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School of Medicine  
Department of Pediatrics

## LSU Pediatrics Tuesday Tidbits

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### LSU Pediatrics Announcements

#### Recent Scholarly Activity



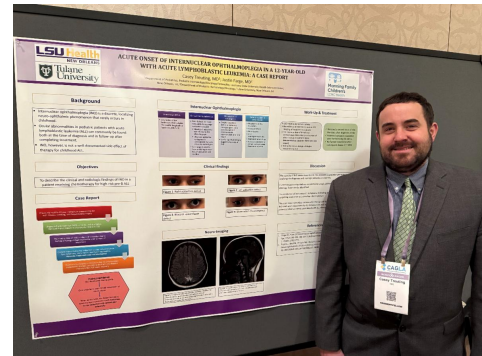
Congratulations to our Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Fellows who presented at the Cancer Advocacy Group of Louisiana meeting this past week.

Dr. Heather Valdin gave an oral presentation on modern techniques for managing complex pediatric leukemia. Drs. Valdin, Casey Treuting, Anna Simon, and Caitlin Sullivan also present posters on their research projects.

Additionally, several LSU pediatric residents presented posters at CAGLA as well Drs. Nali Gillespie, Alexis Brantley, Morgan Viviano, and Leah Smith.

Finally, Drs. Gillespie and Sullivan presented additional work they have done focused on adult oncology.

We are proud of all of our fellows and residents for the continued academic success!



## GABS Clinic Designated a Clinic of Excellence

We are honored to announce that the GABS Clinic (Girls and Adolescents with Blood and Sickle Cell Disorders) has been designated a Clinic of Excellence by the Foundation for Women and Girls with Blood Disorders (FWGBD).

This prestigious recognition marks a significant milestone in our mission to advance the care of girls and adolescents with blood disorders. It reinforces our commitment to excellence and strengthens our clinic's identity as a leader in this specialized care. We are grateful to Drs. Dana LeBlanc and Maria Velez for their contributions to this important endeavor!



Our clinic, located here at the Manning Family Children's Hospital, is the only one of its kind in Louisiana. Alongside Texas Children's Hospital and Children's Medical Center in Dallas, we are proud to be recognized among the top three clinics in our Hemophilia Treatment Centers (HTC) region. Our achievements will be highlighted at the upcoming HTC regional meeting in Kansas City. We extend our deepest gratitude for your continued support in making this achievement possible. Thank you!

## Interested in Promotion?

**The process for faculty interested in academic promotion for the upcoming cycle (effective July 2026) is underway. The Dean's Office has requested that all faculty who intend to seek promotion this cycle declare their intent soon. Please inform Dr. Brian Barkemeyer, Pediatric Promotions Committee Chair, at [bbanke@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:bbanke@lsuhsc.edu) of your intentions by April 7, 2025.**

Typically, most faculty have been in their current rank for at least 6 to 7 years by the time of their promotion effective date (i.e., in current rank at least since 2019-20 for those intending to seek promotion this cycle). Rarely, a candidate's accomplishments may allow for promotion on a shorter interval. Please be on the lookout for promotion workshops from the Dean's Office in the near

future. The promotions process requires timely adherence to promotion guidelines and packet preparation. Packet preparation requires time and involves extensive administrative support from Kelly Allerton.

**Current promotion information** can be found on the LSUHSC School of Medicine faculty affairs website at [https://www.medschool.lsuhschool.edu/faculty\\_affairs/promotions\\_and\\_tenure.aspx](https://www.medschool.lsuhschool.edu/faculty_affairs/promotions_and_tenure.aspx)

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## LSU at Hogs for the Cause

Hogs for the Cause is this weekend! Neonatology's Julie Gallois and Jessica Patrick Esteve are part of Team Swineaux. They will be in lot A21 close to Stage 2. Please plan to stop by to say hi and grab some delicious food. They will also have raffles for several different items.

[Hogs For The Cause - Food, Music, Charity | 4/4 & 4/5, NOLA - Hogs for the Cause | New Orleans, LA](#)

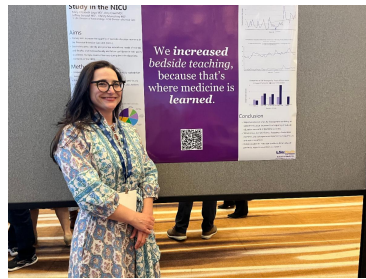
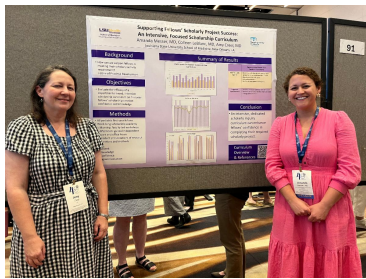
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## LSU Peds at APPD



LSU Peds was well represented at last week's APPD conference in Atlanta! Drs. Amy Creel and Amanda Messer presented "Innovations in Fellowship Scholarship: Promoting Fellow Success and Faculty Academic Advancement for Careers in Modern Medicine" along with colleagues from Stanford. Additionally, Drs. Amy Creel, Amanda Messer, Mary Lago, Bonnie Desselle, Mary Johnson, Karleigh Barkemeyer, and Christy Mumphrey presented posters.





