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School of Medicine
Department of Pediatrics

LSU Pediatrics Tuesday Tidbits

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LSU Pediatrics Announcements

New LSUHSC SOM Delegates Announced

LSUHSC SOM Faculty Assembly President **Dr. Pinki Prasad** recently announced the new delegates who have been elected to serve from 2022-2025. Three new members from the Department of Pediatrics were nominated including **Andrew Abreo**, **Elizabeth McDonough**, and **Alexis Morvant**.

Basic Science

Jason D. Gardner (Phys)
Grace B. Athas (Pathology)
Robert "Bobby" Siggins (Phys)
Suresh K Alahari (Biochem)

Clinical Science

Pinki Prasad (Pediatrics)
Stacey Holman (OB/GYN)
Alexis Morvant (Pediatrics)
Andrew Abreo (Pediatrics)
Meredith Clement (Medicine)
Jill D'Souza (Otolaryngology)
Elizabeth McDonough (Pediatrics)
Tara Castellano (OB/GYN)

Alexis Morvant Named Gold Humanism Honor Society

20th Anniversary Chapter Honoree

As part of the 2022 Annual Gala and the 20th anniversary of the Gold Humanism Honor Society, the Gold Foundation invited each GHHS chapter to recognize one person who was instrumental to their chapter's success over these two remarkable decades. The LSUHSC Chapter chose **Alexis Morvant, MD** as their honoree. See below information which was presented at the gala.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER



Alexis Morvant, MD

*LSU Health School of Medicine GHHS Advisor,
Chief of Pediatric Palliative Care*

Dr. Alexis Morvant, a medical ethicist by training, founded our LSU chapter while she was still a medical student here. Since then, she has become a pediatric palliative doctor at Children's Hospital in New Orleans, and even developed the palliative care program at this hospital. Her goals are to always incorporate humanism in her care, and to teach undergraduate medical students to do the same. Dr. Morvant extends herself fully for the sake of her patients, always advocating on their behalf. Her compassion and collaboration with other members of the palliative care team, and family members, allow her to be a skilled and empathetic physician.

Welcome, New Interns!

Pediatrics, Medicine/Pediatrics, and Pediatrics/Emergency Medicine residents began their orientation week last week to prepare for their July 1 start date.

Welcome to the department, everyone!



Residency Graduation Part 2: Award Ceremony ***Clarification***

The winners for outstanding Teaching Resident Award and the Gretchen Life, MD Award were announced incorrectly in the newsletter last week. Congratulations to Hannah, Chad, Amy, and Seth!

Hannah Chachere, MD & Chad Lyman, DO

Outstanding Teaching Resident Award

Awarded annually by third year medical students for excellence in teaching during their Pediatrics clerkship

Amy Bearison, MD & Seth McVea, MD

Gretchen Life, MD Award

National HIV Testing Day

June 27th was National HIV Testing Day! Did you know that the CDC recommends that everyone aged 13 to 64 should be tested for HIV? Find more HIV testing facts as well as city, state, and country level HIV data at <https://aidsvu.org/>



CDC recommends that all individuals between **13 and 64** get tested for HIV at least once in their lives; however, CDC estimates only **37% of individuals have reported ever being tested.**

FIND
A LOCAL
TESTING
SITE NEAR
YOU.



AIDS.VU.ORG

SOURCE: BRFSS, 2020

AIDS.VU

[A major problem for minors: post-Roe access to abortion - STAT \(statnews.com\)](#)

Spread the Word: Ambulatory Division is Recruiting a Faculty Member

The Ambulatory Division is asking the department to spread the word about an opening for an academic Pediatrician to join their faculty group. This position will provide outpatient care in the pediatric primary care clinic for resident continuity clinics and medical student teaching with Children's Hospital New Orleans.

Please share the [official posting](#) with anyone you think may be interested (including current residents) and ask them to apply!

CHNOLA/LSU/TULANE IRB Office Hours

Have you ever had unanswered questions about the IRB process? Wondering if there is a secret magic to getting your protocols written,

consent forms correct the first time and have your project make it through the IRB? Wonder about who the people are behind those IRB emails? If so, please join us for informal virtual IRB drop in office hours. Talk to our amazing IRB staff from all three institutions and get their insights on the best approach to getting your study approved the first time.

When: the first Friday of every month, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Topic: CHNOLA/LSU/TULANE IRB OFFICE HOURS

Where: via Zoom, <https://tulanehipaa.zoom.us/j/96665234856>

LSUHSC Update: COVID Masking

Effective Monday June 27th, masks will be optional in non-clinical administrative areas on campus.

- In all clinical areas, masks will be required.
- In student group laboratory settings, masks are required.
- In other small group settings, masks are highly advised, and mandatory masking may be instituted by course directors.

When having meetings or gatherings, please be sensitive to others around you - ask if anyone would prefer masking and if so, please accommodate.

We have reached this point as a result of the collaborative efforts we have taken together. The numbers of tests being performed and incidents in campus have been very low over the last several weeks. In the City of New Orleans, testing is also at very low numbers and the curve of cases appears on the decline. Serious illness (hospitalizations and ICU admissions) also are at very low levels.

As always, we will continue to watch the data points continuously. Conditions may change, and we will respond accordingly as needed.

Thanks for your continued attention to our campus environment.

J. Chris Winters, MD

Vice Chancellor for Clinical Affairs

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

New video monthly

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>

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](#)

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

CHNOLA Announcements

Report your flu-like symptoms

Please notify Employee Health at 504.962.6270 if you have any flu-like symptoms before reporting to work. Symptoms may include cough, congestion, headache, with or without fever.

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

Grand Rounds will resume in August.

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](#))

Campus COVID-19 Updates

- Please review Dr. Christian Winters' updated campus guidelines which include information about returning to campus, masking, and travel. ([information](#))
- LSUHSC COVID Self-Reporting ([information](#))

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](#))
- Nutrition Obesity Research Center Pilot and Feasibility Grant Opportunity Deadline: July 1 ([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 2021-2022 academic year! ([Resident](#), [Fellow](#), [Faculty](#), [Administrative Staff](#)).

Department Anniversaries

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

Steffan Sernich, 15 years
Regina Zambrano, 10 years
Elizabeth Alonso, 8 years
Shubho Sarkar, 5 years
Thao Doan, 1 year

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