

DOM NEWS BLAST

The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication

Dr. Katherine Lavie (Baton Rouge) has been awarded the 2023 "Sister Brendan Mary Ronayne Award" from Our Lady of the Lake, given on World AIDS Day for her dedication to the care of patients living with HIV in the Baton Rouge Community. Sr. Brendan Mary was recognized as an instrumental figure in the 1980s in caring for patients with care and compassion. We are proud of Dr. Lavie for this special recognition!



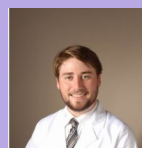
Dr. Elyse Stevens (Community & Population Medicine) will be speaking at the upcoming Alcohol & Drug Abuse Center of Excellence 18th Scientific Retreat. Great Job, Dr. Stevens!

The Internal Medicine Clerkship received the highest ranking of "excellent" from the Aesculapian Society for the 2022-23 academic year. Many thanks to all of our faculty in Lafayette, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans for their contributions. Special thanks to our clerkship leaders: Dr. Greg Ardoin (Lafayette), Dr. Dean Lauret (Baton Rouge), Dr. Neeraj Jain (Cardiology) and Dr. Victoria Burke (Infectious Diseases) and Kelly Rausser.



A huge shout out to our faculty who helped with teaching the components of the physical exam to our first-year medical students this past semester. Our students really appreciate being able to learn from our faculty, and appreciate the time our faculty spend in this endeavor. Thanks to:

- Dr. Victoria Burke (Infectious Diseases)
- Dr. Angela McLean (Comprehensive Medicine)
- Dr. Brian Mackel (Hospital Medicine)
- Dr. Jack Montgomery (Chief Resident)
- Dr. Ross McCarron (Hospital Medicine)



Several members of the Cardiology Section contributed to this recently published case report in *Heart Rhythm Case Reports* titled "Ablation of accessory pathway from right atrial appendage diverticulum to anatomic left ventricle in L-TGA." Authors of the paper include Dr. Cody Williams, Dr. Shree Radhakrishnan (Cardiology Fellow) and Dr. Paul Leloir. The back story is even more interesting -- This patient had 8 prior ablation attempts before coming to UMC for a successful ablation!



On Tuesday you may have read an email from Greg Feirn, LCMC Health CEO that included the following: "A few days ago, UMC took a case from another hospital to perform a first-of-its-kind procedure for a patient that went into cardiac arrest after saving a deer from being attacked by a bobcat. The patient needed a complex electrophysiology ablation with ECMO therapy requiring the level of expertise and treatment that the community has come to expect from UMC. As many times in the past, the care team admirably demonstrated lifesaving treatment, and while still early, the patient is recovering well." What you may not have known is that this amazing effort was achieved by our very own LSU Cardiology team including Dr. Jameel Ahmed, Dr. Cody Williams, Dr. Zee Ali and Dr. Pedro Cox-Alomar.

Congratulations to the Department of Medicine's Chancellor LSU Health Excellence Awardees:

- Angela McLean, MD, Associate Dean for Admissions—Medicine
- Elyse Stevens, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Community & Population Medicine
- Ashley Wennerstrom, PhD, MPH, Associate Professor of Research, Community & Population Medicine
- Cecilia Estep, Pulmonary/Critical Care Residency Coordinator

