

DOM NEWS BLAST

The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication

Several DOM faculty were recently honored at a luncheon sponsored by the Chancellor for faculty and staff who have met 30 years of service to LSU Health New Orleans. Our honorees included:

Dr. Jennifer Hart (Comprehensive Medicine) (30 years)

Dr. Julio Figueroa (Infectious Diseases) (30 years)

Dr. David Borne (Comprehensive Medicine) (35 years)



AMA Funds LSU Standardized Patient Project




The LSU Health New Orleans SOM Standardized Patient Project led by Dr. Peter DeBlieux (Emergency Medicine) and Dr. Rachel Fiore partnered with UNO Department of Computer Science Associate Professor Ben Samuel and Loren Larsen, CEO of Videra Health an AI leader in patient communications, Dr. Seth Vignes (Hospital Medicine), Dr. Jordan Vaughn (Emergency Medicine) and our Trauma Informed Psychology experts Dr. Erika Rajo and Dr. Sandy Hyatt to propose an educational model utilizing AI generated patients and AI coaches to enhance student and resident communication skills. This proposal, titled Compassion in Motion: Training Tailored Communication Across the Clinical Continuum, has been selected for funding through the AMA ChangeMedEd® Transforming Lifelong Learning Through Precision Education Grant Program. The AMA received nearly 200 letters of intent and had 30 finalists covering a broad range of institutions, learners and projects.

Congratulations to the LSU Team!



Dr. Catherine Hudson (Gastroenterology) will be speaking at the American College of Gastroenterologist (ACG)'s Esophageal School in Williamsburg, Virginia on GLP1s. Dr. Hudson has been selected as the chair of the new Obesity and Metabolic Task Force for the American College of Gastroenterology and will be leading efforts to educate thousands of gastroenterologists across the country on issues related to obesity and weight loss treatments including GLP1s.



GLP-1 Agonists: What the Gastroenterologist Should Know

Catherine T. Hudson, MD, MPH

Identify the role of GLP-1 agonists for weight loss, their adverse effects, dietary changes during treatment, and management prior to endoscopy.

Dr. Fred A. Lopez (Stanford AB' 86; CRT' 95; MF'98; LSU MD'91) was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for the Stanford University Alumni Association (SAA).

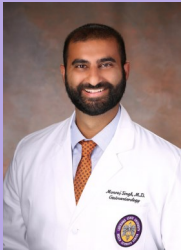


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Dr. Farhan Mohiuddin (IM Resident), Dr. Munraj Singh (GI Fellow), Dr. Nisha Logantharaj and Dr. Catherine Hudson (Gastroenterology) presented at the 2025 Louisiana Obesity Conference and were awarded the best poster award in the obesity section.

“Impact of GLP 1 Receptor Agonist-Induced Weight Loss on Adalimumab Trough Levels and Disease Remission in Perianal Crohn’s Disease”



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Commentary: A Community
Organizing Model for Advancing
CHW Workforce Sustainability

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Lisa Renee Holderby-Fox, CHW; Sara Elise Bristol, CHW, BA;
Ashley Wennerstrom, PhD, MPH

Dr. Ashley Wennerstrom (Community and Population Medicine) recently published in the *Journal of Ambulatory Care Management* a commentary on the vital role played by Community Health Workers in improving health outcomes, and the critical need for both funding and policy support to sustain this thriving workforce.



SHOUT OUT!!

Dr. Brandon Ozier (EM Resident) recently received the following shout out from Dr. Leslie Palmerlee. “I wanted to commend Dr Brandon Ozier for extremely professional behavior- he was very diligent and persistent getting his computer access set up well before his first shift. He is also operating at an above-intern level clinically in the ED.”

