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Rupali Drewek, MD, Added to Phoenix Children's Pulmonology Division

Doctor will assist in developing Sleep Disorders Clinic

PHOENIX, Ariz. (Feb. 15, 2008) – Phoenix Children's Hospital recently added Rupali Drewek, MD, to its Pulmonology Division, where she will assist with establishing and overseeing its new Sleep Disorders Clinic, a rapidly growing specialty area that helps treat patients afflicted with sleep-disordered breathing, poor sleep hygiene and other related ailments.

Drewek received her medical degree at Ross University, Dominica, West Indies, and went on to complete her general pediatrics residency at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She also completed fellowship studies in pediatric pulmonology at Tulane University Hospital and Clinic, New Orleans, LA, and the Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI.

"Dr. Drewek's expertise in pulmonology and sleep medicine significantly broadens the scope and breadth of specialty health care the Hospital offers its patients," says Bob Meyer, president and CEO of Phoenix Children's. "As we enter this period of growth, Phoenix Children's will closely examine the needs of the community and continue to recruit pediatricians like Dr. Drewek who are highly qualified and fill important gaps of care that exist in Arizona's health care system."

In her new role, Drewek will work in tandem with colleagues to develop the Hospital's sleep clinic, a specialty area aimed at diagnosing and treating children suffering from parasomnias, a variety of disorders characterized by undesirable motor, verbal, or experiential phenomenon occurring in association with sleep, specific stages of sleep, or sleep-awake transition phases, and associated health problems.

"Sleep disorders in the pediatric population are under-recognized and often go untreated," Drewek says. "Through my work at Phoenix Children's and the development of its sleep clinic, I plan to make general pediatricians more

aware of this problem, reduce the incidence of sleep disordered breathing, and improve sleep hygiene for children throughout the area.”

Drewek, certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and eligible for the Sub-board of Pediatric Pulmonology, completed elective work in intensive care management and sleep medicine. During her time at Tulane University Hospital and Clinic, she revised the didactic fellowship curriculum and presented several journal articles, case studies and relevant pulmonary topics to the department.

The pediatric pulmonologists at Phoenix Children's Hospital provide care for children with respiratory diseases and disorders. Together the pediatric pulmonologists, certified pediatric nurse practitioners, specialized nurses, medical assistants, respiratory therapists, social workers and specialized nutritionists provide comprehensive care and follow-up for patients and their families.

Phoenix Children's Hospital is Arizona's leader in pediatric care and is one of the 10 largest children's hospitals in the nation. The most comprehensive array of pediatric specialists in the state practices at this one organization. The outstanding clinical expertise, as well as high patient volume, and an unwavering commitment to caring only for children, all contribute to Phoenix Children's leadership position. For information, visit the Hospital's Web site at www.phoenixchildrens.com.