

# Monica Hajirawala, MD

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## EDUCATION

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Doctor of Medicine (MD) 08/2012-05/2016  
**Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine**, Miami, FL

Bachelor of Science, Major: Microbiology 08/2007-05/2011  
**University of Florida**, Gainesville, FL

## POST-GRADUATE TRAINING

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Allergy and Immunology Fellowship 07/2020 -06/2022  
**Tulane University**, New Orleans, LA

Chief Pediatric Resident 07/2019 -06/2020  
**Louisiana State University Department of Pediatrics/ Children's Hospital of New Orleans**, New Orleans, LA

**ACGME Leadership Skills Training Program for Chief Residents** May 2019  
Chicago, IL

Pediatrics Residency 07/2016 -06/2019  
**Louisiana State University Department of Pediatrics/ Children's Hospital of New Orleans**, New Orleans, LA

## FACULTY POSITIONS

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**Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics** 08/2022 - present  
Associate Program Director Allergy and Immunology Fellowship  
University of South Florida at John Hopkins All Children's Hospital  
St. Petersburg, FL

**Clinical Instructor, Department of Pediatrics** 10/2019 -06/2020  
Louisiana State University Department of Pediatrics/ Children's Hospital of New Orleans,  
New Orleans, LA

- Clinical Instructor of Pediatrics as an attending physician in the LSU resident ambulatory clinic and LSU Pediatric Hospital Medicine service
- Faculty director of 'Resident as Teacher' senior residency elective: curriculum development as well as mentorship for senior residents in developing skills as clinical educators.

## RESEARCH AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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**A Descriptive Analysis of Procedure Clinics in an Allergy Practice: A Retrospective Cohort Study**, Tulane University / Ochsner Medical Center 2020-present  
*Mentor: Dr. John C. Carlson*

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- Retrospective cohort study describing the procedures conducted in a high risk allergy referral clinic, including food challenges, venom and aeroallergen desensitizations, and drug challenges.
- Primary investigator involved in conceptualization of study design, IRB submission, data collection, drafting manuscript and abstract
- Currently in process of manuscript creation

**Healthy Tigers QI Project**, Louisiana State University / Children's Hospital New Orleans 2016-2019

*Mentor: Dr. Marcella Houser*

- Resident run coalition aimed at assessing food insecurity in pediatric ambulatory clinic population
- In partnership with local food banks, the projects aimed at providing healthy meals to patients during clinic visits, book collections to continue clinic book distribution at well child checks, and gathering donated dresses for underprivileged teenagers to wear to prom.

**Louisiana State University Pediatrics Residency Peer Mentorship QI Project** 2018 - 2019

*Mentor: Dr. Chelsea Sandlin*

- Co-founder and leader of the mentorship project, which paired incoming residents with other residents from different years, in order to facilitate deeper connection to the residency program, pool resident resources, and improve networking among residents

**Bronchiolitis Protocol Development QI Project** 2016 - 2017

LSU Pediatric Residency/ Children's Hospital New Orleans, *Member*

*Mentor: Dr. Jay Hescoek*

- Developed an evidence based protocol to decrease the use of continuous pulse oximetry for patients admitted with bronchiolitis.
- This project culminated in a presentation of the evidence and the protocol at an LSU Pediatric Residency Morning Report

## **RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Published Articles**

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Carlson JC, **Hajirawala M**, Hein N. Diagnosis and Management of Insect Allergy: Barriers and Facilitators in the United States. *J Asthma Allergy*. 2022 Dec 15;15:1773-1781. doi: 10.2147/JAA.S364867. PMID: 36544562; PMCID: PMC9762263.

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### **Published Abstracts**

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Feinstein J; **Hajirawala M**; Wild L: The First Report of Angioedema and Anaphylaxis with Temporal Association to Semaglutide. *Annals of Allergy, Asthma, & Immunology* Vol 129, Issue 5, S85, 2022.

*Hajirawala M; Carlson J; Wild L: Angioedema with Acquired C1 Esterase Inhibitor Deficiency Associated with Urothelial Carcinoma. Annals of Allergy, Asthma, & Immunology* Vol 127, Issue 5, S81, 2021. Poster presented at American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology National Conference 2021; *New Orleans, LA.*

Le T; **Hajirawala M**; Carlson J: A Case of Recurrent Anaphylaxis During Metronidazole Desensitization. *Annals of Allergy, Asthma, & Immunology* Vol 127, Issue 5, S63, 2021.

