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Palak Patel, MD, is a pediatric anesthesiologist in the Phoenix community and clinical assistant professor of anesthesiology at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix.

She grew up in Scottsdale, Ariz., and earned an undergraduate degree from Arizona State University. She graduated from the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson then moved to Orange County, Calif., to complete a residency in anesthesiology at the University of California Irvine, followed by a fellowship in pediatric anesthesiology at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. Dr. Patel returned to Phoenix and joined the faculty at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix as a simulation instructor in the college’s Center for Simulation and Innovation.

She is currently pursuing a master’s degree in academic medicine. Her interests include improving wellness for physicians, improving feedback and debriefing in undergraduate medical education, and education through simulation. Dr. Patel is involved in a simulation research project comparing third- and fourth-year medical students during their simulation sessions.

Dr. Patel is a Scholarly Project mentor for medical students, guiding them through a research project during their four years at the College of Medicine – Phoenix. Currently, one of her students is pursuing a project reviewing glucose data in pediatric burn patients and its effect on morbidity and prognosis. For the future, Dr. Patel hopes to continue enhancing her career in undergraduate medical education.

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