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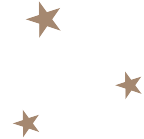
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More than 130 years ago, Julia Johns had a vision. She was concerned about the health of the Alexandria community and brought together a group of experienced, caring and dedicated health care professionals to open Alexandria's first hospital.

In these times of change, it is nice to know that some things remain the same. Today, as our community's need for health care continues to grow, Inova Alexandria Hospital remains dedicated to preserving the tradition of providing quality health care to our community.



Novena Alexandria Hospital's history of providing health care to Northern Virginians began more than 130 years ago with the vision of Julia Johns, a local citizen concerned about Alexandria's need for a hospital. Here are just a few of our memorable events over the years.



1872

Fearing a typhoid epidemic among the crew on board a ship in Old Town Alexandria's harbor, Julia Johns calls upon a group of friends at St. Paul's Church and forms the Alexandria Infirmary Association on December 12. This group later becomes the Board of Lady Managers. They govern the hospital until the 1940s and continue to support the hospital today.



1873

The Alexandria Infirmary opens its doors to patients on January 23. It is housed at the Dr. Francis Murphy House on the southwest corner of Duke and Fairfax Streets.



1882

The first surgery, an amputation, is performed by Dr. George T. Klipstein.



1894

A school of nursing is opened at the Alexandria Infirmary.



1878

The Alexandria Infirmary moves to 1315 Duke Street, between Henry and Fayette Streets.



1886

The Board of Lady Managers buys the Orphans' Asylum at Pitt and Wolfe Streets. It becomes the hospital's fourth location.

1872

1900

The Alexandria Infirmiry outpatient dispensary opens, marking the beginning of outpatient care.



1917

Spurred by lack of space and the growing demand for health care, the hospital moves to a new, larger building at the corner of Duke and Washington streets on land donated by Edward Daingerfield.

1946

Alexandria Hospital is fully approved for residency training in medicine, surgery, obstetrics/gynecology, pathology and radiology.



1959

Ground is broken for the new Seminary Road location.

1961

Alexandria Hospital is the first facility in the nation to staff an emergency department around the clock with full-time dedicated ER physicians. It becomes known nationally as the "Alexandria Plan."



1902

The Alexandria Infirmiry changes its name to Alexandria Hospital.



1921

The Auxiliary Board organizes and operates a gift store.

1953

Alexandria Hospital is the first hospital on the East Coast to institute the use of epidural anesthesia in obstetrics.

1960

The hospital's 50,000th baby is born.



Celebrating more than 130 Years of Health Care Excellence

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1977

Alexandria Hospital is the first hospital in Northern Virginia to provide a full body computerized tomography (CT) scan unit.

1986

The Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Center opens, the first in Northern Virginia.



1997

Alexandria Hospital merges with Inova Health System to become Inova Alexandria Hospital.



Today

Inova Alexandria Hospital remains dedicated to meeting the health care needs of the communities we serve today and in the future.



1962

Alexandria Hospital moves to its new building on Seminary Road. Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson speaks at the opening ceremony.

The hospital's chaplaincy program is established.

1978

Alexandria Hospital opens the first birthing rooms where labor, delivery and recovery occur in the same room.

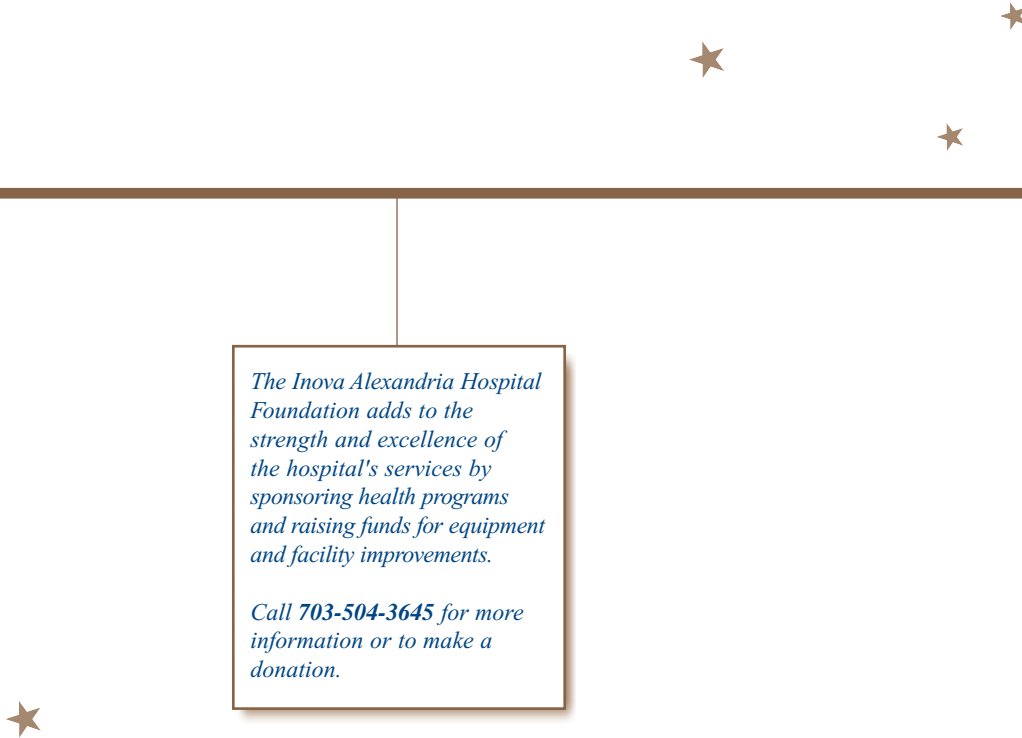
The Alexandria Hospital Foundation is established to provide philanthropic support for the hospital.

1989

Alexandria Hospital becomes the first in the area and second in the country to have an excimer laser which is used primarily for the treatment of patients with vascular disease.

The Northern Virginia Cancer Center; now known as the Inova Alexandria Hospital Cancer Center, opens.





The Inova Alexandria Hospital Foundation adds to the strength and excellence of the hospital's services by sponsoring health programs and raising funds for equipment and facility improvements.

Call 703-504-3645 for more information or to make a donation.

Inova Health System is a not-for-profit health care system based in Northern Virginia that consists of hospitals and other health services including emergency and urgent care centers, home care, nursing homes, mental health and blood donor services, and wellness classes. Governed by a voluntary board of community members, Inova's mission is to provide quality care and improve the health of the diverse communities we serve.

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