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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!

**Anna P. Daigle, M.Ed., has joined the Health Sciences Center as our new Director of Financial Aid, effective July 24, 2023.**



Ms. Daigle has over 22 years of financial aid, higher education and supervisory experience, with 16 years of Title IV administrative management spent as a Director of Enrollment Services or Director of Financial Aid. She has a proven track record of interpreting and applying Federal laws and regulations to ensure compliance and mitigate risks. She comes to us from Loyola University New Orleans where she has served as the Director of Financial Aid since 2019.

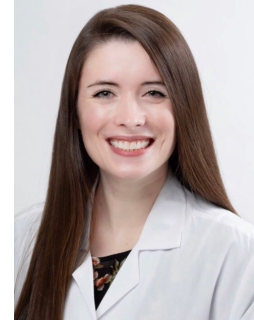
She earned both a Masters of Education in Educational Technology and a Bachelor of Science in Marketing/Management from McNeese State University. She is a member of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA), Southwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (SWASFAA), and the Louisiana Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (LASFAA) where she was named the LASFAA 2013 Woman of the Year and 2003 Rookie of the Year.

**The Department welcomes Dr. Mandy Nasworthy as Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics in the Division of Cardiology.**

Dr. Nasworthy is a native Southerner having grown up in a small town in Georgia. She received her medical degree at Medical College of Georgia. She completed her Pediatric Residency at the Children's Hospital of Georgia and recently finished her Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship at the University of Virginia Children's

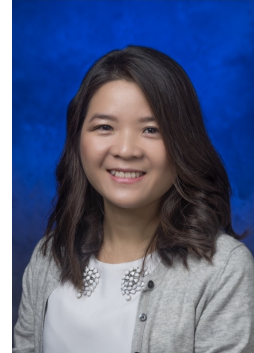
Hospital.

Her duties within the Heart Center will primarily be as a cardiology attending in the Cardiology Medical Unit (CMU, the cardiology step-down unit) as well as staffing some of the Pediatric Cardiology outpatient clinics. Welcome to NOLA and LSU Pediatrics, Dr. Nasworthy!



### **LSU Pediatrics welcomes Dr. Thu Pham as Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics in the Division of Gastroenterology.**

Dr. Pham received her medical degree from the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth. She also earned a Master of Science at the same institution. She completed her Pediatric Residency at Texas A&M Health Science Center in 2018 and completed her Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine and the Children's Hospital of San Antonio in 2021.



She comes to LSU Pediatrics from The Children's Hospital of San Antonio/Baylor College of Medicine where she served as Assistant Professor since 2021. During her time there, she received advanced training in Neurogastroenterology and Motility. Welcome to NOLA and LSU Pediatrics, Dr. Pham!

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## **Grand Rounds Reminder**

Grand Rounds will reconvene **tomorrow**, August 2nd, at 12:00pm in the Large Conference Room of the Hospital and on Zoom. Lunch will be served for those in-person! See below in "CHNOLA Announcements" for more information.

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## **Crash Course in NIH Grant Fundamentals**

Are you new to NIH grants or looking for a refresher? Check out this crash course that covers everything you need to know about the grant writing process, the difference funding programs available, and key tools to use in the development process. It even includes grant writing advice straight from NIH staff. Delivered in an easy video playlist format, grab a snack and hit play on the topic you're most interested in:



[NIH Grant Fundamentals](#)

[NIH Funding Programs](#)

[Grant Application Tips](#)

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## **Guidelines for Letters of Recommendation in Pediatrics**

COMSEP and AAPD have recently released guidelines for Letters of Recommendation (LORs) in Pediatrics in hopes of helping letter writers and selection committees

communicate meaningfully and efficiently. [See here to view these guidelines.](#)

It is intended that these guidelines will standardize expectations for LORs, provide a shared structure for communicating about students, provide a tool for faculty development, and mitigate bias in letter writing through enhanced awareness.



These guidelines are not mandatory. As of now, faculty may use these guidelines, or not, as they wish.

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## Upcoming Guest Speaker

Mark your calendars for August 8th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm to join in listening to guest speaker, Jay Wellons, III, MD, MSPH. He will be presenting on The Write Treatment: Stories of Grace and Resilience.



