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The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication

Dr. Rajesh Mohandas (Nephrology) recently published a study examining disparities in access to kidney transplantation, in collaboration with colleagues at the United Network for Organ Sharing or UNOS and Dr. Anil Paramesh from Tulane Transplant, in the *World Journal of Transplantation* titled “Impact of obesity and income on the likelihood of kidney transplantation: A retrospective cohort study.”



Mupfudze TG, Handarova DG, Noreen SMG, Schold JD, Paramesh A, **Mohandas R**. World J Transplant. 2026;16(3):120639. DOI: 10.5500/wjt.120639 | PMID: 42751251

Dr. Amelia Muhs (Pulmonary & Critical Care) recently published with the Pragmatic Critical Care Research Group this paper in the Annals of the American Thoracic Society. You can read it here:



Personalized Oxygen Saturation Targets Compared to the Oxygen Saturation Experienced in Care Among Mechanically Ventilated Adults

Seitz KP, Spicer AB, Buell KG, Wang L, Graham-Linck EJ, Lloyd BD, Gray KS, ***Muhs AL**, Talbot EM, Krasinski DJ, DeCoursey BR, DeMasi SC, Self WH, Rice TW, Casey JD, Churpek MM, Semler MW, Qian ET; Pragmatic Critical Care Research Group. Ann Am Thorac Soc. 2026 Sep 4:aaoag281. doi: 10.1093/annalsats/aaoag281. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 42696412

Dr Ben Springgate (Community & Population Medicine) and the LSU Health Center for Healthcare Value and Effectiveness (CHVE) has secured a new contract with Louisiana Department of Health totaling \$10,500,000 over the next three years (up to \$3.5M per year for each of the 2027/ 2028/ 2029 fiscal years). The funding is dedicated to

- a) improving Medicaid quality of care and payment design via health care policy;
- b) improving overall patient care and coordination through more effective leveraging and utilization of health care data provided by a wide variety of sources;
- c) supporting the efficient administration of Medicaid coverage through expertise and coordinated planning; and
- d) maintaining compliance with Federal laws and regulations by moving towards a more value-based payment system focused on quality outcomes and high value utilization.

