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# LSU Pediatrics Tuesday Tidbits

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## LSU Pediatrics Announcements

**Divisions of Endocrinology and Cardiology Awarded a  
Research Enhancement Program Grant from  
LSUHSC School of Medicine**



The Sections of Pediatric Endocrinology and Pediatric Cardiology have been awarded a grant of \$74,602 from the LSU School of Medicine - Research Enhancement Program (REP) for a period of up to two years to study the

possible racial disparities in the presence of early markers and progression of cardiovascular complications between African American (AA) patients and non-Hispanic white (NHW) patients. The Section of Pediatric Endocrinology at LSU was the first to show that there is a consistently higher HbA1c in AA pediatric patients compared to NHW despite similar levels of mean blood glucose. This difference in glycation of HbA1c between AA and NHW is likely an additional factor involved in the racial disparity of microvascular and macrovascular complications. The data from this study will provide us with the unique ability to track development and progression of early macrovascular pathology and explore factors which exacerbate or ameliorate pathology in pediatric diabetes. The development and refinement of these clinical tools is also an important step needed before the effectiveness of targeted therapeutic interventions can be determined.

Principal Investigator: **Ricardo Gomez, MD**, Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Interim Section Chief of Pediatric Endocrinology

Co-Investigators: **Stuart Chalew, MD**, Professor of Pediatrics, LSUHSC, LaCATs Site Leader at CHNOLA; **Thomas Kimball, MD**, Professor of Pediatrics, Section Chief of Pediatric Cardiology; **Steffan Sernich, MD, FACC**, Associate Professor, Section of Pediatric Cardiology.

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## Sun Youn Joins the Administrative Staff



The administrative staff welcomed Sun Youn to the team yesterday as she began her new position as Department Coordinator. Sun is a native of Seoul, South Korea and moved to the U.S. about ten years ago with her husband and two children. She graduated from Sogang University and earned a Master's Degree in International Economics at the Economic School of Sogang University. Sun will be in charge of the department's Accounts Payable processes and Credentialing. Be sure to give Sun a warm Pediatrics welcome the next time you visit the administrative offices!

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## Recent Scholarly Activity from the Cardiology Division

Congratulations to Cardiology Fellow Dr. Stefanie Cheang and co-authors Drs. Kelly Gajewski and Paul LeLorier on the acceptance of their article into the journal *Circulation* entitled "Diffuse ST Segment Elevation with Idiopathic Malignant Ventricular Arrhythmia".

Stefanie Cheang also presented her paper entitled "The Hidden Shunt: Intraoperative VSD Repair Findings Lead to an Unusual Diagnosis of a Congenital Descending Aorta-Pulmonary Vein Fistula" at the American College of Cardiology's (ACC) 70th Annual Scientific Session. Other authors included Thomas Kimball and Ernie Siwik.



# Resident vs. Faculty Quiz Bowl & Chief Appreciation Party



Please join us to cheer on your team and congratulate  
Brandon and Katie!

**Tuesday, June 1, at 12:00pm**

State Street Conference Center

Hosted by Shubho Sarkar

*Lunch will be served.*

*Please arrive early to picnic outside prior to event.*

Zoom option available:

Meeting ID: 987 2113 4546

Password: Isupeds20

Faculty Team:

Bonnie Desselle, Tom Kimball, Colleen LeBlanc, Will Morgan, & Jessica Patrick-Esteve

Resident Team:

James Connick, Natalie Derouen, Nikita Lalchandani, Katie Procarione, & Jinnesse Taylor

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## Other Announcements

Latest edition of LSU SOM's *The Pulse*. ([link](#))

Grant Opportunity: Thrasher Research Fund ([information](#))

LSUHSC IRB's Researcher Education Series ([information](#))

LSU Proof-of-Concept Fund- LIFT2 Round 12 Announcement ([information](#))

Updated: Several Avenues of Stats Support, Education and Consultation ([information](#)) ([using stats models through CITI](#))

Importance of Time Certification ([information](#)) - learn more about why we certify time each month!

Important Notice: P-Card Restrictions on AAP Purchases ([information](#))

Use of Non-LSUHSC Email ([information](#))

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

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

## Resident Class of 2021 Spotlight

*Each week, leading up to their final days of training, the residency team will highlight our graduating residents. Please join us in celebrating these excellent pediatricians at the departmental level...give them some shout outs in the hallway over the next few weeks! We thank all of our "almost graduates" for three wonderful years of dedication to their patients, their peers, and to LSU Pediatrics/Children's Hospital. You will do GREAT things, and we will miss you all.*



### Matheson Johnson, MD

From: Troutman, NC

College: University of Tennessee, Go Vols!

Medical School: East Carolina University

Plans after graduation:

Outpatient pediatrician

Talents: Singing, Baking, binge watching the Office, Growing succulents

Interesting Fact: I ride horses and grew up living in the country and owning horses.

