

**March 22, 2022**



**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**

#### **Dr. Abraham Gedalia Retires After 30 Years at LSUHSC**



Dr. Abraham Gedalia will retire following 30 years of service to the LSU Department of Pediatrics and Children's Hospital of New Orleans in May of 2022.

Dr. Gedalia has admirably served the LSU Health New Orleans community since he joined the faculty in 1991. He was recruited to develop a program in Pediatric Rheumatology from Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Israel. Over the past 30 years, Avi has been a tremendous faculty member in the Department of Pediatrics. He was initially recruited at the Associate Professor rank and was promoted to Full Professor of Pediatrics in 1997.

Dr. Gedalia has excelled in all areas of academia, first and foremost as an excellent pediatric rheumatologist. He has more than 120 refereed publications

spanning publication dates from 1978 to 2020. He has been an active clinical researcher and a devoted educator.

Avi's impact on the LSU Department of Pediatrics, Children's Hospital of New Orleans and the children of the state of Louisiana will be felt for many years to come. In recognition of his importance to the University, the LSU Health Science Center has awarded Dr. Gedalia the title of Emeritus Professor of Pediatrics upon his retirement.

Join me in wishing Avi best in his retirement and thanks for a career well-served and a life well-lived.

**The department will hold a reception to celebrate his career.  
Please join us to thank Avi in person.**

**Friday, March 25, 2022  
11:00am - 1:00pm  
Large Hospital Conference Room  
(near the Chapel)**

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## LSU Pediatrics' Match Day

Congratulations to our Pediatrics, Medicine/Pediatrics, and Pediatrics/Emergency Medicine Residency Programs for successfully matching last week for the 2022-2023 academic year. You can view the composite of new interns [here](#).

### 2022-2023 PEDIATRIC INTERNS



**Stephanie Abazie**  
University of Texas  
Medical Branch



**Alexis Brantley**  
University of Mississippi



**Sarah Brewington**  
Eastern Virginia  
Medical School



**Andrew Harold (Child Neuro)**  
Kansas City University  
College of Osteopathic Medicine



**Shivani Patel**  
Philadelphia College of  
Osteopathic Medicine



**Anne Reed**  
LSU New Orleans



**Hope Retif**  
LSU New Orleans



**Madeleine Robert**  
LSU New Orleans



**Alanna Sam**  
University of Missouri –  
Columbia School of Medicine



**Caroline Self**  
LSU New Orleans



**Madeline Shannon**  
LSU New Orleans



**Nicholas Tadros**  
Edward Via College of  
Osteopathic Medicine - Virginia



**Morgan Viviano**  
University of Queensland



**Kathryn Wiggins**  
LSU Shreveport



**Snehaja Yadlapati**  
LSU New Orleans



## Recent Scholarly Activity

Pediatric Hospital Medicine first year fellow, John Strand, has been accepted to present a PHM Story entitled “Vortex: The Spaces We Occupy” at the Pediatric Hospital Medicine Conference taking place in July at Disney World. Congratulations, John!

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## Resident Panel Presents to Pediatrics Interest Group

Last week, a panel of LSU Pediatric residents presented their professional stories to the Pediatric Interest Group helping to inform career choices for these first- and second-year medical students with an early interest in Pediatrics. Third year residents Eden Haile and Katie Procarione, second year residents Rachelle Davis and Brantlee McConaughy, and intern Corinna Victor capably represented their profession and peers in a positive way with Pediatric Interest Group advisor Dr. Brian Barkemeyer moderating the session. The Pediatrics Interest Group serves an important role in presenting information about a career in pediatrics to medical students and has an early influence on recruiting quality applicants into our program. The group's final meeting of the year next month will be a panel discussion of recently matched fourth year students relating their experiences with residency application, interviews, and the match.

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## LSUHSC Clinical Trials Office (CTO)

The LSUHSC Office of Research Services is excited to announce the Launch of the LSUHSC Clinical Trials Office (CTO) – a centralized office offering pre-award clinical trial services. The CTO, in collaboration with the LSU Healthcare Network Clinical Trials Office and the Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center, will be presenting the structure and services of clinical trials support for the LSU Health New Orleans System on **Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 1pm via Zoom**. You can view the CTO's packet of information [here](#).

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://lsuhsc.zoom.us/j/91342728427>  
Meeting ID: 913 4272 8427

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## LSUHSC Faculty Development and Evaluation Committee Release Survey Results

In October 2021, the Faculty Development and Evaluation Committee sent out a survey to help us better understand the professional development needs of the SOM faculty. For those interested in the details, the results of the survey can be [found here](#). Based on the results, the Committee has been developing two leadership development opportunities. The first will be hosted in-person on June 10th and the second will be conducted over Zoom in October. You can learn more about the details for the June event as well as how to register by going to the [Faculty Development website](#). Our hope is that these leadership

development workshops will begin to meet the needs outlined by the faculty. We appreciate the feedback from faculty, and we look forward to continued opportunities for engagement in the future.