John C. "Jay" Wellons, III, MD, MSPH  
Cal Turner Chair and Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery  
Professor of Neurosurgery, Pediatrics, Plastic Surgery, and Radiology  
Vice Chair, Department of Neurologic Surgery  
Vanderbilt University Medical Center/Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital

All are encouraged to attend either in-person at Worley Hall or virtually on Zoom (<https://lsuhsc.zoom.us/j/95270927360>)

[Event Flyer here](#)

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## 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. The new program is centered on supporting community community-led health equity structural intervention (CHESI) projects. 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. The NIDDK, encourages investigators and teams focusing on research within their own mission to consider applying. 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](mailto:Miranda.Broadney@nih.gov)) & Raquel Greer MD, MHS ([Raquel.Greer@nih.gov](mailto:Raquel.Greer@nih.gov)).

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## 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*

### August Video: One Minute Preceptor

Efficient teaching during day to day clinical work IS possible. This short video demonstrates and breaks down the One Minute Preceptor technique for concise clinical teaching. Whether you're new to teaching or an old pro, adding more tools and techniques will help us all achieve excellence in our educational mission.

<https://vimeo.com/76305964>

Please send any suggestions or areas of faculty development need to [acree1@lsuhsc.edu](mailto: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

We are thrilled to kick off the academic year 2023-2024 Grand Rounds series with a presentation next week from Dr. Fabienne Gray. Please join us in the

Large Conference Rooms on the first floor of the hospital at Noon, or join us via Zoom. Lunch will be available on a first come first serve basis.

Please note – if joining us in person, it is Very Helpful for participants to register in advance on Eventbrite. Participants joining via Zoom should make sure their first and last name is visible.

[Register Here](#)

Zoom Link:

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

## Hybrid Pediatric Grand Rounds



### "Biometric Gun Safes: Searching for solutions to the leading cause of death in Louisiana's pediatric population"

Wednesday, August 2, 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/o/chnola-office-of-medical-education-34140724807>

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.



Fabienne Gray, MD, is a board-certified Pediatric Surgeon at Children's Hospital New Orleans. Dr. Gray earned her medical degree from LSU Health New Orleans, then completed her Surgery residency at the same institution. Dr. Gray furthered her training by completing a Pediatric Surgery fellowship at Arkansas Children's Hospital. In 2018, she returned to New Orleans and joined the faculty of LSU Health New Orleans as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery.

When asked why she chose to specialize in Pediatric Surgery, Dr. Gray said, "Children are the best patients and it is an honor to work with them and their families to make them better."

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

1. Discuss the significance of firearm injuries as the leading cause of death in children and adolescents nationally and in Louisiana.
2. Describe the BeSMART campaign and CHNOLA's biometric gun safe giveaway project.
3. Incorporate conversations about gun safety into their practice, as well as in their conversations outside the hospital.

**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.



## Epic Upgrade Scheduled - August 16th

Our next Epic Upgrade is August 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:01am. Our new upgrade will bring us from February 2022 version to the May 2023 version of Epic. Fortunately, we are not seeing a lot of changes for providers.

However, prior to the upgrade there will be a build Freeze from August 10<sup>th</sup> until the upgrade on August 16th.

During this time the following workflows will be unavailable:

- Moving activities to a floating window or sidebar.
- Personalization of certain activities using the wrench icon.
- Applying filters to Chart Review.
- Creating new dashboards.
- Creating or editing new columns for reports.
- Creating, editing, or sharing NoteWriter macros.
- Creating or editing QuickActions.

## 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

### ***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!

Diego Aviles, 29 years  
Gary Duhon, 24 years  
Jerussa Aita-Levy, 23 years  
Caroline Straatmann, 8 years  
Nihal Godiwala, 7 years  
William Morgan, 7 years  
Elizabeth Wisner, 6 years  
James Krulisky, 5 years  
Alexis Morvant, 5 years  
Colleen LeBlanc, 4 years  
Sergio Bartakian, 2 years  
Zachary Daniels, 2 years  
Mary Johnson, 2 years  
Peter Joslyn, 2 years  
Kayla Phelps, 1 year

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