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The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication



Dr. Arieán Loo-Hernández (PM&R) was recently named the Touro Hospital 2025 Resident of the Year.



Dr. Charles Woodall (IM Resident) was recently awarded a VA Health Professions Trainee of the Year, Academic Year 2024-2025 after being nominated by the VA palliative care team.

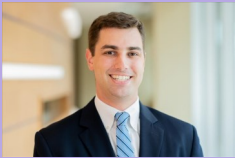
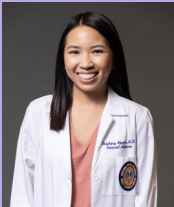


Congratulations to the following residents, fellows, and faculty who have been selected for membership into the Louisiana Beta Chapter of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society:



Residents and Fellows:

- Lara Boudreaux, MD – Gastroenterology
- Joshua DeBlieux, MD – Emergency Medicine
- Courtney LaChute, MD – Internal Medicine
- Ryan Leonard, MD – Internal Medicine
- Humza Malik, MD – Internal Medicine
- Stephany Nguyen, MD – Internal Medicine
- Parker Yount, MD – Internal Medicine



Faculty:

- Taniya De Silva, MD – Endocrinology
- Catherine Hudson, MD – Gastroenterology
- Dexter Matrana, DO – Internal Medicine



Dr. Kasha Bornstein (IM/EM Resident) and Dr. David Rayburn (Emergency Medicine) recently published a paper in *Prehospital Emergency Care* titled “Emergency Medical Services Utilization of Medication for Opioid Use Disorder: A Narrative Review of the Literature and Analysis of Prehospital Buprenorphine Protocols”.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10903127.2025.2486292>



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Dr. Michaela Banks (EM Resident) and Dr. Heather Murphy-Lavoie (Emergency Medicine) recently published a “Case Report: A Unique Role for Bedside Ultrasound in a Patient with Progressive Unilateral Leg Swelling”. This case of unexplained, worsening pain and swelling in a bounceback patient was solved with bedside ultrasound and a thorough history that revealed social determinant red flags.

<https://www.emra.org/emresident/article/kaposi-sarcoma>



Dr. Asad Mussarat (IM Resident), Dr. Sepehr Sadeghi (IM Resident), Dr. Monica Hanzo (Cardiology Fellow) and Dr. Neeraj Jain (Cardiology) recently presented their poster on an unusual cause of cardiogenic shock at the annual meetings of the American College of Cardiology in Chicago.

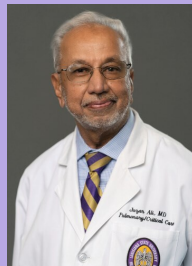


Dr Fred A. Lopez (Infectious Disease) was recently invited to be a member of the American College of Physicians’ Confirmation of Relevant Education (CORE) Standard-Setting Committee. CORE is a new MKSAP enhancement that provides physicians with additional multiple-choice questions that are highly relevant to their practice and by which they can demonstrate knowledge proficiency and commitment to longitudinal learning. ACP MKSAP learners can unlock the CORE quizzes for a specialty after answering ACP MKSAP questions and meeting progress and proficiency thresholds. If learners meet the passing threshold for a CORE quiz, they will receive a CORE badge confirming their achievement, and after earning the designated number of badges, they can earn and print a CORE certificate for inclusion in their professional portfolio.

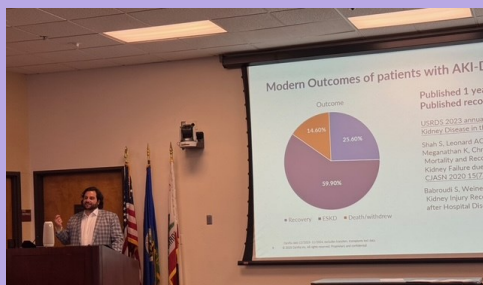


Dr. Juzar Ali (Pulmonary/Critical Care) was recently interviewed by TouchRESPIRATORY, a UK based organization and publication. In this interview, Dr. Ali, a leading expert in respiratory medicine, reflects on his distinguished career specializing in tuberculosis (TB), non-tuberculous mycobacterial disease (NTM) and bronchiectasis.

<https://touchrespiratory.com/insight/reflecting-on-a-legacy-in-respiratory-medicine-professor-juzar-ali/>



Dr. Mihran Nalajayan (Nephrology) was invited to give renal grand rounds at UCLA Harbor hospital in Torrance, California. His talk was titled “Outpatient management of patients with AKI-D on hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis”



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The LSU Department of Medicine was very well represented at the recent American College of Physicians meetings in New Orleans. Dr. Angela McLean (Comprehensive Medicine) served as the Host Governor. Dr. Cathy Lazarus and Dr. Lee Engel were elected to Mastership of the ACP.



LSU Health Sciences Center was well-represented at the recent national/international annual meeting of the American College of Physicians in New Orleans, LA.

Department of Medicine LSU faculty members presenting at the meeting included:

Cynthia Brown	Pre-course	ACP Rapid Board Review 2025	Tues, April 1 Wed, April 2
Fred Lopez	Pre-course	ACP Rapid Board Review	Tues, April 1 Wed, April 2
Fred Lopez	Annual Session	Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind: Infectious Diseases	Thurs, April 3
Neeraj Jain	Pre-course	ACP Rapid Board Review 2025	Wed, April 2
Rajesh Mohandas	Pre-course	ACP Rapid Board Review 2025	Wed, April 2
Daniel Raines	Pre-course	ACP Rapid Board Review 2025	Wed, April 2
Taniya De Silva	Pre-course	ACP Rapid Board Review 2025	Tues, April 1
Victoria Burke	Annual Session	Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind: Infectious Diseases	Thurs, April 3
Amita Krishnan	Pre-course	ACP Rapid Board Review 2025	Wed, April 2

