

**June 3, 2025**



**School of Medicine**  
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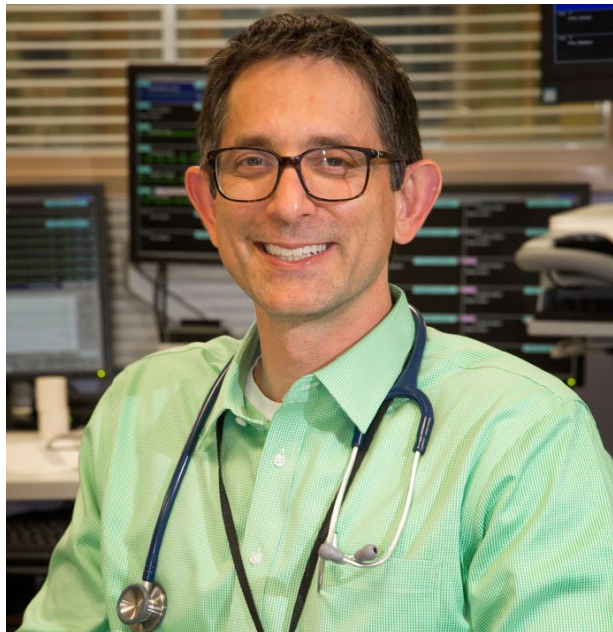
## **LSU Pediatrics Tuesday Tidbits**

Welcome to the Department of Pediatrics' weekly email blast designed to deliver important department information straight to your inbox.

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### **LSU Pediatrics Announcements**

#### **Welcome Dr. Plato "PJ" Alexander**



The Department of Pediatrics welcomes Dr. Plato John ("PJ") Alexander as Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics in the Division of Cardiac Intensive Care. He will also serve as the Associate Medical Director of Manning Family Children's Cardiac Intensive Care Unit. Dr. Alexander is a familiar face having worked on a per diem basis at Manning Family Children's since 2021. He received his medical degree from the University of Texas in Houston, completed his Pediatrics Residency at University of South Florida in Tampa where he also served as a fourth-year Chief Resident. Dr. Alexander

completed a Pediatric Critical Care fellowship at Duke University. He also holds a Master of Business Administration in Health Sector Management and Policy from the University of Miami. Dr. Alexander is the consummate gentleman and clinician who has extensive experience in pediatric cardiac and general critical care medicine having practiced in cardiac intensive care units in Miami, Orlando, and St. Petersburg, Florida. He is moving to NOLA from South Carolina where he was the Medical Director of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Summerville Medical Center. Please give Dr. Alexander a warm LSU Pediatrics welcome!

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## **Hanh Rimmer Selected to Serve on GME's Coordinator Advisory Group**



Congratulations to Pediatric Fellowship Program Administrator **Hanh Rimmer** for being chosen to serve on GME's Coordinator Advisory Group (CAG) for the 2025 – 2026 academic year. She was peer-nominated and chosen by the GME staff and outgoing CAG members. Hanh will serve a one-year membership with the group which was created to improve communication with the central GME staff, advocate for the program coordinators and programs, and improve GME processes. CAG is a voice for their peers and provides valuable information to the LSU institution regarding program functionality. Hanh will be joined by other 6 other Program Administrators, including **Vilma Cervantes**, Program Administrator for the Medicine/Pediatrics Residency Program. Congratulations to both Hanh and Vilma!

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# Resident vs. Faculty Quiz Bowl & Chief Resident Appreciation



Please join us to cheer on your team and to celebrate  
Karleigh and Mandy!

**Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm**

Manning Family Children's Conference Center  
(1<sup>st</sup> floor main hospital, across from Saxophone elevators)

Lunch will be provided.

Zoom option available:

Zoom Meeting ID: 236 809 7284

Password: Isupeds24

**Hosted by Shubho Sarkar**

**Resident Team:** Sarah Brewington, Baylee Bruton, Chandler Cissel,  
Eleanor Koonce-Oubre, Taylor Sanders, and Sneha Yadlapati

**Faculty Team:** Carrie Henderson, Zachary LeBlanc, Emily Masoumy,  
Shannon Palombo, and Kirk Thame

## **2024-2025 Resident Graduation: Annual Report & Award Announcements**

11:30am-12:00pm – lunch

12:00pm-1:00pm – report and ceremony

If you aren't able to be there in-person, please be sure to join the festivities  
using the zoom information below.

