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Drew Memorial Welcomes Dr. Battala, new OB/GYN



October 9, 2017 - Drew Memorial would like to welcome Dr. N. Lakshmi Battala, OB/GYN to our Women's Services team. A native of India, Dr. Battala graduated medical school at the age of 21 before moving to New York for residency. She has practiced medicine for 20 years, chiefly in central California. She will provide general obstetrics and gynecology care in the Drew Memorial Women's Services building behind the main hospital facility with Dr. Kelly Shrum, OB-GYN.

Patients will see Dr. Battala for family planning, obstetrics, menopausal and post-menopausal care, and everything in between. She explained that choosing a favorite area of medicine is impossible. She says, "I love delivering babies; I love performing surgery; Really, I love it all." It has been said that when you do what you love, you never work a day in your life- this may be the case with Dr. Battala. When asked about what she does for fun, she explains, "I just love helping people. I have a passion for it." She spends much of her free time in prayer and meditation.

This October especially, in light of the observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month nationally, she wants to encourage women to give themselves a self-breast exam at least once a month and to schedule annual women's wellness exams.

Dr. Battala wanted a new challenge, and she chose to settle down in Southeast Arkansas long-term because of the hospitality she experienced during her visits here. "The people here are very nice," she says. "Everyone has been wonderful. I'll live here forever." Her family will be joining her in Monticello in the coming months.

Would you like to welcome our newest doctor to the area? You have two opportunities. Drew Memorial is hosting meet-and-greet at Monticello Country Club on Tuesday, October 17 from 6 - 7:30 p.m., and she will also be at our Health Fair lunch on Friday, October 27 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Both events are open to the public.

Dr. Battala is now accepting new patients. To set up an appointment, contact Drew Memorial Women's Services at 870-367-9700. All health insurance is accepted.

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