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School of Medicine
Department of Pediatrics

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

Recent Scholarly Activity



Pediatric Gastroenterology's Drs. Colleen LeBlanc and Elizabeth McDonough recently had a paper published with former LSUHSC fellow, Dr. Nicole Zeky and Department Chair, Dr. Dedrick Moulton. Congratulations, Drs. LeBlanc, McDonough, and Moulton! You can use your LSU account to read the article [here](#).

Zeky N, LeBlanc C, Yang S, McDonough E, Dhaliwal J, Moulton D. Food access and the severity of newly diagnosed pediatric inflammatory bowel disease. *J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr.* 2025 Apr;80(4):664-672. doi: 10.1002/jpn3.12463. Epub 2025 Jan 21. PMID: 39835641.

Annual LSU QI Forum Submission Deadline Extended

The Annual LSU QI Forum submission deadline has been extended to **Monday, April 21st**. For more information, you can visit lsuh.sc/ms-qiforum.

[CLICK HERE](#) to submit an abstract

Wellness Week Events

LSU Department of Pediatrics Wellness Week

Scheduled Events:

Tuesday, April 22:

- 11:00am - 2:00pm, Large Hospital Conference Room
Heal the Healer Event
 - Massage, Aromatherapy, BioMat, Healing Touch, Acupuncture, and more!

Wednesday, April 23:

- 8:15am - 9:00am, Large Hospital Conference Room
Morning Report with LSU and Tulane Pediatric Residents:
"How to Build Wealth as a Pediatrician," Dr. Katrina Skinner
Breakfast will be provided.
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm, Large Hospital Conference Room
Pediatrics Grand Rounds: "Success by Intention (Rewiring Your Reality)," Dr. Katrina Skinner
Lunch will be provided.
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Large Hospital Conference Room
Workshop/Discussion with Working Moms Group:
"Power Moves for Crystal Clear Productivity,"
Dr. Katrina Skinner
Light refreshments will be provided.



Dr. Katrina Skinner, a lifelong resident of Fairhope, Alabama, opened her hometown pediatric practice right after completing her training at the University of Florida – Sacred Heart. She is a nationally recognized speaker and consultant. Dr. Skinner is the founder of two companies, Women in Pediatrics and Pediatric CEO, both providing personal and professional development for fellow pediatricians. Dr. Skinner is also a past president of the Alabama Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and continues to serve on their board, where she champions the well-being of children and pediatricians across the state.

LSU Health
NEW ORLEANS

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HEAL the HEALER

Wellness Event

Open to all LSU Pediatrics Faculty, Staff & Trainees

Tuesday, April 22, 2025
Large Hospital Conference Room
11:00am – 2:00pm

Stations:
Massage, Aromatherapy, BioMat,
Healing Touch, Acupuncture, and more!



Internal Coaching Program

For the first time ever, LSU Department of Peds is creating an **Internal Coaching Program** and **YOU** have the opportunity to be a part of it from the beginning!

Why choose to be a part of this movement?

- Be a part of creating a culture of coaching within our department
- You can receive professional coaching from an expert in physician coaching to improve your own wellness WHILE building your coaching skills
- Build supportive community among LSU PEDS coaches as you all learn this new skill
- **AMAZING** opportunity to help others if/when they feel stuck
- GAIN an invaluable skill that will help you for **LIFE**
- **Be the change** you hope to see in others

Fill out the [linked Google form](#) by **APRIL 25!**

Pediatric Research Day - May 2, 2025

Pediatric Research Day is rapidly approaching! This year, we have expanded the schedule to include several new features. Below is an outline of the day:

Pediatric Research Day

Friday, May 2, 2025
Worley Hall,
Manning Family Children's

Order of Events:

Graduating Fellow Presentations	8:00 – 9:15 am
Moderator: Amanda Messer, MD, Pediatric Hospitalist, LSU Pediatrics	
Features of Science (Hospital Atrium)	9:30 – 10:15 am
Moderator: Shubho Sarkar, MD, Pediatric Hospitalist, LSU Pediatrics	
Faculty Publications	10:30 – 11:30 am
Moderator: Bonnie Desselle, MD, Vice Chair of Medical Education and Clinical Operations, LSU Pediatrics	
Lunch/Networking	11:30 am – 12:00 pm
Opening Remarks	12:00 – 12:15 pm
Keynote Speaker	12:15 – 1:00 pm
Oral Presentations	1:00 – 2:00 PM
Moderator: Jessica Zagory, MD, Pediatric Surgery, LSU Surgery	
1:00pm	<i>Social Determinants of Health in Pediatric Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatotic Liver Disease (MASLD): Utilizing the Childhood Opportunity Index (COI),</i> Amber Gafur, MD
1:15pm	<i>Differential Gene Expression and Pathway Analysis in Eosinophilic and Reflux Esophagitis</i> , Nicholas Habibian
1:30pm	<i>New Predictive Equation for Oxygen Consumption During Pediatric Cardiac Catheterization Derived from Real Time Measured Data</i> , Jesus Jaile IV, MD
1:45pm	<i>Significant Telomere Attrition in Pediatric Ebola Virus Disease Survivors</i> , Charlotte Osterman
Poster Session	2:15pm – 3:15pm
Poster Session	3:15pm – 4:15 pm
Award Ceremony	4:30 pm



Pediatric Neurosurgery Event

On **Friday, May 9**, the LSUHSC Department of Neurosurgery is hosting a visiting professor. Pediatric Neurosurgeon, [Dr. Charles Stevenson](#) will be giving a talk from 12:30 - 1:30 pm on fetal neurosurgery. All are invited to attend.

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 bbarke@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.lsuhs.edu/faculty_affairs/promotions_and_tenure.aspx

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

New video monthly

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.

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

Artificial Intelligence: Who, What, Where, When, Why, Wow

Wednesday, April 16th, 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.



Shubho Sarkar, MD, FAAP, FAMILA, is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, practicing at Children's Hospital New Orleans as a Pediatric Hospitalist. He earned his MD from Tulane University and completed his pediatric residency at Wake Forest University. In addition to being board certified in Pediatrics as well as Hospital Medicine, he also holds board certification in Clinical Informatics. He currently serves as the Associate Chief Medical Information Officer at Manning Family Children's and is passionate about Informatics as demonstrated by him having received numerous certifications and awards, including the "Healthcare Innovation 40 under 40" honor. His contributions span across clinical practice, medical education of students and resident trainees, as well as research. Dr. Sarkar is also actively involved in the community, enhancing the lives of hospitalized children through his involvement with Funny Bones Improv.

Note: I will discuss (and potentially demonstrate) a small selection of AI tools currently available for use in clinical practice and medical education. These examples are intended solely for illustrative purposes and do not constitute an endorsement or recommendation of any specific product, platform, or company.

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

- Describe the historical evolution of artificial intelligence and its relevance to modern medical practice and education
- Identify current and emerging applications of AI in clinical workflows and medical education.
- Evaluate the benefits, limitations, and ethical considerations of incorporating AI into activities of daily living.

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.



Changes to Overnight Hospital Public Access

Effective Monday, April 7, the Emergency Department will be the only public entrance to the hospital overnight between the hours of **9:00 pm and 5:00 am**. This change is a result of feedback from our team members, an assessment completed by our Public Safety team, and based on best practices across the country.

We will be posting signage at the Main Entrance, Sky Bridge Entrance, Pavilion Entrance and throughout the parking garage to help direct visitors

accordingly. **Please note that staff (badge access only) entrances will not be affected by this change.**"

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
 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

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

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