The Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Disorders Medicine will open a new and comprehensive Pulmonary Function and Exercise Physiology Laboratory this summer. This Laboratory will be located in the Faculty Practice Building. Using new state-of-the-art equipment, we will offer a full range of services, including complete pulmonary function testing (spirometry, lung volumes measured by body box or plethysmography) or by nitrogen washout, and DLCO), cardiopulmonary exercise stress testing (with either cycle ergometry or treadmill), six-minute walk testing, and bronchodilator responsiveness. Both methacholine and exercise challenge testing will be offered to evaluate for asthma. Other services will include arterial blood gas analysis, oxygen shunt study, maximal inspiratory / expiratory pressures, pulse oximetry, induced sputum collection, and nebulized treatments (e.g., inhaled pentamadine, ribavirin, and albuterol). In addition, the lab will offer customized testing and services to meet the needs of special research protocols.

The lab will accept same day, walk-in appointments. To schedule a patient for one of these pulmonary function studies call 584-8563 (584-ULMD). To discuss specialized testing protocols or to arrange for a pulmonary consultation, call our Division’s main office number at 852-5841. Please visit our website (http://louisville.edu/medschool/pulmonary) for more information about our Division and the services we provide. Submitted by Rodney J. Folz, MD, PhD, Division Chief.

The implementation, IS team and support staff from the physician practices have been reviewing, building, testing and finalizing decisions in for the GE Centricity Business go-live dates. Overall, useful information is being attained from these sessions to ensure we are on the right track to meet the business needs of the practices.

First week in May the teams will conduct live system simulation testing. Training for the two pilot sites, Child & Youth Project and Neonatal Associates will be conducted in May. Go-Live date for these two sites is 6/2/08.