

# DOM NEWS BLAST

## The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication

Dr. Najy Masri (Hospital Medicine) recently announced the largest incoming hospitalist track class since the inception of the program in 2011. Congratulations to the following residents on their acceptance into the track.

- Dr. Maria Rodriguez - EM-IM third-year resident
- Dr. Mary Katherine Moore - IM second-year resident
- Dr. Dan Ta - IM-Peds second-year resident
- Dr. Anna Bushnell - IM first-year resident
- Dr. Emma Cole - IM first-year resident
- Dr. Mary Landry - IM first-year resident
- Dr. Brendan Tate - IM first-year resident
- Dr. Emily Villafarra - IM first-year resident
- Dr. Nathaniel Williams - IM-Peds medicine first-year resident
- Dr. Lauren Ziegenbein - IM-Peds medicine first-year resident



Dr. Zee Ali (Cardiology) recently presented at the Cardiology Research Technologies (CRT) Meeting in Washington DC a talk entitled "Less Metal, More Medicine - Role of Drug Coated Balloons in Coronary Disease"

Dr. Milena Vukelic (Rheumatology) will serve as project lead for LSU as we join the International Lupus Research Network. Congratulations!



Dr. Catherine Hudson (Gastroenterology) has been appointed as the new President of the Louisiana Gastroenterology Society (LGS). The LGS was founded in 2002 by Dr. David Raines, Dr. Luis Balart, and Dr. Elwyn Lyles to advance the scientific study and medical practice of gastroenterology in Louisiana while also serving as an organizational force for professional engagement. This organization has promoted collaboration between academic centers and practicing physicians across the state. In her new role, Dr. Hudson will lead the LGS in advancing medical education and patient care across our state.

Dr. Fred Lopez (Infectious Diseases) was recently interviewed about respiratory illness after Mardi Gras. You can watch it here:

<https://www.fox8live.com/2026/02/27/thousands-louisiana-visited-emergency-rooms-flu-respiratory-illnesses-after-mardi-gras/>



Dr. Farhan Mohiuddin (IM Resident) was named the winner of the research poster session at the American College of Gastroenterology Regional Post-graduate Course in New Orleans.

Dr. Griffin, Dr. Shane Guillory (Hospital Medicine), Dr. Mary Moore (IM Resident), Dr. Alex Lapointe (Med-Peds Resident), and Dr. Hannah Zulli (IM Resident) recently collaborated on this peer-reviewed case report published in *Journal of Brown Hospital Medicine*. Way to go, Team!

