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Monthly Update



Celebrating Excellence in Orthopaedic Surgery: Dr. Bashir Zikria

Recently, leaders from Johns Hopkins Medicine and distinguished donors gathered to celebrate a landmark milestone: the dedication of the **Daniel and Gayle D'Aniello Professorship in Orthopaedic Surgery**. We are proud to announce that **Bashir Zikria, M.D., M.Sc.**, has been installed as the inaugural recipient of this prestigious honor.

This endowed professorship reflects a visionary commitment to advancing patient care, groundbreaking research, and clinical education. The ceremony also highlighted the power of partnership; pictured above is Sibley Foundation Board Member **Alma Gildenhorn** with Dr. Zikria and his son. In tandem with the Gildenhorn family's incredible generosity, this professorship allows us to continue elevating orthopaedic excellence at Sibley Memorial Hospital and throughout the National Capital Region.

We congratulate Dr. Zikria on this well-deserved recognition and celebrate the lasting impact his work continues to have on the field of orthopaedic surgery.

If you are interested in learning more about Dr. Zikria's work or how you can support orthopaedic research and patient care initiatives at Sibley, please contact Kristen Pruski at kpruski@jhmi.edu.

Celebrating Our Sibley Team

While we take pride in celebrating all of our team members and clinicians every day, **March 30th is National Doctors' Day!** We invite you to join us in this annual commemoration by making a gift in honor of your physician—a meaningful way to say "thank you" for the expert care and compassion they provide.

High Fives for Excellence

In the spirit of celebrating our incredible staff alongside Women's History Month, we were thrilled to present **Brittany Roberts, C.R.N.P.**, our Urogynecology Nurse Practitioner, with a **High Five pin!**

Pictured right, Brittany was joined by **Dr. Daniel Gruber** (left), Director of Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery, who has also been a recipient of this honor, and **Andrea Travis** (middle), Director of Development. Both Brittany and Dr. Gruber are exceptional partners with the Foundation and maintain the mission of delivering world-class care to our community.



To honor a Sibley Physician this Doctor's Day, visit:

<https://secure.jhu.edu/form/sibleymemorialhospitalomag>.



March 30 is Doctors' Day--a time to celebrate a physician whose expert and compassionate care made a difference for you at Sibley.

Click the button below to make a gift.

Honor Your Sibley Doctor!



Members of the palliative care team with Kristen Pruski at a recent recognition event.

Palliative Care Expansion at Sibley

Palliative care is specialized medical care for people living with serious illness. At Sibley, it is provided alongside disease-directed treatment and advanced therapies. The dedicated multidisciplinary team takes a holistic approach to ensure patients receive expert symptom relief, clear communication across care teams, and care that reflects the patient's goals, values, and preferences. With earlier access to palliative services, patients have better symptom control, a clearer understanding of their care options, and smoother transitions between hospital and outpatient settings. The palliative care service line prevents avoidable crises and emergency department visits, and the team's coordinated approach also improves patient and family experience while reducing unnecessary healthcare utilization and associated costs.

In 2025, 791 inpatients were seen by the palliative care program at Sibley, and over the past two years, more than 400 patients have received care through the outpatient palliative care clinic, a part of the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center at Sibley. The outpatient clinic is excited to welcome a new full-time palliative care physician, Dr. Amanda Keerbs, who is enabling the clinic to expand access in the coming months.

This new chapter brings increased appointment availability and the opportunity to reach patients earlier in their illness, when palliative care has the greatest impact. These outcomes are made possible through the dedication of our interdisciplinary team and the generosity of philanthropic partners. With continued community support, we can expand capacity, strengthen early referral processes, and ensure compassionate, high-quality palliative care is available to every patient and family who needs it.

If you would like to learn more about Sibley's Palliative Care program, please reach out to Liz Levine at liz.levine@jhmi.edu.

Donate to Support Sibley's Palliative Care Program

Welcome Dr. Mahajan to Sibley



We are honored to announce that **Anita Mahajan, MD**, has joined Sibley Memorial Hospital as Director of the new **Johns Hopkins Pediatric Radiation Oncology Research Center**.

Funded by a landmark **\$40 million gift**, she will spearhead the center's mission to pioneer advancements in neurobiology, AI, and precision treatments—*all while focusing on reducing long-term side effects to improve life after cancer for our youngest patients.*

An internationally recognized leader in CNS (Central Nervous System) radiation oncology and proton therapy, Dr. Mahajan's expertise is transformative for our patients. Her arrival brings world-class research and life-changing clinical care directly to the Greater Washington area.

[Read Dr. Mahajan's Full Bio Here](#)

Support the Future of Pediatric Oncology

If you would like to learn more about Dr. Mahajan's vision or how you can support this groundbreaking research and the future of proton therapy, please contact Liz Levine, liz.levine@jhmi.edu.

In Case You Missed It...

You can now find the Foundation's donor e-news archived on this page:
[Sibley Foundation Donor E-news | Sibley Memorial Hospital Foundation](#)
[.\(hopkinsmedicine.org\)](http://hopkinsmedicine.org)

Your Sibley Community: Events

Thanks to our generous supporters, Sibley is proud to offer the following community events.

"Discussing the Facts" Webinar focused on National Kidney Month

Wednesday, March 18 | 7 - 8 pm

Virtual on Zoom

Guest Speaker: Dr. Deidra C. Crews, Professor of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, will call attention to chronic kidney disease and focus on early detection, managing risk factors like diabetes/high blood pressure, and ensuring equitable access to care.

<https://jhjhm.zoom.us/j/99612626619>

Join via audio:

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Webinar ID: 996 1262 6619

NEW PROGRAM!

Self-Care with Art

Wednesday, March 25 | 6 - 7 pm

Virtual on Zoom

Join art educator Lauren Cook, MA, for a restorative art experience to discover the healing power of creativity and to nurture wellness and artistic expression. No prior art experience needed.

Register by contacting Pam Goetz, pgoetz4@jhmi.edu

Finding Calm: A Mindful Practice

Thursday, March 26 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm

In-Person at Sibley Memorial Hospital

Join meditation teacher Chris Montone for a meditation practice that support relaxation and overall well-being.

Register by contacting Pam Goetz, pgoetz4@jhmi.edu

We hope you can join us for one of our upcoming fundraising events.

Sibley's Young Professional's Board Upcoming Events:

Almost Sold Out! Ladies' Luncheon, Friday, May 1, 2026, 11:30am

Guys' Night, Thursday, May 7, 2026, 6:00pm

To learn more and register, visit: <http://ypb.sibleyfoundation.org/>

The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.

Annual Fundraiser Dinner Banquet

Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 6:15pm

Maggiano's Little Italy

100% of donations support the Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation mission: in the pursuit of education and cure for breast cancer.

To register: <https://www.judithalese.org/2026dinner.pdf>

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