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Randa Jarrar, MD, Joins Phoenix Children's Neuroscience Institute

Physician offers expertise in a variety of neurological sub-specialties

PHOENIX, Ariz. (June 30, 2008) – Randa Jarrar, MD, a pediatric neurologist, has joined at Phoenix Children's Hospital's Pediatric Neuroscience Institute, after serving in a similar role at Gillette Children's Hospital in St. Paul, MN, and as adjunct clinical instructor, department of neurology and pediatrics, at the University of Minnesota.

The beginning of her tenure is marked by a reunion of sorts, as she will have the opportunity to once again collaborate with Jeffrey Buchhalter, MD, PhD, the director of the Hospital's pediatric epilepsy program, and Jarrar's former colleague at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., where she completed a residency in child neurology and a fellowship in epilepsy. Jarrar also completed a second fellowship at Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Fla., where she focused her studies on neuromuscular disorders and electromyography.

"We are assembling a group of physicians to lead our Neuroscience Institute who represent the cream of the crop of professionals in the field," said Bob Meyer, president and CEO of Phoenix Children's. "Dr. Jarrar offers expertise in a variety of neuroscience disciplines that include epilepsy, neuromuscular disorders, and pediatric headaches, and is a welcome addition to our neuroscience program."

Jarrar received her medical degree from the University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan. She went on to complete her pediatric residency at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

"I am very excited to be part of the epilepsy team at Phoenix Children's Hospital and to be able to work with Dr. Buchhalter again," Jarrar says. "With the rising demand for neurologic care in Arizona, not only will I have the opportunity to offer care as an epileptologist, there's also a need for performing other highly specialized evaluative procedures such as electromyography and intraoperative neurophysiologic monitoring to help children living with complex neurologic disorders."

Phoenix Children's Hospital Children's Neuroscience Institute enjoys the dominant case volume in pediatric neurosciences of any hospital in the market. One of the Hospital's six Centers of Excellence, the Institute's multi-disciplined team of medical professionals care for patients suffering from complex and interrelated neurological and behavioral conditions.

The program places a large emphasis on teaching and research activities. All of the divisions within the Institute participate in training Phoenix Children's Hospital's pediatric residents. In addition, the Institute hosts residents from the University of Arizona's adult Neurology, Neurosurgery, and Psychiatry departments.

Phoenix Children's Hospital is Arizona's only licensed children's hospital, providing world-class care in more than 40 pediatric specialties to our state's sickest kids. Though Phoenix Children's is one of the 10 largest freestanding children's hospitals in the country, rapid population growth in Arizona means the Hospital must grow as well. Phoenix Children's recently announced a \$588 million expansion plan to bring its special brand of family-centered care to even more patients and families. The plan includes a significant upgrade of the Hospital's current campus, an aggressive physician recruitment effort, and new satellite centers in high growth areas of the Valley. For more information, visit the Hospital's Web site at www.phoenixchildrens.com.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A photo of Jarrar is attached.

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