

DOM NEWS BLAST

The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication

Dr. Brooks Robey (Nephrology) was named an *Excellent Reviewer* by the *Annals of Internal Medicine Clinical Cases* journal.



Dr. Paul Harch (Hyperbarics/Emergency Medicine) was recently named a 2025 Highly Ranked Scholar – Lifetime in the specialty of Oxygen Therapy by ScholargPS for scholarly work in the top 0.05% of scholars in the specialty worldwide.

Dr. Cynthia J. Brown was part of the team who published two papers in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*.

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CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

Identifying Barriers and Motivators to Increase Surgical Clinical Trial Participation for Older Veterans

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Learning How Preoperative Communication Relates to Postoperative Experiences for Older Veterans Having Inguinal Hernia Surgery

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Dr. Catherine Loehr (IM Resident) and Dr. Nisha Loganathanharaj (Gastroenterology) published a research paper in the *Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology* in 2025, which received a lot of great feedback from the GI community and stimulated discussion and new insights among GI peers. In recognition, Drs. Loehr and Loganathanharaj were selected to be Outstanding Authors by the journal and were interviewed about their work.

Interview: <https://jgo.amegroups.org/post/view/interviews-with-outstanding-authors-2025>

Great job!



Dr. Vanessa de la Cruz and Dr. Ben Springgate (Community and Population Medicine) were highlighted in New Orleans City Business on January 12 for their work in the LSU Health Integrated Health Clinic, the state's and region's busiest academic center focused specifically on patients with opioid use disorder. The article also highlights LSU Department of Medicine's leadership in the newly awarded national American Hospital Association / CDC learning collaborative grant to UMC on improving care transitions for opioid use disorder - with a leadership team including Drs. Ben Springgate, Seth Vignes (Hospital Medicine), Jeff Elder (Emergency Medicine), Patrick Greiffenstein (Surgery), Anjali Niyogi (Tulane), and Amy Pruijm (LCMC). Congratulations!

<https://neworleanscitybusiness.com/blog/2026/01/12/lsu-health-clinic-national-grant/>

