

DOM NEWS BLAST

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Dr. Jorge Martinez (Hospital Medicine & Emergency Medicine) was recently honored at the White Coat ceremony for the new interns. The intern white coat ceremony has been renamed the Dr. Jorge Martinez White Coat Ceremony and Dr. Martinez gave the first annual lecture about the history and power of the white coat.

Congratulations, Dr. Martinez!



The Internal Medicine Residency Program Intern Class of 2025 – Welcome!



Graduating Classes of 2025

Internal Medicine Residency Program – New Orleans



LSU New Orleans Outgoing Chief Residents – Dr. Michael Millet and Dr. Jessica Bordes



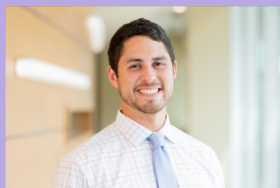
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Internal Medicine Residency Program – Baton Rouge



Chief Resident Award: Dr. Carlie Falgout, Baton Rouge



Resident Teaching Award: Dr. Jacob Nelson, Baton Rouge

Internal Medicine Residency Program – Lafayette

LSU-Lafayette held graduation for 11 residents on June 13, 2025 at City Club in River Ranch. Pictured left to right. Top Row Yazan Alqara, M.D.; Jason Simon, M.D.; Manpreet Singh, D.O.; Anthony Yeh, D.O.; Michael Nguyen, M.D.; Andrew Carbajal, M.D.; and Kyle Stroda, D.O. Bottom Row: Nadjel Opamen, M.D.; Erica Jones, M.D.; Suzanne Cooper, M.D.; and Mekha Mathew, D.O.



Award Winners – Lafayette

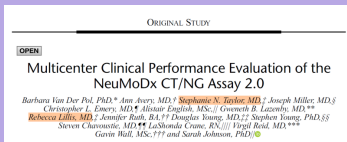
Resident of the Year: Amit Rajkarnikar, M.D. (PGY 2); Summit Award: Michael Nguyen, M.D. And Intern of the Year: Katherine Blaise, M.D.



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Dr. Judd Shellito and Dr. Ben deBoisblanc (Pulmonary/Critical Care) were recently celebrated at a very well attended retirement party. The evening was filled with good food, laughter and lots of wonderful (and funny) stories. We are delighted that both of these esteemed physicians will continue to be engaged with the Pulmonary/Critical Care fellowship and section.



Dr. Stephanie Taylor and Dr. Rebecca Lillis (Infectious Diseases) recently published in the journal *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*.

Sex Transm Dis. 2025 Jul1;52(7):422 – 427. PMID: 39629837



Dr. Cynthia J. Brown and colleagues from Copenhagen, Denmark recently published an evaluation of the Acute Care Mobility Assessment, a tool developed and tested by Dr. Brown to assess mobility in the hospitalized older adult.