



Phase II Academics

Student-led interest groups have had some great events:

- Pediatrics (P.I.G.): Talks with Dr. Carlson, Tulane Residency Director; Dr. Zametkin, child psychiatrist
- OBGYN: Talks with Drs. Gillispie, Bazzett, and Longo on residency applications, CV/personal statements, international medical missions
- Internal Medicine: Speaker Series on medical education and quality improvement, residency options with loan forgiveness, career in primary care and hospital medicine, work-life balance
- Surgery: Residency Application Info Night with current 4th years, Women in Surgery Night
- LGBT: cross-campus health events with LSU and Tulane
- Neuro/Psych: documentary showing followed by discussion with Dr. Anderson, Ochsner child psychiatrist; special speakers with neuro critical care staff
- Dr. Area held a Medical Spanish Workshop earlier this month. UQ-Ochsner students practiced pronouncing anatomy terms and common clinical questions. Thank you to Dr. Area for volunteering his time and resources! Next session is tentatively Saturday, October 25!
- Step 2 CS Practice Workshop will be starting within the next couple of months to help 4th years tackle clinical scenarios for the exam
- UQ Clinical Teaching Award Nominations **are due Friday, October 17th at 5pm!** Get yours in!
- OMSA Intern/Resident Teaching Awards 2013-2014 Winners:

- *Intern - Jane Martin, OBGYN*

"Dr. Martin is an excellent teacher, willing to take the time to explain the reasons behind procedures as well as the nuances of the procedures themselves. She works to allow the students to assist whenever possible."

"Dr. Martin went out of her way to teach us all of her med school tricks and include us as part of the team - a difficult feat to accomplish on a busy service like Ob/Gyn."

- *Resident - Gustavo Godoy, Orthopaedic Surgery*

"He always tried to get as much from the rotation as possible. From writing prescriptions to suturing, he gave us the responsibility of doing as much as possible and made sure we did not feel pressured by nurses or evaluations."

"Dr. Godoy was consistently eager to involve students in the learning process and facilitate their education. He was always working to make sure that students had the best possible experience and were involved to the greatest possible extent."

Social Events

- **First Fridays** continued to be a huge success with excellent turnouts. The last one this year was held at the Rivershack. See you at next year's First Friday in January 2015!
- **END OF YEAR PARTY** is happening on Friday, October 24! Come one, come all and celebrate with friends, classmates, faculty and administration. Look out for your RSVP this week!

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Community Outreach

- There continues to be a bounty of volunteer opportunities thanks to OMSA Outreach Officer Jess Lozier (OMSAOutreach@ochsner.org) - **over 70% of the 3rd year class has volunteered more than 5 hours and 40% has volunteered more than 10 hours!**
- *Luke's House Free Clinic*: every 3 weeks, 2 medical students join Dr. Denton to treat and work with populations with no other access to medical care
- **MAY**: over 20 UQ-Ochsner medical students participated in the *Clinical Smoking Cessation Training* run by the Smoking Cessation Fund at Ochsner. Upon training completion, these students are eligible to volunteer in the Smoking Cessation clinic and act as a resource to our peers and patients.
- **JUNE**: 29 UQ-Ochsner medical students participated in *the STAR luncheons and skills training sessions*. They worked with highly motivated local teens to give them a better idea of working in the medical field. Med students talked through diagnoses and simple skills such as suturing and measuring blood pressures.
- **AUGUST**: 20 UQ-Ochsner medical students joined the *Ochsner Sports Medicine Institute* to provide free physical examinations to 1,339 high school and middle school students around the city.

•Upcoming projects:

- **November 1** – Delachaise Neighborhood Association Health Fair. UQ-Ochsner medical students are teaming up with a number of community partners to organize a health day for our neighbors in mid-city. Free health screenings and counseling sessions, demonstrations, health information along with food, games, live music and celebrity visits! If interested to volunteer, contact Jess.
- **November 15** - Sport Medicine Community Health Fair through the Sports Institute. Come help take biometric information and counsel community members on health-related issues!



3rd year students Sunmi Yang, Emily Zametkin, Mimi Lamb, Alex Leasure and Dr. Dhillon volunteer at medical tents at 2 running races and a half ironman this spring



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OMSA partners with the Pediatric Interest Group to empower Bonnabel High School students on healthy living through tutorials and interactive sessions.

