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LSU Pediatrics Tuesday Tidbits

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LSU Pediatrics Announcements



Nephrology Team Ranked Nationally

Children's Hospital celebrated our Nephrology Division last week when the news came out that U.S. News & World Report recognized the specialty as #49 in the nation for 2022-23. The annual Best Children's Hospitals rankings and ratings, now in their 16th year, are designed to assist families and their doctors in making informed decisions about where to receive care for challenging health conditions. Congratulations to our Nephrology Division!

Rebecca Calix Joins the Administrative Team



Rebecca Calix joined the administrative staff team on June 8 as Coordinator for the GI and Hematology/Oncology fellowship programs. She will also serve as the Assistant Coordinator to the Pediatrics Residency Program. Rebecca is a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond where she studied to become a teacher. She taught 6th grade at Raymond K. Smith Middle School in Luling for seven years. We are excited to welcome Rebecca to the department. Please give her a warm welcome when you meet her!

Scholarly Activity from the Division of Endocrinology

Dr. Stuart Chalew gave an oral presentation at Endocrine Society's annual meeting last week in Atlanta. His talk was titled "Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Adolescent Healthcare - Factors Related to Outcome Disparities in African-American Youth with Type 1 Diabetes: Can We Affect Change?"



Thanks for coming out to WATTS FEST!

Thanks to all who came out to celebrate the career and contributions to LSU and Children's Hospital of Dr. Ray Watts at WattsFest this past Saturday. Dr. Watts and his family thank everyone who attended and to those who organized the event, especially Dr. Brian Barkemeyer, Dr. Bonnie Desselle, Dr. Ryan Pasternak, Kelly Allerton, Aileen Miller, Lynnsey Belsome, and Kristen Robinson.

If you would still like to contribute to the LSU Pediatrics Faculty/Housestaff Wellness Fund in honor of Dr. Watts, you can donate online at

<https://give.lsuhealthfoundation.org/wattsfestdonation>

[View more pictures from the event here](#)



Residency and Fellowship Graduation 2022

Congratulations to all department resident and fellow graduates! We celebrated their accomplishments and years of hard work at several different events last week.

Residency Graduation Part 2: Award Ceremony

The department joined the graduating residency class for an Awards Ceremony in Worley Hall hosted by Program Director Dr. Chelsey Sandlin. Congratulations to all the award winners!

Heather Valdin, MD

Penny Scurto, MD Outstanding Pediatric Resident Award

Devyn Rohlfs Rivera, MD

Outstanding Medicine/Pediatric Resident Award

Anna McFarlin, MD

Nicholas Gagliano, MD Outstanding Faculty Award

Given annually by the LSU Pediatrics Residents for excellence in teaching, and for sharing, through knowledge and example, the facts and feelings that prepare us for a lifetime of service to children

Chelsey Sandlin, MD

Suskind Outstanding Pediatric Faculty Award

Presented annually to the faculty member who has made an outstanding academic contribution to the education, research, clinical service and advocacy missions of the LSU Department of Pediatrics.

Christian Nieves Rivera, MD

Outstanding Fellowship Teaching Award

Awarded annually by the residents in recognition of outstanding teaching and mentoring skills

Amy Bearison, MD & Chad Lyman, DO

Gretchen Life, MD Award

Awarded to the graduating resident who embodies Gretchen's zeal for life and love for patients

**Mike Evers, MD, Alex Ranucci, MD,
Ashley Reeves, MD & Jinnesse Taylor, MD**

Alfonso Vargas, MD Research Award

For the Residents Who Have Demonstrated Outstanding Performance in Pediatric Research

Hannah Chachere, MD & Seth McVea, MD

Outstanding Teaching Resident Award

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

Seth McVea, MD

Outstanding Cardiology Resident

Inaugural Award

Selected by Cardiology Faculty to recognize a resident with outstanding clinical and professional performance on the rotation.

Amanda Barkemeyer, MD

Intern of the Year Award

Given annually by Pediatrics PGY 1, 2 and 3 acknowledging an intern who exemplifies the values of our residency: dedication to the care of patients, advocacy for their patients, professionalism, interdisciplinary collaboration, and collegiality among residents

Snehaja Yadlapati, MD

Pediatric Alumni Award

For the Senior Medical Student Who Has Demonstrated

Fellow Graduation

Lead Fellowship Program Director Dr. Kelly Gajewski hosted the Fellowship Graduation last Friday. The graduates were able to invite their families and divisions to celebrate the occasion. Congrats to all our graduates!

Jamie Yeager, MD & Sarah Qayum, DO
Allergy/Immunology

Stefanie Cheang, MD
Cardiology

Amanda Glinky, MD
Gastroenterology

**Minelys Alicea Marrero, MD, Maria Español, MD, &
Katie McQueen Amaker, MD**
Hematology/Oncology

Callie Roth, MD
Hospital Medicine

Anne Nuttli Martin, MD & Anne Tufton, MD
Neonatology



Resident Graduate Brunch

The resident graduates met up for their annual Ralph's on the Park lunch at Dr. Jay Hescocock's home. The group enjoyed the catered meal and some karaoke to celebrate the end of their residency.



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!

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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