JW Surcouf, D Aviles and B Barkemeyer

*Ductus Arteriosus Aneurysm: A Rare Abnormality Presenting as a Mediastinal Mass*, J Marret and M Buis

*Glucose-6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase Deficiency in Dichorionic-Diamniotic Twins*, MC Steinhardt and J Patrick



Andrej Pogribny, Morgan Sims, Jerussa Aita-Levy and Pamela Musacchia at SSPR.



Back Row: Rachel Herdes, Veronica Fabrizio, Pamela Musacchia, Morgan Sims, Andrej Pogribny, Justin Farge, Sarah Beck, Emily Villar  
Front Row: Nikita Patel, Rayne Fauchoux, Jerussa Aita-Levy and Jonna Marret

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

**Robin English, MD, Chelsey Sandlin, MD** and PGY-1 resident **Leah Nuss, MD** were nominated for the Aesculapian Excellence in Teaching Award. The award acknowledges faculty and residents for their approachability, enthusiasm and superior quality of instruction. The winners will be announced in late March.

The Allergy/Immunology fellowship program and Program Director **Ken Paris, MD, MPH** received continued accreditation status from the ACGME. The Review Committee commended the program for its demonstrated substantial compliance with the ACGME's Program Requirements and/or Institutional Requirements without any new citations. Also from the Division of Allergy/Immunology, **Lily Levita, PhD** was appointed to the Editorial Review Board of Primary Immunodeficiencies, a specialty of *Frontiers in Immunology*.

Congratulations to GI fellow **Neha Santucci, MD** who received the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) Annual Conference 2016 Travel Award for her oral presentation titled "Improved Self-Efficacy in Children with Functional Constipation is Associated with Treatment Success". She presented at the 37<sup>th</sup> North American College of Gastroenterology Fellows Conference earlier this month where only 25 selected fellows were invited to present abstracts. Neha will travel to the ACG conference in October 2016. Other authors include: Miranda VanTilburg, PhD, Aryn Karpinski, PhD, Allan Rosenberg, MD, Rachel Herdes, DO, Lauren Rein, Eva Stoops, Amir Amado-Feeley and Paul Hyman MD.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the date! Professor and Vice-Chair of Education **Alfonso Vargas, MD** will be retiring this summer. The Division of Endocrinology along with the department are planning two events to honor our friend and colleague's accomplishments. A cocktail reception will be held on Sunday, June 12 at 6:00pm at the New Orleans Opera Guild Home at 2504 Prytania Street. Registration for the event will open in late March. A reception and symposium dedicated to Dr. Vargas is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14 at 1:30pm in the Children's Hospital Auditorium. All faculty, staff, students, residents and fellows associated with LSUHSC or Children's Hospital are invited to attend. No registration is required for this event. More information can be found here:

[http://www.medschool.lsuhs.edu/pediatrics/alfonso\\_vargas\\_md\\_retirement\\_celebrations.aspx](http://www.medschool.lsuhs.edu/pediatrics/alfonso_vargas_md_retirement_celebrations.aspx)

The Department of Pediatrics is helping to sponsor this year's Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society visiting professor and induction banquet for LSUHSC. This year's visiting professor will be Dr. Terence Flotte, a distinguished Pediatric Pulmonologist and current dean of the School of Medicine and provost and executive deputy chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Dr. Flotte is a New Orleans native and 1986 graduate of the LSUHSC School of Medicine. Dr. Flotte will present at Pediatric noon conference on Thursday, April 14th at Children's Hospital and at LSU Medicine Grand Rounds at noon on Friday, April 15th at LSUHSC.

Pediatrics Department faculty and residents who are members of AOA are invited and encouraged to attend the banquet at Metairie Country Club on Thursday night, April 14th (reservation and fee required, deadline April 7th, [click here for registration form](#)).

## RESIDENCY NEWS



Pediatric Chief Residents for the 2017-2018 academic year will be Rayne Faucheux, MD and David Swetland, MD!

The Pediatrics Interest Group (PIG) at LSUHSC School of Medicine is composed primarily of 1st and 2nd year medical students who are considering a career in pediatrics. The group meets 6 times annually and is student-led with **Brian Barkemeyer, MD** serving as faculty moderator. At the group's most recent meeting, a panel of pediatric residents led by chief residents **Julie Gallois, MD** and **Casey McAtee, MD** and accompanied by **Amanda Garnett, MD**, **Nathan Epps, MD**, and **Courtney Cox, MD** gave an excellent account of their work as residents. The session was interactive and well-received by the students, with the housestaff representing our profession and residency program in a positive manner. The final PIG meeting in April will feature a panel discussion by our graduating medical students on their recent experiences with 4th year electives, residency interviews, and the residency match program.

