

DOM NEWS BLAST

The LSU Department of Medicine Weekly Communication

Smart Named Interim Vice President of Research at University Medical Center New Orleans

Dr. Frank Smart (Cardiology) was recently named the interim Vice President of Research at UMC effective June 1. He will be overseeing all research activities at UMC and brings a wealth of experience to the role. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Smart!



Dr. Catherine Hudson (Gastroenterology) was recently interviewed for the local news about anti-obesity medications. She shared lots of great information about the pros and cons of the use of GLP-1 receptor agonists. You can hear her interview at: <https://www.fox8live.com/video/2023/05/22/pros-cons-using-ozempic/>

Several of our Emergency Medicine faculty and residents recently attended the World Association of Disaster and Emergency Medicine in Killarney Ireland. Faculty members, Dr. Jim Aiken, Dr. Meghan Maslanka (Emergency Medicine) and Dr. Kyle Hebert, 4th year EM resident, spoke at and presented a poster at the meetings. Kudos for a great job representing LSU!



SHOUT OUTS!

Dr. Brian Boulmay (Hematology-Oncology) received a shout-out from Dr. Spencer who noted that after changes in the research structure at UMC “This left several patients and clinical trials uncovered. Brian has stepped up to not only take care of many of them, but also ensure oversight of some clinical trials. Most notably, there was a patient on a phase Ib trial who required emergent medical attention on last Friday. Brian volunteered to follow the patient to ensure that she received optimal care. I can honestly say that I am not sure that we would have had a smooth transition without his leadership. Way to go, Dr. Boulmay!



Dr. Michael Olejniczak (IM Resident) and Dr. Elise Abdalla (Hospital Medicine) were recently lauded by a patient for their excellent care. The patient wrote a lengthy note about her care and ended with “Thank you Dr. Abdalla, Thank you Dr. Olejniczak, for giving me a second chance at a normal living!” Awesome job!

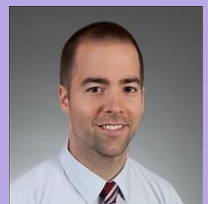


Dr. Chris Van Dreumel (IM Resident) was hailed by Dr. Beyer because he “represented our program with excellence and served as a role model for those surrounding him.” On a busy post-call day for Chris and his team, he had a very sick patient that required complex medical decision making and a multi-disciplinary approach to care as well as other urgent patient care challenges. He delivered excellent care to each of his patients, and when the very sick patient’s course worsened Dr. Van Dreumel “discussed goals of care and exhibited clear communication with the family coupled with empathy and compassion. I was very impressed by how Chris handled the stress and adversity at seemingly every turn.” Thanks, Dr. Van Dreumel, for all you do for our patients!

Dr. Raj Mohandas (Nephrology) was recently appointed the American Heart Association’s Chair of the Early Career Committee of the Council on the Kidney in Cardiovascular Disease (KCVD). Dr. Mohandas already serves as a Member of the KCVD Leadership Committee. Congratulations Dr. Mohandas!



Dr. Ashley Wennerstrom and Dr. Marcus Bachhuber (Community & Population Health) recently published a paper describing a retrospective cohort study linking Louisiana Medicaid and Louisiana state corrections release data. The team found pre-release Medicaid enrollment was associated with higher proportions of, and faster access to, a wide variety of health services compared with Medicaid enrollment post-release. Regardless of enrollment status, the study found prolonged times between release and receipt of time-sensitive behavioral health services and prescription medications.



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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Health services use among formerly incarcerated Louisiana Medicaid members within one year of release

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