## Articulate Subscription

Are you looking for alternatives for teaching your learners?

The LSU Divisions of Neonatology, Allergy/Immunology, and Hospital Medicine subscribe to an online learning platform to help augment education called Articulate360.

Here is [one example](#) of how the NICU uses it to orient their learners.

If you are interested and would like to learn more, contact [Christy Mumphrey](#).

# New EQUIP Project Form

There is a new electronic [EQUIP project proposal form](#). The new project proposal form will help streamline project proposals and help automate things on the review side.

The LSU GME EQUIP office oversees Quality Improvement projects. Faculty and trainees must submit a form for EQUIP review before starting any project. Approval is required before beginning, and projects focus on improving care or services at LSUHSC-NO and related institutions.

All Pediatrics faculty and trainees are also welcome to email [Shannon Palombo](#) for project coaching assistance.

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## LA CaTS Professional Development Core Spring Retreat

The LA CaTS Professional Development Core Spring Retreat is hosting a plenary talk on “Individualizing Diabetes Treatment Goals in Older Adults - The Role of A1c Stability” by Dr. Paul Conlin from the Harvard Clinical & Translational Science Center.

The event will be held at University Medical Center on **Friday, April 4, 2025, from 12:00PM-1:00 PM**. A light lunch will be provided preceding the talk.

There is an option to attend virtually for those who cannot attend in person. CME credit is also available for individuals attending the talk.

The event is free and open to the entire New Orleans academic community and LA CaTS partner institutions. Please use this [link](#) to register for the event.

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## Assistant Pediatric Clerkship Director Position

We are excited to announce that we are recruiting a new Assistant Pediatric Clerkship Director. Please see the [attached document](#) with the description of the role and responsibilities for the position. The role is a great opportunity for anyone interested in being more involved in medical student education and medical education leadership.

We invite you to apply for the position. If interested, please email Callie Roth, the Pediatric Clerkship Director, [croth1@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:croth1@lsuhsc.edu) the following information:

- CV
- Brief statement of interest

Applications will be accepted through April 7th.

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## April Video: Communication

Good communication skills are crucial to quality healthcare. Whether during rounds, in clinic or via Telemedicine we can all teach our learners about clear, compassionate communication. Let's focus on our communication skills during the month of April. This quick video (under three minute) is a great reminder of how important these skills are and gives tips for continual quality improvement.

<https://youtu.be/aeSIJPLFk8Q>

Please send any suggestions or areas of faculty development need to [acree1@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:acree1@lsuhsc.edu).

If you are interested in other forms of Faculty Development, visit these websites:

- [LSU Pediatrics Faculty Development Page](#)
- [LSUHSC GME Medical Education Development Site](#)
- [LSUHSC Faculty Development and Evaluation Committee's Tiger Bites Series](#)
- [ACGME LEARN](#)

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

## CHNOLA Announcements

### Grand Rounds



# Hybrid Pediatric Grand Rounds



Manning Family  
Children's  
LCMC Health

## Addressing Substance Use Disorder in the Primary Care Setting

Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</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.



**Margaret Shang, MD, MS**, is board-certified in Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, and Addiction Medicine. Dr. Shang received her medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago and completed her Internal Medicine-Pediatrics residency and Addiction Medicine fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She also earned a masters of science in Medical Education from the University of Pittsburgh Institute for Clinical Research Education.

Dr. Shang currently serves as Assistant Professor in the divisions of Internal Medicine and Academic Pediatrics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Her research interests are in adolescent substance use disorder treatment and care pathways, harm reduction integration in clinical settings, novel adulterants in the drug supply, and medical education.

Dr. Shang's visit is made possible by the Tulane University Med/Peds [BAYOU Bridges program](#).

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

1. Discuss adolescent substance use rates and trends over the years
2. Explain the biopsychosocial factors associated with adolescent substance use
3. Interpret validated adolescent substance use screening results and diagnosis substance use disorders
4. Describe issues related to confidentiality and consent related to substance use
5. Understand treatment options for adolescents including pharmacologic treatments

**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.

**Accreditation** Manning Family Children's is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

**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.



Need more information regarding the recent Epic upgrades? Here are some helpful guides on the recent changes: [Ambulatory](#), [Beacon](#), [ED](#), [Inpatient](#), [POTC Lactate and Blood Gas Ordering](#)

## Department Wellness

CHNOLA's childcare center open for children of providers/staff working at Children's Hospital ([flyer](#))

LSU Pediatrics Wellness Resources ([information](#))

## 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](#)

## Department Anniversaries

Pinki Prasad, 14 years  
Bonnie Schiffman Brignac, 6 years  
Charles Hemenway, 3 years  
Taylor Rogge, 3 years

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