**Shannon Palombo, MD**, PGY 2, has been accepted to present "A Case Of MPGN And Mixed Cryoglobulinemia in a Patient with Hepatitis C; New Treatment Implications and Renal Outcomes" in the American Journal of Kidney Disease and for poster presentation at the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) 2016 Spring Clinical Meetings in April in Boston, MA.

Congratulations to **Kieran Leong, DO**, PGY4, who was recently selected for AOA membership.

**Casey McAtee, MD**, Pediatric Chief Resident, published "Burden of Norovirus and Rotavirus in Children after Rotavirus Vaccine Introduction, Cochabamba, Bolivia" in the American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene in January 2016.

## PEDIATRIC INTERNS:

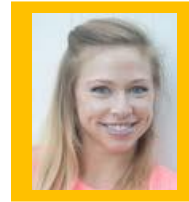
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March 18.



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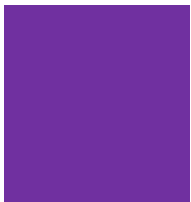
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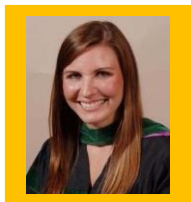
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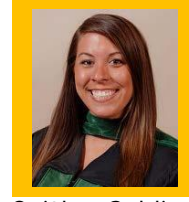
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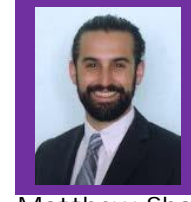
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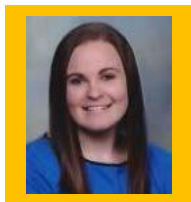
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Ryley McPeters  
Ross University  
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Brittany Mock  
Lake Erie  
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Medicine



Daniel Robbins  
University of Mississippi  
School of Medicine

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

**Aita-Levy J** and Henderson L. Factors Affecting Booster Seat Use. *Clinical Pediatrics*. November 2015.

Knutsen AP, **Leiva LE**, Caruthers C, Rodrigues J, **Sorensen RU**. Streptococcus pneumoniae antibody titres in patients with primary antibody deficiency receiving intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) compared to subcutaneous immunoglobulin (SCIG). *Clin Exp Immunol*. October 2015. 182:51-56.

**Leiva LE, Monjure H, Sorensen RU**. Modulatory role of intravenous gammaglobulin (IgIV) on the *in vitro* antibody response to a pneumococcal polysaccharide antigen. *J Clin Immunol*. February 2015. 35:206-212.

Cardiology fellow **Siddharth Patel, MD** and Professor and Interim Cardiology Division Chief **Christian Lilje, MD** will each present an abstract at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American College of Cardiology in Chicago in April. Dr. Lilje will be busy in the next few months presenting lectures around the globe. He was invited to give a talk at the International Conference on Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery in Dubai, UAE in April. He was also invited to give a talk at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Cardiology in Barcelona, Spain in May.

**Lily Leiva, PhD** presented "Memory B cells in CVID" at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual JMC-LAPIN Symposium, LSUHSC in New Orleans on November 13, 2015. She was also invited to participate as a member of the Scientific Committee at the IV Latin American Society for Immunodeficiency Diseases (LASID) Meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina last November. She received a special recognition for the many years of work with LASID during the meeting and was elected as a member of the LASID Membership Committee.

## NEW ARRIVALS



Beatrix Eleanor Conrad,  
daughter of Emily Moran



Emory Sinclair Sedgwick,  
daughter of Michelle  
Korah-Sedgwick

The department welcomed several new additions in the last few months. **Emily Moran**, Children's Hospital's Director of Research Operations, welcomed a baby girl along with her husband Barret. Beatrix Eleanor Conrad arrived at 3:01am on March 11 weighing 7lbs, 5oz and measured 20 inches. Allergy/Immunology fellow **Michelle Korah-Sedgwick, MD**, along with her husband Chris, welcomed Emory Sinclair Sedgwick on March 20. Miss Emory weighed 8lbs, 6 oz. Congratulations also to Pediatrics resident **Pamela Musacchia** who welcomed a baby girl, Olivia, on December 23, 2015.

## SAVE THE DATE

- April 8 Faculty Meeting, 2 Center
- April 11 Faculty Advancement Workshop, Auditorium
- April 18 Division Directors Meeting, Board Room B
- May 3 LSUHSC General Faculty Meeting, MEB Lecture Room A
- May 6 Research Day
- May 9 Division Directors Meeting, Board Room B
- May 20 Faculty Meeting, 2 Center



The Division of Endocrinology recently celebrated the marriage of their first-year fellow, Aditya Dewoolkar, MD to his wife Priyanka Hirlekar. The celebration was held at the home of Alfonso Vargas, MD and his wife Maria Eugenia.