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School of Medicine
Department of Pediatrics

LSU Pediatrics Tuesday Tidbits

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LSU Pediatrics Announcements

Congratulations to Leadership of Fellowship Directors' Group

We would like to extend our congratulations to the leadership of our fellowship directors' group. **Dr. Amanda Messer** has been appointed as the **Lead Fellowship Director** for a two-year term. In this role, she will be responsible for organizing our monthly meetings and ensuring that we are informed about the requirements related to Graduate Medical Education. Assisting Amanda in her duties, we have **Dr. Colleen LeBlanc** serving as the **Associate Lead Director** and **Dr. Kelly Gajewski** as the **Ex-officio Lead**. Together, they will provide valuable support to Amanda in fulfilling the various responsibilities with this position.



Apply for the Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Repayment Program

After over a decade of advocacy from the American Academy of Pediatrics, [applications are now open](#) for the first awards from the Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Repayment Program. Pediatric medical subspecialists and pediatric surgical specialists are eligible to apply for \$100,000 in loan repayment. The deadline to apply is this Thursday, July 20.

Awardees must commit to serving an underserved area for three years. The program is available for both fellowship trainees and those who have completed fellowship. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will fund 150 awardees this year.

NIH-funded ComPASS Program Research Opportunities

The NIH Common Fund has initiated an exciting program to address health disparities associated with adverse social determinants of health. The new program is centered on supporting community community-led health equity structural intervention (CHESI) projects. Full details on the program can be found here: [ComPASS program](#)



Opportunities for academic investigators to collaborate and support community organizations in their execution of structural interventions have become available. See [this notice of intent](#) for more information. The NIDDK, encourages investigators and teams focusing on research within their own mission to consider applying. There is an estimated application due date of **October 23**.

Note that the NIH Common Fund project is not disease specific. Although NIDDK is not leading this program, we have internal contacts whom you may contact for additional information, if you'd like: Miranda Broadney, MD, MPH (Miranda.Broadney@nih.gov) & Raquel Greer MD, MHS (Raquel.Greer@nih.gov).

Patient Stories - Baby Beau

At 16 weeks gestational, baby Beau was diagnosed with a severe heart defect that sent his family searching to find the best medical team. They were led to Children's Hospital New Orleans where cardiologists Dr. Shannon Powell, Dr. Thomas Kimball, and Dr. Steffan Sernich (CHNO-LSU) all did an outstanding job in providing care throughout Beau's treatment and development. [Read more on the CHNOLA blog](#) about Beau and the inspiring care provided by those on our great team!



FDA Approves Opill for OTC Use

On 7/13/23, the FDA approved Opill, a progestin only pill, for over the counter use. Opill is a daily contraceptive pill that will soon be available without a prescription necessary, without any age restrictions for those seeking contraceptive care."



Share Your News!

The department wants to highlight your success! Please send any news to include in *Tuesday Tidbits* to [Sarah Brooks](#).



FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

New video monthly

July Video: Bedside Teaching Tips

Get the most out of bedside rounds - In only 2 minutes learn about some Do's and Don'ts of Bedside teaching in this efficient video. Let's kick off our academic year with renewed dedication to excellence in medical education!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iiqB-eQcbT8>

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](#)
- [ACGME LEARN](#)

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

CHNOLA Announcements

Grand Rounds will resume in August.

Department Wellness

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

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.
- GeauxHealth! is a collaboration between LSU and Tulane residents to create a resource guide promoting medical trainee awareness of social determinants of health as well as providing a tool for easy use in clinic and during discharge planning. Check out more info [here](#) and on their website: <https://geauxhealth.org/>

Research and Grants

- Updated: Several Avenues of Stats Support, Education and Consultation ([information](#)) ([using stats models through CITI](#))
- New Pre-Review for Grant Proposals service offered by LSU ([information](#))

Administrative Reminders

- Importance of Time Certification ([information](#)) - learn more about why we certify time each month!
- Use of Non-LSUHSC Email ([information](#))
- Download the new Department Composites for the 2023-2024 academic year! ([Resident](#), [Fellow](#), [Faculty](#), and [Admin Staff](#)).

Department Anniversaries

The following employee celebrates another year with the department this month. Thank you for your continued service to LSU Pediatrics!

Raghubir Mangat, 40 years

Lolie Yu, 38 years

Joy Osofsky, 37 years

Brian Barkemeyer, 32 years

Bonnie Desselle, 28 years

Staci Olistar, 26 years

Dana Rivera, 26 years

Suzanne Lefevre, 24 years

Jay Hescocock, 19 years

Ryan Pasternak, 18 years

Ken Paris, 17 years

Amy Creel, 15 years

Ernest Siwik, 14 years

Jeffrey Surcouf, 13 years

Raegan Gupta, 11 years

Chelsey Sandlin, 10 years

Luke Wall, 10 years
Marcella Houser, 9 years
Christy Mumphrey, 9 years
Dana LeBlanc, 8 years
Jessica Patrick-Esteve, 8 years
Amy Prudhomme, 8 years
Anna McFarlin, 8 years
Amanda Messer, 6 years
Michelle Knecht, 5 years
Zach LeBlanc, 5 years
Shannon Palombo, 5 years
Andrew Abreo, 4 years
Julie Gallois, 4 years
Lauren Davis, 3 years
Anne Martin, 1 year
Caroline Roth, 1 year
Anne Tufton, 1 year

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Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"



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