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LSUHSC - New Orleans - Internal Medicine Residency Newsletter

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WE'RE SO SUPER PROUD OF OUR GRADS!

On June 16, 2025, we were lucky to have the opportunity to celebrate our outgoing residents at Audubon Tea Room. This class's paths will lead them to fellowships, hospitalist and primary care positions. We can not wait to see all the incredible things they will do in the future. Check out their next plans on page 2!



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2025-2026 Leadership

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2025 GRADUATING CLASS

Categoricals

- Allen Byl, DO
 - Infectious Disease Fellowship, LSUHSC, NOLA
- Brian Coe, MD
 - Infectious Disease Fellowship, LSUHSC, NOLA
- Allison Derise, MD
 - Gastroenterology Fellowship, LSUHSC, Shreveport, LA
- Blane Edwards, MD
 - Infectious Disease Fellowship, LSUHSC, NOLA
- Angus Harper, MD
 - Hospitalist, Baton Rouge, LA
- Edward Leonard, MD
 - 2025-2026 Internal Medicine Chief Resident, LSUHSC, NOLA
- Michelle Livitz, DO
 - Hospitalist, Denver, CO
- Humza Malik, MD
 - Cardiology Fellowship, Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, TX
- Victoria McCray, MD
 - 2025-2026 Internal Medicine Chief Resident, LSUHSC, NOLA
- Sidney Mejia, MD
 - Hematology/Oncology Fellowship, LSUHSC, NOLA
- Michael Olejniczak, MD
 - Pulmonary/Critical Care Fellowship, LSUHSC, NOLA
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 - Hospitalist
- Thong Tran, MD
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- Evan Villemmez, MD
 - Hospitalist, Florida
- Austin Wheeler, MD
 - Gastroenterology Fellowship, LSUHSC, NOLA
- Chantal Wickman, MD
 - Primary Care Physician
- Charles Woodall, DO
 - Assistant Professor of Medicine, LSUHSC, NOLA
- Luke Yesbeck, DO
 - 2025-2026 Internal Medicine Chief Resident, LSUHSC, NOLA

Prelims

- Jeffery Anderson, MD
 - Diagnostic Radiology Residency, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, TN
- Whitney Sternfels, MD
 - Dermatology Residency, LSUHSC, NOLA
- Tamara Zaza, MD
 - Dermatology Residency, UT Southwestern, Dallas, TX



Chiefs

- Jessica Bordes, MD
 - Academic Hospitalist, Tulane University, NOLA
- Leandre Michael Millet, MD
 - Nephrology Fellowship, LSUHSC, NOLA

SPOTLIGHTS



Resident Spotlight - Dr. Stephany Nguyen

LSU IM Resident '23-'26

What is your favorite part of the LSU IM Residency program?

My co-residents for sure! The friendships I've built amongst my cohort definitely helped me get through the long days.

Favorite New Orleans Hidden Gem?

COOLinary is a special that occurs during August in which several restaurants offer curated menus at cheaper prices than usual. It's a great way to try various New Orleans restaurant staples without having to spend too much!

Alumni Spotlight - Dr. Alex Richard

LSU IM Resident '17-'19

Nephrologist - Ochsner Northshore Medical Center - Covington Campus

How has your training at LSU IM helped in your career?

I know I would not be where I am today without some truly inspirational attendings and physicians guiding both my professional development and, sometimes patiently, fine-tuning my practice of medicine. From my perspective, the LSU Internal Medicine program fostered a mindset of teaching residents "How to think" instead of "What to think" which encompassed ongoing lessons in not just the practice of medicine but life outside of work as well. I also met some wonderful colleagues along the way and I always look forward to the next time I get to run into a peer from those three short years.



Faculty Spotlight - Dr. Griffin

LSU School of Medicine - Section of Hospital Medicine

LSU EM/IM Resident '16-'20

What keeps you teaching at the LSU IM residency program?