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**Hajirawala M;** Carlson J: Completion of Ultrarush Venom Immunotherapy in A Patient with Elevated Tryptase. *Annals of Allergy, Asthma, & Immunology* Vol 125, Issue 5, S67, 2020. Poster presented at American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology National Conference 2020, *virtually*.

**Hajirawala M;** Shapiro M; Casey B; Aviles D: Intracranial Aneurysm in a Pediatric Patient with ARPKD. *Journal of Investigative Medicine* Vol 67 Issue 2, pp561. 2019. Poster presented at: Southern Society for Pediatric Research; New Orleans, LA 2019.

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### **National Conference Presentations**

**Hajirawala M;** Hardeman A; Carlson JC: Risk Associated with Common Procedures Performed in a Referral Allergy Clinic. Accepted for oral presentation at American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology National Conference 2022. Selected to receive the *Anaphylaxis, Dermatology and Drug Allergy (ADDA)* Informatics Abstract Award.

**Hajirawala M;** Carlson J: Ultrarush Fire Ant and Honeybee Venom Immunotherapy in Patient with Mastocytosis Using Omalizumab. Poster presented at American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology National Conference 2021, *virtually*.

**Hajirawala M;** Korattiyil M; Lawand S; Lozano J: Determining Associations between Adverse Childhood Experiences and Bullying Perpetration in U.S. Pediatric Population: A cross-sectional study. Poster presented at Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting 2016 in Baltimore, MD.

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### **Local and Regional Conference Presentations**

**Hajirawala M;** Begue R: A Case Report of *Bacillus cereus* Diarrhea in a Breastfeeding Infant. Presented at Children's Hospital Research Day 2018. New Orleans, LA.

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### **BOOK SECTION**

**Hajirawala, M** and Schweizer, J. Primary immunodeficiency: When cell lines go awry. *Avoiding Common Errors in Pediatric Emergency Medicine*. Published October 2020.

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### **CREATION OF ENDURING TEACHING MATERIALS**

<b>Joint Task Force (JTF) on Allergy Immunology Practice Parameters Education Curriculum</b>	2021 - 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creation of educational PowerPoints for Tulane University Allergy and Immunology Fellows to test knowledge on JTF Practice Parameters</li><li>• Co-leader of educational sessions on JTF Practice Parameters for allergy and immunology fellows and rotating residents as well as students</li></ul>	
<b>New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) Knowledge+</b>	July 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Authored questions in Pediatric Pulmonology for a comprehensive lifelong learning product from NEJM Group aimed at trainees of all levels</li></ul>	
<b>Virtual Education Elective Curriculum Development and Implementation</b> Louisiana State University Pediatric Residency Program	March 2020 – June 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Created and implemented elective rotations during COVID-19 pandemic</li></ul>	
<b>Louisiana State University Pediatric Residency Clinical Pocket Cards</b>	2018 - 2019 Hajirawala 3

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- Resident member of committee responsible for creation, revision, and implementation of pediatric clinical pocket cards
- Created sections: Infant Formula Guide

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Medical Student Teaching**

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**Tulane University 3<sup>rd</sup> year Medical Student Pediatric Clerkship Educator** 2020-present

- Lead educational sessions on various allergy and dermatology related topics related to pediatrics
- Group sessions with lectures for roughly 20 medical students per rotation

**Louisiana State University 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Medical Student Pediatric Clerkship Small Group Moderator, Faculty Moderator** 2019 - 2020

- Facilitated small group forums for 3<sup>rd</sup> year medical students on inpatient pediatric clerkship rotations
- Monthly group sessions with 4-6 medical students

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### **Resident Teaching**

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**Louisiana State University Pediatric Chief Resident Presentations, Lecturer** 2019-2020

- “Stump the Chumps” Clinical Case Conundrum with Expert Faculty Panel – Quarterly
- Board Review for pediatric residency – Monthly
- Morning Report on pediatric clinical cases – One to three times per week

**Louisiana State University Resident as Teacher, Resident Member** 2018-2019

- Senior resident engaged in longitudinal, asynchronous elective rotation aimed at fostering residents’ skills as clinical educators for fellow residents and medical students

**Invited Conferences, Lecturer for East Jefferson Family Medicine Residency Noon Conference** December 2018

- Well Child Checks

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### **Department Lectures**

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**Tulane University and Louisiana State University Citywide Fellow Case Conferences, Lecturer** 2020-present

- Atopic Dermatitis
- Periodic Fevers
- Autoinflammatory Diseases
- Eustachian Tube Dysfunction
- Wine Allergy

