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JOIN US IN WELCOMING NEW MEDICAL STAFF

Melanie Burgos-Alarcio, MD, **PCMG – Neurology**
Mark Hostetler, MD, **PCMG – Emergency Medicine**
Bo Borch-Christensen, MD, Hospitalist
Brian Gronert, MD, Anesthesiology
Mohamed Hasan, MD, Hospitalist
Ashish Shah, MD, Cardiology

HOSPITAL NEWS

Updates at Phoenix Children's Specialty and Urgent Care – East Valley Center:

Pediatric Radiology

The following radiologic services are available at Phoenix Children's Specialty and Urgent Care – East Valley Center:

- VCUGs
- Upper and lower GIs
- Ultrasound services
- Modified barium swallow
- *MRI/CT (Beginning Monday, Dec. 15. To schedule your MRI/CT patients now, please call (602) 546-1215)

**An MRI/CT Open House will be held on Thursday, Dec. 11, at the East Valley Center. To RSVP for the event, please contact Kim Sluyk at (602) 546-5879 or kjohnson4@phoenixchildrens.com.*

Pediatric Orthopaedics

Phoenix Children's Center for Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery has expanded to the East Valley. Patients are seen by a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon and have access to the same non-surgical orthopaedic services available at the Hospital's main campus, including sports medicine. To schedule an appointment, please call (602) 241-0276.

General

The East Valley Center is now offering remote access to patient records. For information on connecting, please call Kim Sluyk at (602) 546-5879.

Referral Forms Now Available Online: Need to schedule a radiology appointment? Surgeons, need to schedule a surgery? We've updated these forms and have them available online at <http://www.phoenixchildrens.com/professionals/for-physicians/admit-refer-a-patient/>.

New Bronchiolitis Protocol: Bronchiolitis accounts for more than 90,000 hospitalizations nationwide annually with an estimated cost of \$700 million per year for hospitalized children younger than 1. There is considerable variability to the clinical management of infants with bronchiolitis, and several studies have

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shown that the use of clinical guidelines reduce unnecessary resource utilization and streamline medical care for these infants.

The goals of this revised protocol, which are based directly from the American Academy of Pediatrics Practice Guidelines, include:

- Increase overall quality of care by decreasing unnecessary resource utilization and variation in care.
- Reduce unnecessary use of antibiotics.
- Reduce inappropriate use of steroids.
- Reduce unnecessary use of bronchodilator therapy.
- Reduce use of "deep" suctioning.
- Avoid vasoconstricting intranasal medications.
- Decrease the use of unnecessary diagnostic studies, specifically chest X-rays.
- Reduce practice of discharging patients with an SVN machine.
- Improve the use of appropriate monitoring, most specifically increasing the utilization of spot pulse oximetry rather than continuous pulse oximetry.
- Increase physician, nursing, therapist, and family education.

EVENTS

11: Medical Staff Event: Medical Community Open House - New magnetic resonance system at East Valley Center

13: Foundation: Arizona Big Train Operators Holiday Open House Tours

14: Foundation: KMLE KLAUS

16: CME, Grand Rounds: "Biomedical Informatics and the Advent of Personalized Health Care" Robert Greenes MD, Arizona State University

For more information on events, visit www.phoenixchildrens.com/calendar-of-events/.

STAY IN TOUCH

For more information on events, to receive the Connection via email, or any other requests, please contact Lynda Christel at (602) 546-5873 or lchristel@phoenixchildrens.com.