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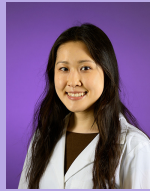
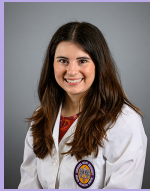
The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication

A Letter of Commendation and Gratitude for Exceptional Care

Dean DiCarlo received a heartfelt letter of appreciation from an alumnus of the LSU School of Medicine and former Internal Medicine resident on the outstanding care provided to a family member in recent weeks. The letter notes “We are deeply grateful for the generosity, attentiveness, and highly specialized care received, and you should be proud that your team brings the institution’s ‘Patient Centered, Health Focused’ vision to life daily.” The following faculty were called out for their provision of incredible care.

Dr. Milena Vukelic (Rheumatology), Dr. Shane Guillory (Hospital Medicine), Dr. Griffin (Hospital Medicine), Dr. Kyle Happel (Pulmonary/Critical Care), Dr. Steve Kantrow (Pulmonary/Critical Care). Our Rheumatology fellows, Dr. Ibrahim Waleed Hameed Al-Saadi and Dr. Alex Cloutet, Internal Medicine resident, Dr. Charissa Tan and fourth year medical student, Emily Purser.

Thank you for continuing to provide incredible care to our patients.



Publications

Dr. Shelby MacRae (Pulmonary/Critical Care) recently published two papers in Chest, a highly prestigious, peer-reviewed medical journal that serves as the official publication of the American College of Chest Physicians. The first study outlines a practical framework to adapt guideline-concordant care for bronchiectasis and nontuberculous mycobacterial pulmonary disease within under-resourced safety-net health systems by optimizing diagnostic pathways, clinician co-management models, resource-aligned therapies, and culturally responsive patient education. The second is an electronic health record study indicates that the age-adjusted prevalence of non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis in the United States rose by 133% between 2015 and 2025, disproportionately affecting older, female, white, and Medicare-insured individuals.



1. Delivering Bronchiectasis and NTM Care in Safety-Net Health Systems: A Practical Framework for Implementation

*MacRae S, Swenson C, Flowers RC, Hurtado RM, Maselli DJ, Domaradzki L, Millero J, Basavaraj A, Zha BS. Chest. 2026 Sep 19:S0012-3692(26)06669-9. doi: 10.1016/j.chest.2026.09.012. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 42762987

2. Non-Cystic Fibrosis Bronchiectasis in the United States: Prevalence Trends in a Large Electronic Health Record Population, 2015-2025

Jung F, *MacRae S. Chest. 2026 Sep 19:S0012-3692(26)06671-7. doi: 10.1016/j.chest.2026.09.014. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 42762985

Presentations

Dr. Ben Springgate (Community and Population Medicine / Center for Healthcare Value and Effectiveness) was invited to present to the Tulane Division of General Internal Medicine on September 17 regarding new Medicaid Work Requirements which will take effect January 1, 2027. Estimates indicate that more than 200,000 Louisiana Medicaid members may be affected by the new work and community engagement requirements.

