# Tulane physicians make annual Best Doctors list

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Dr. Olugbenga Akingbola, professor of clinical pediatrics, is featured on the cover of New Orleans magazine's Best Doctors issue. The magazine also spotlights liver specialist Dr. Luis Balart, section chief of gastroenterology and hepatology. (Graphic by Melinda Viles)

More than 75 Tulane University physicians made New Orleans magazine's annual Best Doctors list, which highlights outstanding physicians by specialty based on recommendations from peers nationwide.

[Dr. Olugbenga Akingbola](#), professor of clinical pediatrics, is featured on the magazine's cover and inside [in an article](#) highlighting his work as director of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Tulane Lakeside Hospital for Women and Children. Akingbola, a native of Lagos, Nigeria, has been hearing from fellow doctors and friends ever since the magazine hit news stands earlier this month.

"I've gotten lots of congratulatory messages from friends, colleagues and total strangers especially from the Nigerian and other African immigrant communities," he said.

The issue also [features an article](#) highlighting [Dr. Luis Balart](#), section chief of gastroenterology and hepatology, and his expertise in helping patients fighting liver disease.

"On behalf of Tulane University School of Medicine, I would like to congratulate all our doctors, including those not listed," said Dr. Lee Hamm, medical school dean and senior vice president of Tulane. "Your commitment to education, research and patient care continues to advance every aspect of the healthcare field."

The listing, which is compiled by Boston-based Best Doctors, is based on a nationwide survey of doctors who were asked, "If you or a loved one needed a doctor in your specialty, and you couldn't treat them yourself, to whom would you refer them?"

To see the Tulane doctors on the list, click [here](#). New Orleans magazine is online at [www.myneworleans.com](#).