



Did you know that Inova Alexandria Hospital is the *oldest* continuously operating community hospital in Virginia?

We are proud to celebrate our history of dedication to innovative patient care, making the hospital the place of “**Firsts**” in medical care in the state, region and nation.

- **First** School of Nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. (1895)
- **First** movable X-ray table in Northern Virginia. (1937)
- **First** hospital on the East Coast to institute the use of epidural in obstetrics. (1953)
- **First** hospital in Northern Virginia to have a lung chamber. (1949)
- **First** hospital in the nation to staff an emergency department around-the-clock. Known nationally as the “Alexandria Plan.” (1961)
- The School of Nursing is ranked **first** among nursing schools in Virginia. (1961)
- **First** in Northern Virginia to provide direct telephone dialing for patients. (1962)
- **First** hospital in Northern Virginia to provide a full-body CAT scan unit. (1977)
- **First** hospital in Northern Virginia to have 1 room for labor, delivery & recovery. (1978)
- **First** peripheral vascular lab in Northern Virginia. (1982)
- **First** Magnetic Resonance Imaging Center in Northern Virginia. (1986)
- **First** hospital in the Washington metropolitan area to use a laser. (1988)
- **First** in the area and 2nd in the U.S. to have an excimer laser, used for vascular disease. (1989)
- **First** Cancer Center in Northern Virginia to be accredited by the American College of Surgeons for its comprehensive community oncology program. (1989)
- **First** Sleep Lab of its kind in Northern Virginia to offer comprehensive evaluations for sleep apnea, insomnia and other problems associated with sleep disorders. (1990)
- **First** hospital in Northern Virginia to offer brachytherapy treatment for prostate carcinoma. (1992)
- **First** hospital in Northern Virginia to have an Outpatient Chemotherapy Infusion Room. (1995)
- PCU/Unit 28 is the **first** unit and hospital in the Northern Virginia area to offer Tikosyn therapy, an oral agent is given for the treatment of atrial fibrillation. (2000)
- **First** hospital in Northern Virginia to have a highly sophisticated Infant and Child Abduction Security Monitoring system. (2001)
- **First** hospital in Northern Virginia to receive JCAHO Stroke Center certification. (2005)
- **First** hospital in Northern Virginia to offer Trilogy™ for cancer patients. (2006)
- **First** hospital in Virginia and Washington, DC metro area to offer **NanoKnife™**.