**Zoom option available:**

Meeting ID: 236 809 7284

Password: Isupeds24

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## Dr. Maria Velez Publishes Updated Pediatric Venous Thromboembolism Treatment Guidelines

The Division of Hematology/Oncology's Dr. Maria Velez, along with two of our former fellows Dr. Hope Wilson and Dr. Chital Raulji, were invited by the American Society of Hematology and the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis to participate in an international panel of experts to review and update practice guidelines for the treatment of venous thrombotic events (VTE) in pediatric patients. To review the updated guidelines please click [here](#).

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## QI Forum Results

Congratulations to several members of the Department of Pediatrics who were part of winning projects at LSUHSC's QI Forum last week.

Best Oral Presentation \$1,000 Travel Award:

*Standardizing Naloxone Co-Prescription to Promote Harm Reduction in Pediatric Sickle Cell Pain Management*

Nali Gillespie, MD, Morgan Viviano, MD, Alexis Brantley, MD, Leah Smith, DO, Ushma Bhandary, MD, Dana LeBlanc, MD, Molly Sonenklar, MD

Best Poster Presentations \$500 Travel Award:

*Increasing the Detection of Pediatric Oncology Patients at Risk for Malnutrition Using a Specialized Screening Tool*

Casey M. Treuting, MD, Cori A. Morrison, MD, Jourdan A. Mills, RD

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## LSU Department of Pediatrics Launches Inaugural Coaching Program



Dr. Jennifer Griggs, MD, MPH, Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Medicine and an accredited leadership coach launched our 1-year Faculty

Coaching Program. At the end of this program, faculty will demonstrate enhanced coaching capabilities for supporting medical trainees, advanced communication and leadership skills, practical tools for promoting wellbeing and professional development, strategies for building resilient medical education environments, and expertise in supporting career development and transitions.

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## **Pediatric Clerkship's New Global Evaluation**

The Pediatric Clerkship will be implementing a new global evaluation for LSU medical students during the 2025-2026 academic year. Pediatric specific faculty development will be provided to relevant divisions in June and July.

The LSU School of Medicine is holding an in-depth faculty development session on the new evaluation form as well. This session will occur June 19<sup>th</sup> from 12-1:15pm in the Lion's building and via zoom. All faculty who evaluate 3<sup>rd</sup> year medical students are encouraged to attend if able. Please see the flyer for additional details and registration information.





LSU School of Medicine Faculty Development Committee Presents

## Global Evaluations for Students



**Matthew Foy, MD**  
Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine  
Director of Undergraduate Medical Education  
LSU School of Medicine, Baton Rouge Campus

Understand the rationale and updates to the student clerkship global evaluation form and how it aligns with the revised student educational program objectives. Attendees of this session will discuss anticipated variations from previous evaluations and work through an example case.

**Wednesday, June 19**

**12:00 –1:15 pm**

**Lion's Building, 6th Floor**

Zoom Option Available

- Scan QR code to register.
- Registration Required.
- Register by June 18



**Accreditation:** The Louisiana State University School of Medicine, New Orleans is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

**AMA Credit Designation Statement:** The Louisiana State University School of Medicine, New Orleans designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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## Dr. Lolie Yu Retires After 40 Years at LSUHSC



**The hospital will hold a reception to celebrate her career.  
Please join us to thank Dr. Yu in person.  
Tuesday, June 24, 2025  
2:00pm - 4:00pm  
Large Hospital Conference Room**

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## **Cast Your Vote for Faculty Assembly Delegates**

Please cast your vote for Faculty Assembly Delegates (to serve 2025-2028) using the following link.

<https://forms.office.com/r/eEMWv1vMzz>

Votes will be collected until Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:45pm. Delegates will be elected by a simple and serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2025. We are asking that you vote for as many as four (4) Basic Science Delegates and as many as eight (8) Clinical Science Delegates from the list of eligible nominees.

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## **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT**

*New video monthly*

For questions or comments regarding Faculty Development, please contact [Amy Creel](#).