**Louisiana State University (LSU) Pediatric Department, Lecturer** 2018-2020  
Children’s Hospital New Orleans (CHNOLA)

- Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children due to COVID-19
- Journal Club on Association between Vitamin D Status and Asthma Control: A Meta-Analysis of Randomized Trials

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- Morbidity and Mortality Conference
- Case Conference: A Case of Neonatal Direct Hyperbilirubinemia

**LSU Adolescent Medicine Pediatric Rotation Didactic Series, Lecturer** February 2018

- The “Challenge” Epidemic

**LSU Pediatric Endocrinology Rotation Didactic Series, Lecturer** December 2016

- Short Stature

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### Statewide Presentations

**Louisiana Society of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (LSAAI) Annual Meeting Fellow** August 2021

**Case Conference, Lecturer**

- Progesterone Hypersensitivity

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## LEADERSHIP AND ACADEMIC COMMITTEES

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### University Committees

**Louisiana State University (LSU) Pediatric Hematology Oncology Rotation Task Force Committee, Member** May – June 2020

- Chief resident member in the curriculum review board shaping the direction of the Hematology Oncology resident rotation

**LSU Pediatric Residency Program Evaluation Committee, Member** 2017-2020

- Resident/chief resident representative for the committee responsible for evaluation of residency curriculum and implementation of improvement initiatives

**LSU Pediatric Residency Clinical Competency Committee, Member** 2019-2020

- Chief resident representative for pediatric residency engaged in quarterly meetings with pediatric residency faculty leadership aimed at evaluation of pediatric residents in their ACGME mandated milestone achievements

**LSU Pediatric Residency Program Admissions Committee, Member** 2019-2020

- Chief resident representative for pediatric residency engaged in recruitment, interviewing, evaluation, and ranking of pediatric residency applicants for LSU Pediatrics Class of 2020 – 2021.

**LSU School of Medicine – Special Focused Program Review Committee, Member** September 2019

- Pediatric chief resident representative in LSU institutional panel put together by Graduate Medical Education Committee to conduct internal review of Internal Medicine Residency Program

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### Hospital Committees

**Resident Advisory Council** 2016-2019

Louisiana State University (LSU) Pediatric Residency/Children’s Hospital New Orleans (CHNOLA), *Member 2016-2018, Leader 2018-2019*

- Council made up of resident advocates that met with the Chief Quality Officer at CHNOLA every two months to discuss hospital safety concerns and advocate for resident and patients’ needs

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**Children's Hospital New Orleans (CHNOLA) Translation Services Quality Improvement Committee, Founder and Lead Resident** 2018-2019

- Ad hoc committee created to improve the quality of care non-English speaking families experience throughout the hospital.

**CHNOLA Healthy Initiative, Founder and Lead Resident** 2018-2019

- Ad hoc committee created from an advocacy letter and public health recommendation sent to hospital administration. This group advocated for healthier and more affordable food choices for patients, families, and employees.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

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<b>Receptionist and Administrative Assistant</b>	November 2011- July 2012
Manor Care Rehabilitation Center and Assisted Living Facility	
EPIC Electronic Medical Record Physician "Super User"	January - April 2019

## **AWARDS**

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Gold Humanism Honor Society Resident of the Month	September 2017
AAP National Conference James W. Bass Pediatric Bowl Winner	October 2019
ACAAI Annual Scientific Meeting Travel Scholarship recipient	November 2021
AAAAI <i>Anaphylaxis, Dermatology and Drug Allergy (ADDA)</i> Informatics Abstract Award	February 2022
VA Health Professions Trainee of the Year	March 2022

## **LICENSURES**

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Board Certified in General Pediatrics, American Board of Pediatrics – Certificate #126483	2019-present
Florida State Board of Medical Examiners Physician License - License ME157325	2022 - present
Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME) Physician License - License 312433	2019 - 2022
LSBME Physician in Training – License 302960	2016 - 2019

## **CERTIFICATION**

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USMLE Step 1 – 233 Pass	May 2015
USMLE Step 2 CK – 228 – Pass	October 2015
USMLE Step 2 CS – Pass	December 2015
USMLE Step 3 – 214 Pass	October 2019

## **LANGUAGES SPOKEN**

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English - Native Language  
Spanish - Upper intermediate proficiency  
Gujarati - Advanced proficiency

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI)	2020 – present
American College of Allergy Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI)	2020 - present
American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)	2016 – present



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