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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 Back, Dr. Ernest Siwik!

Please join me in welcoming Ernest Siwik, MD back to the department. He is back from Ohio, rejoining as Associate Professor in the Cardiology Division. Dr. Siwik received his medical degree from Wayne State University in Detroit in 1989. He completed his Pediatrics Residency at Brown University in 1992, his Cardiology Fellowship at Case Western Reserve University in 1999, and an Interventional Cardiology Fellowship at Harvard University in 2001. After training, Dr. Siwik was on staff at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland. He joined LSU Pediatrics in July 2009. He will be working alongside our new Interventional Cardiologist, Dr. Sergio Bartakian. Welcome back, Dr. Siwik!

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#### SSPR Call for Abstracts: Deadline [This Friday, October 8](#)

The deadline to submit abstracts for the 2022 SSPR Annual Meeting is this Friday. View the call for abstracts [here](#).

# Southern Regional Meetings

February 10-12, 2022

**Abstract Deadline:**

**October 8, 2021**

11:59 pm EST

Jointly provided by Tulane University Health Sciences Center

This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA*  
*Category 1 Credits™*



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## LSU Pediatrics Research Day

November 5, 2021

1:00pm - 4:30pm

State Street Conference Center

Abstract deadline is this Friday, October 8. See call for abstracts and submission information [here](#).

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## In the News

Dr. Marcie Houser was interviewed on Fox 8 last week about Childhood Obesity. Check out the recording here:

<https://www.fox8live.com/video/2021/09/29/childhood-obesity-louisiana-wednesday-sept/>



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## A Message from CHNOLA Chief Quality Officer Leron Finger, MD Regarding Third Dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has released new recommendations regarding a third dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. Among the groups that may now receive a third dose of the Pfizer vaccine are people in high-risk occupational or institutional settings who are at least six months past their second dose of the Pfizer vaccine, based on their individual benefits and risks.

Healthcare workers are considered to be in a high-risk occupational setting. Under the CDC's recommendations, employees and Medical Staff who received the vaccine early in our vaccination program are now eligible to receive a third dose. Although the third dose is available to our team members, it is not yet a requirement.

**The following options are available for those eligible for a third dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine:**

**Employee Health - Vaccine appointments can be scheduled by contacting Children's Hospital's Employee Health department at 504.896.2766.** Those receiving a third dose of the Pfizer vaccine must bring proof of completion of the

initial series, either with your vaccine card or documentation through LA Wallet.

Visit the LCMC Health vaccine information page for additional information about the third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and vaccine clinic locations.

Please note that the CDC's recommendation only applies to the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine at this time. We will continue to update you as more information becomes available.

In accordance with LCMC Health's vaccine policy it is imperative that first and second dose information is available to Employee Health, particularly if you received vaccination outside of an LCMC Health facility. You may enter vaccine information in the Service Now portal [here](#). A link is also available on the Resources tab in Epic.

Starting Monday, Flu Shots are also available in Employee Health. Please click [here](#) for the schedule.

Thank you for continuing to serve as vaccine advocates for our patients and the community.

Leron Finger, MD  
Chief Quality Officer  
Children's Hospital New Orleans

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## Flu Shots

Flu shot season is also in full effect.

If you would like to get your shot at **LSUHSC downtown**, immunizations will be given on Wednesday, October 6, Thursday, October 7, Friday, October 8 and Thursday, October 14 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm on the 1st floor of the Lions Building – 2020 Gravier Street. Walk-ups are NOT allowed. You must pre-register prior to your arrival, and you must schedule an appointment via the online scheduler at the link below. Please correctly enter your health insurance information when scheduling your flu vaccine. This will expedite you through onsite check-in: [LSUHN Flu Vaccine Scheduling](#)

**CHNOLA's** Flu Shot Schedule is below.



## Employee flu shot schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
October 4	9-10:30 am, 1:30-2:30 pm	Employee Health Department
October 5	7:30-10:30 am, 1:30-2:30 pm	Employee Health Department
October 7	7:30-10:30 am	Employee Health Department
October 8	9-10:30 am	Employee Health Department
October 11	7:30-10:30 am, 1:30-2:30 pm	Employee Health Department
October 12	8-10:30 am, 1:30-2:30 pm	Employee Health Department
October 14	7:30-10 am	Employee Health Department
October 15	9-10:30 am, 1:30-2:30 pm	Employee Health Department
October 18	7:30-10am	Employee Health Department
October 21	7:30-10 am	Employee Health Department
October 25	8-10 am	Employee Health Department
October 27	9-11 am, 1:30-2:30 pm	Employee Health Department

We will also be setting up times with department leaders, and mobile carts will go to departments to administer vaccinations.



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## Debt Management Seminar

The LSUHSC Wellness Committee and Campus Federal are hosting a seminar on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at noon on Debt Management. Please join us for this zoom event.

<https://lsuhsc.zoom.us/j/98634347356>

Meeting ID: 986 3434 7356

The objectives of this seminar are to education participants on:

- Handling your debt
- Reasons for debt
- Reducing credit card debt
- Paying off debt and saving money

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### Other Announcements

Updated LSU COVID Policies- Domestic Meeting Travel is Now Possible ([information](#))

LSUHSC COVID Self-Reporting ([information](#))

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 the 2021-2022 academic year! ([Resident](#), [Fellow](#), [Faculty](#)).

## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

*New video monthly*

October Video: Twitter as an Academic Tool

Dr. Ashoor shares his excellent national presentation on harnessing the power of this social media platform. In this fact filled video (just over 15 minutes), he demonstrates everything from Twitter sign up to uses for advocacy, education, and professional development. Thanks for sharing, Dr. Ashoor!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rduL1BZ-W-Vysmd08kTN5hjLXurCnvar/view?usp=sharing>

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](#)

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

## 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

### **Grand Rounds**

*For those who prefer an Outlook Calendar Reminder for Grand Rounds, please click [here](#) for directions that walk you through creating a recurring reminder.*

# Virtual Pediatric Grand Rounds



Children's Hospital  
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## "Emergency Management and National Disaster Medical System"

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

Noon

Please join Pediatric Grand Rounds from your computer, tablet, or smartphone:

To receive CME or CEU Credit, you **MUST register through EventBrite** and use the EventBrite link to join Grand Rounds.

**Register here:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/chnola-office-of-medical-education-34140724807>

**CME/CEU credit for this activity, you can join via Zoom. Your attendance will not be counted.**

**Zoom link:** <https://lsuhsc.zoom.us/j/92312437678?pwd=amd0RENwQWJ2L1BDNW1zeHVQRHhjQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 923 1243 7678

**Passcode:** 235623

**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.



Ireal Johnson Fusco, MD, is an attending physician in the Emergency Department at Children's Hospital New Orleans. She joined the CHNOLA team in 2020 after completing her Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship at Dell Children's Hospital in Austin, TX. Dr. Fusco earned her medical degree at George Washington University and completed her Pediatric Residency at Nicklaus Children's (formerly Miami Children's Hospital).

Paul Deckerbo, serves as the Commander of Rhode Island-1 DMAT at the US Department of Health and Human Services, and has been a member of the RI-1 DMAT team since 2011. He is also a volunteer firefighter for the Kingston, RI fire department. Mr. Deckerbo earned his Master of Science in Emergency Management from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

**Objectives:** At the conclusion of this activity, participants will:

1. Describe Emergency Management in overview
2. Summarize the Incident Command System and its uses
3. Describe the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS)
4. Explain the roles of the Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMAT) from the perspective of a DMAT member

**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.

**CME statement:** Children's Hospital is accredited by the Louisiana State Medical Society to provide continuing medical education for physicians. Children's Hospital designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**CEU 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.



**Eventbrite link to register for Grand Rounds on 10/6:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/chnola-office-of-medical-education-34140724807>

**Anyone who does not wish to earn CME/CEU credit can continue join  
Grand Rounds through the Zoom portal:**

<https://lsuhsc.zoom.us/j/92312437678?>

[pwd=amd0RENwQWJ2L1BDNW1zeHVQRHhjQT09](https://lsuhsc.zoom.us/j/92312437678?pwd=amd0RENwQWJ2L1BDNW1zeHVQRHhjQT09)

Meeting ID: 923 1243 7678, Passcode: 235623

One tap mobile: +16465588656 or +13017158592

Any questions about Eventbrite can be sent to [emma.cradyc@lcmchealth.org](mailto:emma.cradyc@lcmchealth.org).

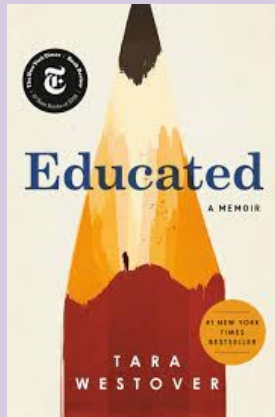
**October 15 and 22, 2021 - Sustaining Behavior Change Conference** - free and open to all participants. For full conference agenda, speakers and registration: [ANSCHUTZWELLNESS.COM/SBC](https://www.anschutzwellness.com/sbc)

- This conference grows from the belief that limitations in our ability to help people make lasting changes in their health-related behaviors is one of the greatest challenges to the well-being of our population. Whether it is adopting healthy eating and physical activity habits, or curtailing the use of unhealthy substances or behaviors, people seem able to initiate behavior change, but a range of forces typically lead to a return of previous behaviors.
- The Sustaining Behavior Change Conference assembles a group of leading scholars in a range of disciplines, including behavioral sciences, behavioral economics, marketing and neuroscience to share their insights and perspectives on this important issue.
- Our goal is to spur creative new thinking about how we might study and implement strategies that will foster effective long-term behavior change

## Department Wellness

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

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



### Wellness Committee Book Club Reschedules Meeting for October

The LSU Pediatrics Wellness Committee shares its book for this quarter. It is called "[Educated](#)" by [Tara Westover](#). The September club meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, October 20th at 7:30pm at Peacock Room, 501 Tchoupitoulas St. Please RSVP with Eden Haile ([ehaile@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:ehaile@lsuhsc.edu)) by October 6th.

## Department Anniversaries

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

Stuart Chalew, 24 years  
Hanh Rimmer, 22 years  
Kelly Allerton, 14 years  
Stefani Samples, 5 years  
Hannah Bauer, 2 years  
LaTasha Lewis, 2 years



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