Left photo: 3rd year students Amanda Howland, Dan Mammel, Brittany Fiorello

Bottom photo: 3rd year student Mora Puertolas-Lopez gives a talk on healthy eating



3rd year students Mimi Lamb (below) and Julie Park (left) participate in the Intubation Workshop organized by the Emergency Medicine Interest Group and led by Dr. Baker





- Pediatric Interest Group members are currently fundraising for BOOFEST – an annual Halloween event for children with disabilities. Hundreds of handmade haunted houses are created for trick or treaters. 2,000 kids are expected to attend! Show your support at <http://www.youcaring.com/nonprofits/boofest-/243192>. All proceeds go towards supporting children with disabilities

Research Updates

- Congratulations to the following 2015 Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship Recipients:
 - Ashton Brooks – Vascular Surgery
 - Randol Hooper – ITR/Infectious Disease
 - Brian Reuter – ITR/Cancer
 - Genevieve Hayek – Surgery
 - Chad Ahia – Center for Applied Health Services
- Quality Improvement projects are a great way to get involved in research! Notice something systematic that bothers you when you're rounding in the hospital? Wonder why a protocol is not consistently followed? You can make a project out of it! Contact Tim Asher (timasher@me.com) for available projects or how to get one started!
- Southern Regional Meeting (SRM) of the American Federation for Medical Research will be held here in New Orleans on February 26-28, 2015. *Call for submissions are open until October 22, 2014!*
- **RESEARCH LOG:** If you're doing research and haven't logged your project yet, please head to the OMSAUQ.ORG website and click on the Google Doc link under "Research" and tell us what you're up to!
- Dr. Alam and Sarah Donnell (Phase 2 Research Rep) continue to work hard on a database of available research projects.

UQ-Ochsner Phase 1 and 2 students were involved in this year's UQ MedRevue musical titled "Once Upon A Chyme". In NOLA, 3rd year students filmed a dancing and rap number, "I'm So Busy", which was shown during the live performance in Brisbane. In Brisbane, the Ochsner students performed as a new kind of "international student" – fairy tale characters!



3rd year Mora Puertolas-Lopez sings (front center) with fellow students as dancers. Choreography and lyrics by 3rd year student Jenny Jones.

Check out the full video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8tU4smffVw>



Phase 1 students from left to right: Samantha Lee, Victoria Rodriguez, Ashley Gamayo, Ellen Cleland, Andrew Taylor, Cait Ross, Robbie Deveny (top yellow), Rock Charles (bottom plaid), Noori Dhaliwal



- News from down under! Another year is about to close which means OSCES and USMLE time for the second years! Phase One students have enjoyed BBQs together, outdoor lawn bowling, and a trip to a NOLA-inspired Brisbane restaurant! The mentorship program did a great job matching up current students to incoming ones. USMLE tutes have continued to be a success. Efforts have also gone into educating incoming students about studying techniques and adjusting to medical school!
- An ECFMG application day was organized with UQ this year, which resulted in fewer administrative delays than previous years. We had about 80 forms taken care of in one day (including a few Canadians). The last first-year USMLE tute was on October 9th and we will have info sessions on October 23rd, including “Academic Introduction to Year 2” and “Planning for Step 1” for any interested 1st years.



Research

Congratulations to the UQ-Ochsner recipients of the School of Medicine Summer Research Scholarships:

- **Kyle Wojcik, Class of 2017**, “Susceptibility to Infection in Patients with Chronic Liver Disease and Ascites” with Dr. Katharine Irvine. They are investigating a novel method of identifying bacteria present in ascites fluid, using RT-PCR and flow cytometry.
- **James Morong, Class of 2016**, “Evaluation of Peri-Operative Consequences and Health (EPOCH)” with Dr. Ruth Hubbard. They are looking at how subjective assessments of frailty in a geriatric population relate to their outcome post-intermediate and high risk surgery.

Research representatives are working with Diann Eley on a list of researchers at the different UQ institutions as a resource for future Phase 1 students!

A few Ochsner students participated in the 2nd Annual Queensland Medical Soccer Tournament at the Gold Coast this month, and won 1st place! Sonesh Amin (bottom row, far right) won MVP.



Top row, left to right: Kregg Laundon, John Mark Lane, Waseem Gazale, Michael Pfeffer

Bottom row, left to right: Brian Baksa, Sonesh Amin

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