October 18, 2021

News

1. **REMINDER:** Complete your mandatory EDI Training by November 30

2. Keith Ferdinand, MD, talks to NBC News about new salt guidelines

3. Community meeting slated for October 27

4. Dean launches new birthday breakfast to honor faculty, staff, residents, fellows and students

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Events of the Week

Translational Science Grand Rounds, **Monday, October 18th at 12pm.** Stuart Spencer, PhD. Senior Executive Editor of The Lancet presents "Improving your chances of getting a paper accepted in a good journal." [On Zoom, Passcode: 885155.](#)

J. Richard Williams Sr, MD 1931 Lecture, **Tuesday, October 19th at 12pm.** Elma LeDoux, MD, presents "Commerce, Chemicals, and Social Customs: Intertwined Hazards of the 19th and Early 20th Centuries." [Register for the online event here.](#)
School of Medicine Webinar Series, **Tuesday, October 19th at 6pm. COVID-19 Part 3: Variants, vaccines and boosters** with David Mushatt, MD, and experts from Tulane SPHTM. **Register online.**

Department of Medicine Grand Rounds, **Wednesday, October 20th at 12pm.** Jay Kolls, MD, presents "The Immunology of Pneumonia Risk: from Bacterial Pnemonia to COVID-19." **On Zoom, Passcode: 364992.**

Bariatric Surgery informational webinar, **Wednesday, October 20th at 5pm.** **Register here.**

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**Lagniappe**

Submit proposals by **October 31, 2021** for the Tulane Center of Excellence Sex-Based Biology & Medicine **Transdisciplinary Grant Planning Awards.**

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**Ferdinand on NBC News**

The FDA is asking food manufacturers and restaurants to cut the salt in their products over the coming 2½ years, hoping to reduce Americans’ overall sodium intake by 12 percent. **Keith Ferdinand, MD,** professor of medicine and Gerald S. Berenson Chair in Preventative Cardiology, spoke with NBC News about the new recommendations.

The interview was featured on both the Today Show and NBC Nightly News.