

# RADIOLOGY REPORT



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## MATCH 2022 - DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY



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## INCOMING RESIDENTS & FELLOWS 2022-2023



**Mohammed Ansari**  
(DR) is completing his prelim year in Internal Medicine at Baylor Scott & White Med Center



**Claire Holmes**  
(DR) is completing her prelim year in Internal Medicine at LSUHSC-NO



**Hieu Le** (DR) is completing his Transitional year at Brookwood Baptist Health in Alabama



**Cyrus Sadrinia**  
(DR) is completing his Transitional year at Univ. of Kentucky Med Center



**James Walls**  
(DR) completed his prelim year in Surgery at University of South Alabama



**Alisa Tanakit** (Neuro Fellow) is completing her DR residency at Saint Louis University.



**Jake Fontenot**  
(IR) is completing his prelim year in Internal Medicine at LSUHSC-NO



**Jeff Thekkekara**  
(IR) is completing his prelim year

## DEPARTMENT BULLETIN BOARD



**Dr. Mae Igi** has been named the "VA Health Professionals Trainee of the Year" from the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care Center.



Karen T Stall presenting \$25,000 Donation to LSU, accepted by **Dr. Bok** and Dr. Mckinney (LSU Breast Surgeon) at the Karen T Stall, Sip to Save Fundraiser on Saturday, March 19, 2022.



**Dr. Carol Becker** at the 2021 International Pediatric Radiology Congress in Rome, Italy

Congratulations to our graduating senior residents and fellows! We wish them all the best as they go off to complete their fellowships and start their careers. **Dr. JP Grenier** and **Dr. Alejandra Ramirez** will both be completing their fellowships in Neuroradiology at Mount Sinai Hospital. **Dr. Jane Ball** will be staying on to complete her fellowship in Women's & Breast Imaging with us at LSUHSC New Orleans. **Dr. Christopher Rouse** has accepted a position with Baton Rouge General Radiology Group

**Dr. Hector Ferral**, Dr. Marc Alonzo, Dr. Melissa Hogg, Dr. Robert Marsh, Dr. Mark Talamonti and medical student Dr. Jewel Datri co-authored a paper titled, "Endovascular management of portal vein obstruction in hepatobiliary cancer patients" that was accepted for publication in *The Journal of Surgical Oncology* on October 2, 2021.

Thank you to our visiting guest lecturers. **Dr. Khaled Elsayes** presented "Reflections of Mentorship and Pivoting to Transform Education During Pandemic: From Texas to the World" on March 22, 2022.

**Dr. Hector Ferral** was a panelist in the forum titled "Baveno VII—Renewing Consensus in Portal Hypertension". This report was also accepted in the *Journal of Hepatology* in December 2021.

**Dr. and Mrs. Bok** once again hosted the LSUHSC Radiology annual holiday party. This year it took place at G's Pizza on November 10.

**Dr. Bradley Spieler** and **Dr. Neil Baum** co-authored an article titled, "Burnout: A Mindful Framework for the Radiologist" that was published in the March-April 2022 edition of *Current Problems in Diagnostic Radiology*.

Dr. Will Dickenson, **Dr. Carol Becker**, Dr. Cynthia Hanemann, and Dr. Gerard Ballanco had an electronic poster titled, "Optimizing Utilization of Ultrasound, MRI, and Plain Film Use in Pediatric Sickle Cell Patients" accepted for presentation at The International Pediatric Radiology 8th Conjoint Congress & Exhibition, Rome, Italy, October 10-15, 2021.

**Dr. Hector Ferral** was selected as the 2022 UMCNO Consultant of the Year and will be recognized at UMC's Doctors Day event on March 30, 2022.

**Dr. Bradley Spieler** was selected to be a Fellow of the Society of Abdominal

Radiology on February 23, 2022.

**Dr. Paresh Rangani** and **Dr. Francisco Brito** had an abstract accepted for an educational electronic exhibit at the ARRS 2022 annual meeting in New Orleans, titled "The Chewman Show: Selected Odontogenic Lesions"

**Dr. Bradley Spieler's** program at UMCNO, Saints Fans Being Saints, recently partnered with local artist Josh Wingerter to supply instruments to the Marrero Middle School band, in efforts to replace those lost in Hurricane Ida. The following medical students were instrumental to this process—**Kathryn Weidner, Elizabeth Holland, Salim Lutfallah, and Rebecca Nuss. Shivani Jain** was key in galvanizing these donation efforts in the medical school.

**Dr. Bradley Spieler** and medical students Christina McCain, Brekel Kemp, Margaret Bishop Baier, Arnold H. Zea, Carl Sabottke, Emma R. Schachner, Claude Pirtle, Angela McLean, Robert Maupin, and Pierre Detiege co-authored an article titled "A Framework for the Virtual Medical Interview Process: Considerations for the Applicant and the Interviewer" that was published in the March 2022 edition of the *Ochsner Journal*.

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT—DIAGNOSTIC



Residents congratulating the 2022 Match candidates.

The Diagnostic Radiology Program saw a 2nd successful virtual interview season...Many thanks to Dana Brian as always! And also thanks to the Chief residents for coordinating the virtual meet & greets with our candidates. We had a successful MATCH and will be welcoming some very talented new residents in July '23! We also will be sending off some very talented residents at the end of June. I'm sure everyone will agree that it has been fantastic to watch Alejandra, JP and Jane develop into wonderful radiologists. They will undoubtedly be successful in their future endeavors.

