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## LSU Pediatrics Tuesday Tidbits

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### LSU Pediatrics Announcements

#### Dr. Juan Gershanik Assumes New Role in Department of Pediatrics



The LSU Health New Orleans, Department of Pediatrics, proudly announces that effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, Dr. Juan Gershanik will assume the new and unique role in the Department as a special “Pediatric Faculty Advocate for Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility”.

As academic medical centers, children’s hospitals and health care centers recognize the power of diversity and inclusion to our ability to face the healthcare challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, one group has often been left out of diversity and inclusion discussion—those individuals with physical or developmental disabilities. By focusing specific attention on the group of individuals with disabilities, we hope to make specific and measurable progress in the years to come. Dr. Gershanik will work closely with our educational leadership to develop and implement specific training and curriculum to help our learners better understand and adapt to the needs of individuals with special needs, innovate services for patients, families, caregivers and others and advocate for improved accessibility, social and societal inclusion.

Dr. Gershanik brings a life of expertise and experience to his new role. He has served as a practicing neonatologist in the New Orleans community for more

than 40 years. Dr. Gershanik has held faculty positions at LSU Health New Orleans, Tulane University, LSU Health Shreveport and the Medical University of South Carolina. He has provided extensive leadership to all local, regional and national medical societies to include the American Academy of Pediatrics, Greater New Orleans Pediatric Society, Hispanic American Medical Association of Louisiana, Jefferson Parish Medical Society, Orleans Parish Medical Society and the Louisiana State Medical Society. Dr. Gershanik has advocated and championed opportunities for those with disabilities for many years via his work with the March of Dimes and his Touro Synagogue Krewe of VIP Kids events.

The Department of Pediatrics is proud to champion this innovative and unique faculty position and serve as a role model of other Pediatric Departments in the country. Join me in welcoming Dr. Gershanik to his new role. Welcome his ideas and initiatives and embrace his commitment to the children we serve.

## Residency News

Congratulations to PGY-3 Resident Michelle Duplantier who was nominated and elected by LSUHSC-NO medical students for the Gold Humanism Honor Society's Students of the Semester- Fall 2019! Michelle was selected by the students in the Resident category. The society commends her interactions with peers, patients, and community and applauds her for being a great member of the LSUHSC community. She embodies the GHHS pillars of Respect, Integrity, Service, and Empathy.



### Residents Match into Fellowships

Congratulations to the following residents who matched into fellowships last month:

Michael Carver – Stanford University – Peds Gastroenterology  
Jonathan Chawla – Baylor University – Peds Nephrology  
Jordan Doss – LSU New Orleans – Peds Hem/Onc  
Michelle Duplantier – University of Alabama – Peds Hospitalist Medicine  
Monica Hajirawala – Tulane University – Allergy/Immunology  
Tyler Kingdon – Children’s Hospital LA - Peds Critical Care  
Jordan Lim – Baylor University – Peds Hospitalist Medicine  
Andrew McKernan – Tulane University – Allergy/Immunology  
Jamie Yeager – LSU New Orleans – Allergy/Immunology

Kudos to our fellowship programs who matched:

The new Pediatric Hospitalist Medicine Fellowship lead by Dr. Amanda Messer matched their first fellow, Dr. Caroline “Callie” Roth from Eastern Virginia Medical School/Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters in Norfolk, VA.

As stated above, the Hematology/Oncology and Allergy/Immunology programs will welcome some familiar faces. Hem/Onc Program Director Dr. Pinki Prasad matched Jordan Doss while A/I Program Director Dr. Ken Paris matched

resident Jamie Yeager!

## Health Tigers' Second Harvest Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity & Book Drive

The Healthy Tigers organization announces a *volunteer opportunity* with **Second Harvest Food Bank** this **Saturday, January 11, 2020 from 11:30am - 2:30pm**. Department volunteers will be helping sort and pack food. We need 15 volunteers so please e-mail Nikita Lalchandani at [nlalch@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:nlalch@lsuhsc.edu) if you can make it! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Secondly, the Holiday Book Drive is still going on! Boxes for donations are in the lounge and department administrative office and don't forget, you can still donate money via venmo [@nikitaxlal](https://www.venmo.com/nikitaxlal). Thanks to those who have already contributed!



*Share the gift of  
reading this Christmas.*

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**LSU HEALTHY TIGERS INITIATIVE PRESENTS**

# Holiday Book Drive 2019

DONATE BOOKS FOR AGES 6 MONTHS -  
ADOLESCENTS. BOARD BOOKS PREFERRED.  
MONETARY DONATIONS MAY ALSO BE MADE  
IN PERSON OR BY VENMO TO @NIKITAXLAL.

