



Jefferson Parish Diversity and Inclusion Board

Autism Acceptance Month

Autism Acceptance Month aims to celebrate and promote acceptance for the condition that occurs in one in every 54 children as of 2020 in the United States. Autism, a complex developmental condition affecting the patient's ability to interact, communicate, and progress, has not one but many subtypes.

Parkinson's Awareness Month

Parkinson's is a long-term disorder where the central nervous system degenerates and that affects the motor system. Motor symptoms like trembling, stiffness, and rigidity are usually associated with Parkinson's disease. Symptoms typically occur slowly. One side is often affected first, but as Parkinson's disease progresses, both sides are affected. Celebrities such as Muhammed Ali and Michael J. Fox were diagnosed with Parkinson's.

Testicular Cancer Awareness Month

Testicular Cancer Awareness Month is observed annually in April to encourage men between the ages of 20 to 35 to get tested for testicular cancer. The month also doubles as a time to reflect on advancements in research, treatment, and progress. According to the American Cancer Society, testicular cancer remains one of the most treatable cancer types, with over 95% of those diagnosed surviving past five years.

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Dr. Esteban Gershanik is an Internist and Pediatrician, who also received his Master's in Public Health degree focused on Health Systems Management from Tulane University. Throughout his career he has worked with underserved populations through the nonprofit group Global Healing in Honduras and led efforts during Hurricane Katrina in disaster management/ emergency preparedness through the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals and Office of Public Health. He has been focused on healthcare equity for many years; and most recently assisted in the opening of Centro Hispano de Salud, a clinic located in the West Jefferson Medical Center that will serve the Hispanic community of the Greater New Orleans area.



More info about D&I:

The mission of the Jefferson Parish Diversity and Inclusion Board (D&I) is to promote an environment that fosters a deliberate focus on acceptance, fairness, education and inclusion of diversity within the Jefferson Parish workforce. It is our belief that this quality will benefit everyone.

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