Advice you wished you'd known during residency: Never be afraid to ask a "dumb" question, your upper levels really want to

help, it's ok to not know what to do, always really listen before you act-to patients, parents, and nurses

Evaluation Highlights: "Matheson is one of the kindest residents I have met. She is intelligent and efficient. She always made sure to support junior members of the team and provide direction while still giving us an appropriate level of autonomy. She demonstrated patience and understanding to patient's

families, especially in difficult situations. Matheson balances efficiency with thoroughness."



## Nikita Lalchandani, MD

From: Torrance, CA

College: University of California, Berkeley

Medical School: University of Queensland-Ochsner Clinical School

Plans after graduation:

Peds Gastroenterologist

Talent: I'm good at doing nails (my own) and hair (not my own). I'm also pretty good at awkward dancing and being a beach bum.

Interesting Facts:

1. I'm half Indian, half Taiwanese.
2. I can count to 10 in 10 languages.
3. I've traveled to 31 countries (hit 30 before I turned 30 which was on my bucket list).
4. I've swam with sharks (no cage).
5. Some of the weirdest foods I've eaten – tarantula, crickets, chicken feet.

Advice you wished you'd known during residency: Remember you need to take care of yourself so that you can take care of others. Always make time for self-care and reach out if you need help. Asking for help is not a sign of weakness, but strength.

Evaluation Highlights: "Dr. Lalchandani is a very competent resident physician who is professional, mature, humble, polite and caring. She is also self-motivated regarding her learning and self-guided in her clinical decision making and follow through. Nikita is very inquisitive and eager to learn, smart and enthusiastic. She is a good team leader, does not shy away from difficult patient encounters, and knows how to prioritize patient problems."

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## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

*New video monthly*

### May Video: Clinical Teaching Simplified

As we continue our mission of providing excellent medical education, check out this video. It provides a simple, efficient and effective method of teaching medical students and residents in a variety of clinical settings. It addresses major concerns (TIME!) and provides practical tips, and there are great references for those who would like to learn more.

<https://vimeo.com/89625533>

Please send any suggestions or areas of faculty development need to

[acree1@lsuhsc.edu](mailto: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

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

### **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.

## Upcoming Events

### **Grand Rounds**

*For those who prefer an Outlook Calendar Reminder for Grand Rounds, please click [here](#) for directions that walk you through creating a recurring reminder.*



**Children's Hospital**  
New Orleans  
LCMC Health

**Virtual Pediatric Grand Rounds**  
**James W.L. Mann, MD Memorial Lecture**

Wednesday, May 26, 2021  
Noon-1pm

**COVID19 Vaccines Science vs Antiscience**

Peter J. Hotez, MD, PhD  
Dean for the National School of Tropical Medicine  
Professor, Departments of Pediatrics and Molecular Virology and Microbiology  
Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

Please join Pediatric Grand Rounds from your computer, tablet or smartphone:

**Zoom link:** <https://lsuhsc.zoom.us/j/99010762984?pwd=bXJKZ3ZhSUFkQzdpajErbDd2Smt4Zz09#success>

**Meeting ID:** 990 1076 2984, Passcode: 018428

**One tap mobile:** +16465588656,,99010762984# US (New York)  
+13017158592,,99010762984# US (Germantown)

Note: This is a live activity. The link is only valid from 12-1:00 pm and the presentation will not be recorded for CME or CEU credit. Please sign in with your full name and credentials in order to receive credit.

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

1. Discuss the impact of the B.1.1.7 variant on US transmission of COVID-19.
2. Describe the efficacy and strengths and weaknesses of each of the COVID-19 vaccines in the US vaccination program.
3. Discuss the global failures or weaknesses in vaccinating low- and middle-income countries especially in Latin America and Africa, and our new "people's vaccine" for global health now entering phase 3 trials.
4. Discuss the rising antivaccine sentiments and its recent shifts.

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.

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.

CEU Statement: Children's Hospital is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by Louisiana State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

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**Join Grand Rounds through the Zoom Portal:**

[https://lsuhsc.zoom.us/j/99010762984?](https://lsuhsc.zoom.us/j/99010762984?pwd=bXJKZ3ZhSUFkQzdpajErbDd2Smt4Zz09#success)

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**Thursday, June 3, 2021: 9<sup>th</sup> Annual LSU Quality Improvement/Patient Safety Forum**, a venue for residents, fellows and students to highlight Quality Improvement/Patient Safety work that is being done at all of our clinical training

sites. Dr. Shubho Sarkar will deliver the keynote address focusing on the importance of medical informatics and the LCMC EPIC program SlicerDicer to assist in your Quality Improvement project efforts.

## Department Wellness

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

LSU Pediatrics Wellness Resources ([information](#))

## Department Anniversaries

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

Mary Pendleton, 21 years  
Richelle Monier, 5 years

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