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## **WHERE**

Drop off boxes located in the residents' lounge, doctors' lounge, or  
administrative offices on State Street

## **WHEN**

December 2nd, 2019-January 3rd, 2020

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Books will go Kids First TigerCare Clinic  
For inquiries, email [nlalch@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:nlalch@lsuhsc.edu)



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**The Pelican Krewe would love to hear from you!**

Please participate in our 1st Annual Feedback Survey so we can best  
understand how to continue to strengthen our program and  
meet your patients' needs.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HBQKX26>

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Advocacy Opportunity - Read to your patients ([information](#))

Pediatric Residency Interviews will be conducted on Thursday and Friday. Here are the [applicants](#) that will be visiting this week.

Download the new Department Composites for this academic year! ([Faculty](#), [Fellows](#), [Residents](#)).

CSRB and MEB Mitigation Project - [schedule](#) of work for December - January

School of Medicine Research Cafe ([information](#))

New Pre-Review for Grant Proposals service offered by LSU ([information](#))

Chan Zuckerberg Initiative - RFA - Applications due on 2/4/20 ([information](#))



## It's Carnival Time!

Riding in a parade? [Tell us](#) where we can find you! Please include

- Krewe name
- Float number
- Neutral ground or sidewalk side
- Position on float

Whether you're riding or not, send in pictures after the parades to share the fun with the department!

## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

*New video monthly*

December Video: *Thinking Like a Doctor*

How do we teach learners to "Think Like a Doctor"? How do we help learners get from data to diagnosis and treatment? How do we teach Clinical Reasoning Skills? This video (8 minutes) breaks down how experts synthesize information to make medical decisions, and how we can teach our medical students and residents to move past "novice" thinking patterns. Let's start off 2020 with a renewed commitment to excellence in medical education!

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

- [LSU Pediatrics Faculty Development Page](#)
- [LSUHSC GME Medical Education Development Site](#)

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

## CHNOLA Announcements

Important Updates from the Children's Hospital Construction Project. Take a look. ([report](#))

Monthly Construction Update Town Hall Meetings ([schedule](#))

EPIC Updates ([information](#))

Latest edition of CHNOLA Employee E-News ([link](#))

## Upcoming Events

### Grand Rounds

#### **“Who Gets Pneumonia and Why? Lessons from Human Genetics.”**

By:

Jay K. Kolls, MD  
Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics  
John W. Deming Endowed Chair in Internal Medicine  
Director , Center for Translational Research and Inflammation,  
Tulane University School of Medicine

**Wednesday, January 8, 2020**

Children's Hospital State Street Conference Center

**Coffee and breakfast items will be served.**

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

1. Review the common causes of Pneumonia in children in the United States.
2. Review causes of pneumonia in the developing world—lessons from the PERCH study.
3. Discuss host genetic risk factors for pneumonia.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** This activity is specifically directed towards the pediatrician, but it is open to all other interested physicians, residents, medical students and allied health

professionals.

Place: Children's Hospital State Street Conference Center  
AM

Time: 8:00

**CME Statement:** Children's Hospital is accredited by the Louisiana State Medical Society to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Children's Hospital designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.0 *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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**JANUARY 2020** - The Leadership Series - Session Two: Communication course has been moved from December 2019 to January 2020.

*Register for the NEW January 2020 Communication session dates [HERE!](#)*

**1/22/20** - Research Cafe 3:00 PM ([information](#))

**1/23/20** - LSU Wellness Krewe Self Care for Health Care Lecture Series: Simply Do This – Create Your Own Self-Care Health Plan, Speaker: Dr. Gigi Dunn ([information](#))

## Department Wellness

**LSU Wellness Krewe Self Care for Health Care Lecture Series** Mark your calendars for January 23 at noon for the next LSU Wellness Krewe Self Care for Health Care Lecture Series. Dr. Gigi Dunn will present "Simply Do This – Create Your Own Self-Care Health Plan". The lecture will be held in the Human Development Center Auditorium. ([information](#))

**Bootcamp Class:** Children's is offering FREE bootcamp classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. outside the Conference Center. Class is open to all Children's employees and members of the medical staff. This one-hour interval training bootcamp is for all skill levels. No experience is necessary. You will gain confidence in your abilities and increase your capacities for stamina, strength, flexibility, and balance. Please bring a water bottle with you to class.

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## Department Anniversaries

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

Abraham Gedalia, 28 years  
Maria Velez, 25 years  
Owen Allen, 21 years  
Gwendolyn Collins, 15 years  
Renette Jones, 6 years

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