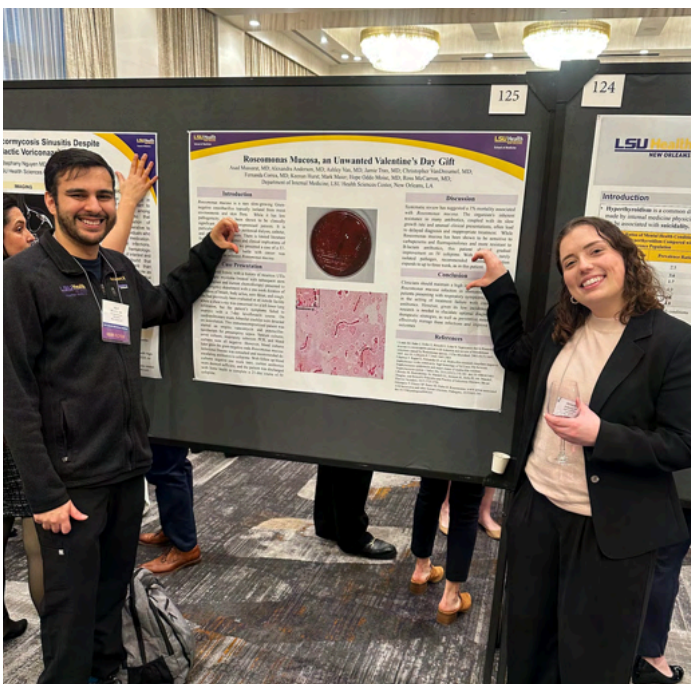
I came to LSU from NYC in 2015 because I wanted to train at a public safety net institution committed to the community and I had read about the centuries long legacy of Charity Hospital in New Orleans. I stay here because I've watched this program grow in the ten years I've been here and want to be part of that growth in the years to come to take better care of our New Orleans community.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION 2025

Many of our residents participated in poster/oral presentations at the 13th Annual Quality Improvement & Patient Safety Forum.



PGY 2 Sepehr Sadeghi, DO was selected to attend the American College of Physicians Leadership Day in Washington, D.C.



DONATE TO OUR ALUMNI FUND

Our residents are doing great work! Please consider sponsoring a resident by donating to our LSU Internal Medicine Residency Alumni Fund! Your tax-deductible donations will go toward paying for registration fees, travel, and accommodations for our residents to attend regional and national meetings to present their scholarly activity! Please donate on our **website** or email **mmodic@lsuhsc.edu** for more information.

Mike Modica, MD
Custodian, LSU IM Residency Alumni Fund
LSU IM Resident '14-'17

RESIDENT OUTINGS

Orientation was in full swing the last week of June. The incoming interns learned a lot.

A massive shout out goes to Hard Rock Cafe New Orleans for Donating an incredible lunch during one of their onboarding days! Check them out next time you're in the Quarter!



Dr. Kamboj likes a Matching Team on Service.



We LOVE the Annual Orientation Wellness Pool Party! We couldn't be more grateful for our amazing host, Dr. Hart!



Celebrating July 1 with all our new Interns at Ochsner Kenner!



RESIDENT AWARDS



2025 White Coat Ceremony



This year, at the Department of Medicine White Coat Ceremony, we honored current IM/EM Program Director and former IM Program Director Dr. Martinez by renaming the ceremony the

**Dr. Jorge A. Martinez
White Coat Ceremony**

Dr. Martinez has been a crucial part of our department for many years and we are so incredibly lucky to have the opportunity to learn from him every day.

Dr. Shane Guillory was the recipient of the prestigious Copping Teaching Award. This award recognizes faculty who are excellent teachers, have demonstrated a life-long quest for discovery, and inspire their students. Students nominate the recipient of this award.



OTHER RECOGNITIONS



2025

Resident Choice Awards

Internal Medicine Resident of the Year:

Dr. Charlie Woodall

Internal Medicine Interns of the Year:

Dr. Mary Katherine Moore

Dr. Kristen Williams

Preliminary Intern of the Year:

Dr. Whitney Sternfels

EM/IM Residents of the Year:

Dr. Matthew Johnson

Dr. Keyur Patel

Medicine/Pediatrics Resident of Year:

Dr. Chloe Spears

Medicine/Pediatrics Intern of the Year:

Dr. Dan Ta

Fellow of the Year:

Dr. Tammy Do, Nephrology Fellow

Clinic Faculty of the Year:

Dr. Dexter Matrana

Hospitalist Faculty of the Year:

Dr. Seth Vignes

Sub-Specialty Faculty of the Year:

Dr. Amita Krishnan, Pulmonary/Critical Care

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