They also will be the last class of 3 to graduate...the end of an era. Onward and Upward!

-Dr. Mignonne Morrell, Program Director - Diagnostic Radiology



Radiology won first place for "Pumpkin Precision" at UMC's annual Pumpkin Palooza event on October 29, 2021.

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT—INTERVENTIONAL

The Interventional Radiology Program has continued to excel throughout this Academic Year. I am excited to announce that all IR Faculty members have published articles on IR research. Drs. Laney and Flores, our two current senior IR residents, have submitted articles for publication from ongoing research projects within the IR section. We would like to thank Dr. Hector Ferral for his leadership as Vice Chair of IR Research and our newly appointed resident Chief of Research, Dr. Samantha Parrotte, for coordinating and tracking our many research projects within the IR section.

I would also like to recognize that Dr. Ea along with myself, has been accepted to present an educational exhibit on "Treating Superficial Venous Insufficiency: A Primer for Residents" at the ARRS Conference on May 1 - 4, 2022, which will be held here in New Orleans at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Charles Mansour, MD, a recent graduate of LSU Medical School and I will also be presenting "Efficacy of Percutaneous Drainage Following Ventral Hernia Repair with Synthetic Mesh vs. Cutis Allograft" at ARRS.

I am excited to announce that Dr. Hector Ferral has been selected to become a SIR Fellow due to his many contributions to the field of Interventional Radiology. He will receive this award at the 2022 SIR 48th Annual Scientific Meeting, June 11-16 in Boston, MA at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. While in attendance at the conference this year, Dr. Ferral is a co-coordinator of "SIR - Expanding the Role of IR in Women's Health". I will participate in this event giving a talk on "New IR Strategies in the Management of Pelvic Pain". Dr. Ferral is also a coordinator for "Legal Issues for the practicing IR". I will be presenting a case for the session entitled "Ablation M&M".

We unfortunately were not able to have the Tiger Course for Technologists, Nurses and PAs, in January due to COVID-19 policies enlisted on our LSU Campus. We are hopeful that we will have the course this upcoming November 2022.

Lastly, our IR Residency Program fully matched in the 2022 NRMP Match. We are excited for the upcoming Class of 2028, and we are happy to welcome our two new incoming residents for the Class of 2027, Drs. Jake Fontenot and Jeff Thekkekara, who are starting with the DR program this upcoming July. We are excited to welcome Dr. Ea as a full-time IR resident starting in July. He will take on the reigns as the IR Chief as Dr. Laney will step down from the position going into his last year with the program. We look forward to our residency finally reaching full capacity and we hope to continue to grow and produce invaluable IR professionals.

-Dr. Alexandra Fairchild Program Director—Interventional Radiology



Dr. Spieler (front center) and Dr. Anyanwu (back left) spreading holiday cheer through the Saints Fans Being Saints organization.



Dr. Danrad and Dr. Samadi at Mardi Gras 2022.

## Upcoming Events

### American College of Radiology (ACR) Annual Meeting

April 24 – 27, 2022  
Washington D.C.

### Radiological Society of Louisiana (RSL) Annual Meeting

May 7, 2022  
Riverside Hilton  
New Orleans, LA

### American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS) Annual Meeting

May 1-5, 2022  
New Orleans, LA

### Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR) Annual Meeting

June 11–16, 2022  
Boston, MA

### Society for Advanced Body Imaging (SABI) Annual Meeting

October 22-26  
New Orleans, LA



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## CHAIR'S REPORT

Greetings Team Members, Alumni, and Friends,

Much has transpired since we shared our Fall 2021 Newsletter. We recently had our first Mardi Gras Parades since the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic. It seems to have gone well. We only have a handful of COVID Positive patients in UMC at this writing. We recently had a Virtual ACGME Site Visit for our new Neuroradiology Fellowship and UMC is expecting a Joint Commission Site Visit any day now. We are recruiting for a few Radiology Faculty Positions—If you know anyone who may be interested please send them our way. 1. Interventional Radiology; 2. Neuroradiology; 3. Part-time (up to 40%) General Radiology—temporary-through November 2023. Hoping that you and your families are all doing well.

Our LSU Radiology Department strives to maintain a supportive, cooperative, determined culture. LSU Radiology encourages a culture of charity and a habit of giving back regularly. Giving to the LSU Health Foundation can be accomplished easily online or over the phone—be sure donations are designated for “Medicine—Radiology” (see guidance below). Every dollar makes a difference. LSU Radiology is dedicated to teaching, clinical care, and scholarship. Funds support resident graduation, recruitment activities, and resident travel. I encourage you to give today—right now. I strongly encourage you to consider LSU Radiology for Annual Giving, Planned & Estate Gifts, Memorials or Honorariums. I encourage you to consider Endowed Giving designated for the purpose of your choice such as a permanent source of flexible funding for department needs, Professorships or Chairs to help recruit the best faculty, or Lectureships to advance the educational and scholarly activities of the department. Please contact Winter Jeanfreau or me and we can work with the appropriate personnel at the LSU Health Foundation to make sure you accomplish your charitable goals. Every dollar makes a difference—Please Give.

-Dr. Leonard Bok, Department Head—LSU Radiology

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