### **June Video: "What is Difficult about Feedback?"**

Feedback is crucial for our learners. This video (6 minutes) from the University of Michigan directly addresses challenges to Giving Feedback - time, feeling it's subjective, worries about rapport, negative reviews from learners - and provides some concrete ways to overcome these barriers.

<https://www.coursera.org/lecture/clinical-skills/01-03-what-is-difficult-about-feedback-Q32ML>

# Manning Family Children's Announcements

## Grand Rounds

### Hybrid Pediatric Grand Rounds



Manning Family  
Children's  
LCMC Health

## Vaping: The Risks, The EVALI Epidemic, and You, the Pediatrician

Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Hospital Large Conference Rooms, Noon

You may join Pediatric Grand Rounds from your computer, tablet, or smartphone:

Zoom link: <https://lsuhsc.zoom.us/j/92702233054>

Meeting ID: 927 0223 3054

When you exit the Zoom meeting, you will be prompted to complete a short form to provide your name and email address. By completing the form your attendance will be counted. Thank you for your cooperation.



David Swetland, MD, MEd, is board-certified in Pediatrics and Pediatric Pulmonology. Dr. Swetland earned his medical degree from LSUHSC New Orleans. He completed his Pediatric residency training also at LSUHSCNO, and, following a year as Chief Resident, furthered his training with a fellowship in pediatric pulmonology and Master of Education degree at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in Ohio. Dr. Swetland returned to New Orleans in 2021 as Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Tulane University School of Medicine. He serves as the Medical Director of the Ventilator Assisted Care Program at Manning Family Children's and is the Pediatric Program Associate Director at the Tulane University Cystic Fibrosis Center.

Objectives: At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Describe the risks associated with e-cigarette or vaping usage, not just limited to E-cigarette or Vaping Use-Associated Lung Injury (EVALI), to the pediatric Population
- Identify the cause of, public health response to, and clinical response to the 2019 EVALI epidemic
- Explain actions you can take as a pediatrician to prevent and treat tobacco and nicotine use among adolescents

Intended audience: This activity is specifically directed towards the pediatric provider, but it is open to all interested physicians, residents, medical students, nursing, and allied health professionals.

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Designation Manning Family Children's designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

CNE statement: LCMC Health Nursing Education Committee is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by Louisiana State Nurses Association - Approver, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. LSNA Provider No. 4002636

ADA Statement: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special accommodations are needed, please notify Denise Graham at 504-896-9431.



## Department Wellness

CHNOLA's childcare center open for children of providers/staff working at



## Other Announcements

### **Latest Edition of The Pulse** ([link](#))

#### **Resident Education**

- Resident Participation in Research ([information](#)) - complete a shared spreadsheet with a brief description of the project you are looking for collaboration or assistance with.

#### **Department Biostatistician**

- Department Biostatistician, Dr. Zhide Fang, is available to provide biostatistical support to faculty, fellows, and residents. Please see below for revised scheduling procedures:
  1. Email Zhide Fang at [zfang@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:zfang@lsuhsc.edu)
  2. Provide brief explanation of the service you need and, if applicable, times you are able to meet
  3. Dr. Fang may request additional information depending on the nature of your request
  4. Asking simple, direct questions through email is welcome at any time, but appointments are preferred

#### **Administrative Reminders**

- Importance of Time Certification ([information](#)) - learn more about why we certify time each month!
- Use of Non-LSUHSC Email ([information](#))
- Download the Department Composites for the 2024-2025 academic year! ([Resident](#), [Fellow](#), [Faculty](#), and [Admin Staff](#)).
- The Tulane Resident Composite for the 2024-2025 school year is available [here](#). Faculty members who would like a laminated copy can contact Tulane's Chief Residents, [Taylor Katt](#) and [Genesis Ricard](#).
- LSU travel policy and procedures ([information](#))
- Download the new Clinical [Handbook](#) and Pediatric Clerkship [Objectives](#) for Faculty, Residents, and Fellows.
- Grant Support is available through an LSU/Hanover [collaboration](#) - more information is available [here](#).
- [LSUHSC Library Research Resources](#)
- [EQUIP project proposal form](#)

## Department Anniversaries

Regina Zambrano, 13 years  
Elizabeth Alonso, 11 years  
Shubho Sarkar, 8 years  
Rebecca Calix, 3 years  
Kimiyo Harris-Williams, 2 years  
Michele Hallinan, 1 year

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