Warm regards,  
Michelle Moore and Jay Mussell  
Co-Chairs of Faculty Development and Evaluation Committee

## **DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION**

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

# LA CaTS Professional Development Core

Presents

## *“Racial Inequities in Health: What We Know and What We Think We Know”*



**Thomas A. LaVeist, PhD**

Dean and Weatherhead Presidential  
Chair In Health Equity

**Friday, March 25, 2022**

**12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**

University Medical Center  
2000 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70112

**\*\*Use entrance at 2001 Tulane Ave\*\***

**SAVE THE DATE**

Note: This event is free and open to public

**Registration required**

**[Please click here to register by March 16, 2022](#)**

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For more information, contact DeNean La Roche  
Phone: 504 988 6061 • Email: [adcr@tulane.edu](mailto:adcr@tulane.edu)

**[Please click here to RSVP by March 16, 2022](#)**

## **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT**

*New video monthly*

### **March Video: Bedside Teaching**

This spring let's focus on making our bedside rounds more educational. This short video (**2 minute 4 seconds**) highlights ways we can make bedside rounds more effective for teaching. Improve your teaching toolbox in less time than a commercial break.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iiqB-eQcbT8>

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

### **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.

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

## 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  
New Orleans  
LCMC Health

## "Pediatric Long-haul COVID"

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Noon

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

To receive CME or CEU Credit, you **MUST register through EventBrite.**

**Register here:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pediatric-grand-rounds-81821-tickets-166693441571>

**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 via EventBrite to receive credit.



**Kelly Gajewski, MD**, is a Pediatric Electrophysiologist and is the Program Director of the Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship Program at the Children's Hospital New Orleans. With more than 15 years of experience, Dr. Gajewski serves as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Director of the Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship

Program at LSU Health New Orleans.

Dr. Gajewski earned her medical degree and completed her residency training at Johns Hopkins University of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland. She then completed two fellowships at the Medical University of South Carolina in Pediatric Cardiology and Pediatric Electrophysiology.

She is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics in Pediatric Cardiology.

Dr. Gajewski joined Children's Hospital New Orleans in late 2009. Her clinical interests include arrhythmia and pacemaker management, syncope, and channelopathies.

Dr. Gajewski chose to practice Pediatric Cardiology and Electrophysiology because her background in engineering stimulated a love for solving problems with the structure and function of the human heart.

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

1. Understand the signs and symptoms of long COVID and its similarities to ME/CFS
2. Identify populations at increased risk for long COVID symptoms
3. Describe the challenges of treatments for long COVID

**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*<sup>™</sup>. 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 3/23:**

<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>

Meeting ID: 923 1243 7678, Passcode: 235623

One tap mobile: +16465588656 or +13017158592

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

## LSUHSC Research Café

Mark your calendar for Research Café opportunities at LSUHSC this fall! You can find more information on the series and past meeting recordings [here](#).

All meetings will be held in person and via [Zoom](#).

### **Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 12:00pm - 1:00pm, Biosketch, Budget and Budget Justification Workshop**

Lion's Building - 6th Floor - Large Lecture Room or via [Zoom](#).

This workshop will provide participants with guidelines on how to write biosketches for NIH, NSF, and other funding agencies, create a budget, and a budget justification. Facilitating the collaboration between participants, their departmental business manager, and the Office of Research Services will be discussed.

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**Wednesday, June 8, 2022** - The 23rd Annual Harvard Nutrition Obesity Research Symposium: The Neurobiology of Eating Behavior in Obesity: Mechanisms and Therapeutic Targets. The Keynote talk will be given by Dr. Sadaf Farooqi of the University of Cambridge, who will be joined by many other accomplished researchers in the field. You can [register here](#) and/or visit our [event webpage](#) to learn more.

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**Wednesday, June 8, 2022 - Annual LSU Quality Improvement/Patient Safety Forum** - a venue for residents, fellows, and students to highlight Quality Improvement/Patient Safety work that is being done at all LSUHSC clinical training sites. *Please consider submitting your or your team's QI/PS work for participation in this event.* The 2022 submission for is electronic and is available [here](#). The **deadline to submit is April 11, 2022**. If there are any questions, please reach out to [equip@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:equip@lsuhsc.edu).

## Department Wellness



LSU Wellness Krewe's *Self Care for Health Care Lecture Series*

## Mindfulness in Wellness and Illness



Jayashree Rao, MD  
Pediatric Endocrinologist (Retired) LSU-  
HSC

The session is an introduction to a course that teaches concepts and skills to help individuals

- Cope with the stress, pain, and challenges of everyday life
- Deal with disturbing events with grace and composure
- Be present and alive in the here and now

The one hour session includes information about mindfulness, guided meditation, and how to remain present

*Virtual Seminar*  
**12:00pm**  
**Thursday, April 21st, 2022**

**Zoom ID: 95740019862**

**Scan the QR code below to register!**



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

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

## Other Announcements

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

Please review Dr. Christian Winters' updated campus guidelines which include information about returning to campus, masking, and travel. ([information](#))

### **Faculty Promotions**

- Faculty interested in learning more about academic promotion, please try to attend one of the school's presentations on this topic in March of April 2022. More details can be found [here](#).

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

## **Department Anniversaries**

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

Sheri Russell, 8 years  
Kurt Piggott, 5 years

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Looking for old newsletters?  
View the *Tuesday Tidbits* archive on the department's website. ([link](#))

Submit information to the next Tuesday Tidbits

