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Phoenix Children's Pediatric Emergency Department Adds Kopal Seth, MD

ED's newest physician brings more coverage to busy department

PHOENIX, Ariz. (Feb. 15, 2008) – Phoenix Children's Hospital recently announced the hiring of Kopal Seth, MD, a physician trained in pediatric emergency medicine whose expertise and experience is a welcome addition to the pediatric emergency department of Arizona's only licensed children's Hospital.

Seth is a graduate of Washington, D.C.-based George Washington University's seven-year BA/MD program. She completed her residency in pediatrics at Loyola University Medical Center at Ronald McDonald Children's Hospital, Chicago, IL, and fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine at Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA.

"The hiring of Dr. Seth comes at a time when we're experiencing record numbers in emergency department visits," says Bob Meyer, president and CEO of Phoenix Children's. "Not only will she provide important coverage in patient care, her significant talent and experience will add depth to a team of physicians that is truly setting the standard of care for pediatric emergency medicine in Arizona."

Phoenix Children's Hospital's Pediatric Emergency Department is Arizona's first emergency department exclusively for children. The 30-bed department includes an eight-bed private observation area, a separate six-bed fast track area where non-urgent patients are seen, two trauma/resuscitation rooms and a 14-bed acute treatment center.

Providing state-of-the-art emergency care 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the Hospital's full-time physicians are pediatric emergency medicine trained specialists who come from leading U.S. and Canadian children's hospitals; the nursing staff has unequaled pediatric emergency experience. With nearly 60,000 visits last year, the Emergency Department uses every bit of that expertise in caring for Arizona's children.

“As the population of the Phoenix area has grown over the last few years, so has the demand for pediatric emergency services, and by being a dedicated pediatric hospital, Phoenix Children’s has been able to keep up with this demand and maintain a high level of care and commitment,” Seth says. “I was attracted to the Hospital because all of the physicians who staff the emergency department specialize in pediatric emergency medicine; their enthusiasm and passion keep me looking forward to everyday of work.”

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.

EDITOR’S NOTE: A photo of Seth is attached.

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