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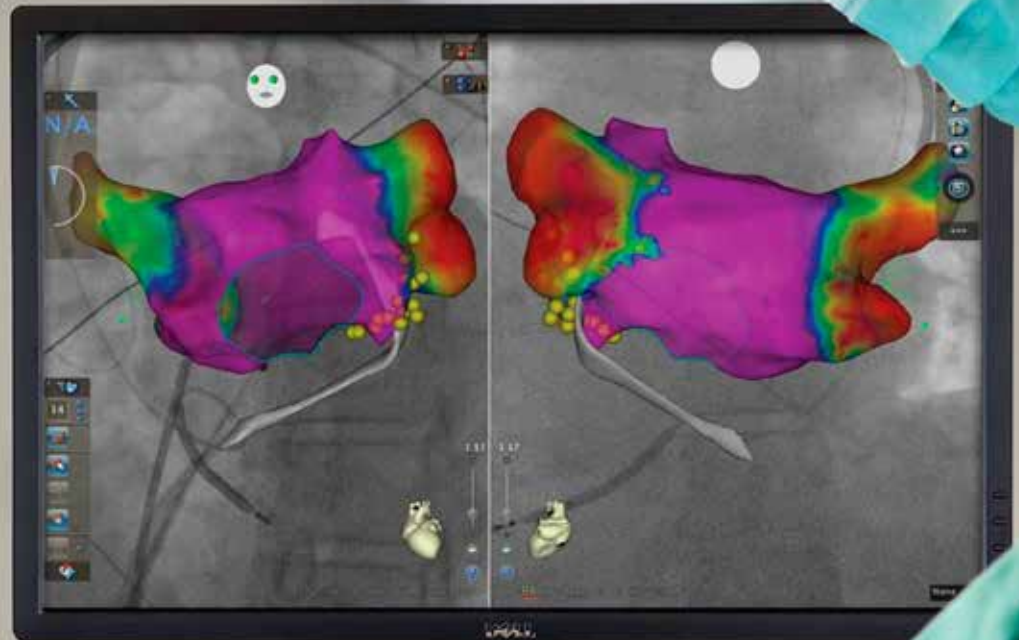
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The Newsletter for Friends and Donor Members of the American Hospital of Paris

**INTERVENTIONAL ARRHYTHMIA CENTER**

## Treating and Curing Cardiac Rhythm Disorders



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## Foreword

Professor Robert Sigal  
Chief Executive Officer

2020 was a year of hardship. A challenging and difficult year for you, for our patients, for our medical and paramedical teams, and for our Hospital. Thanks to the tireless efforts of our teams, coupled with the generosity of our donors, we can be proud of the active role we have played in battling the current health crisis. But we know further surges in the pandemic await our country and the American Hospital of Paris.

**"Our objective: to become one of Europe's top five international hospitals."**

Moreover, as you are well aware, the pandemic has caused other problems to emerge: Our Hospital has suffered from the effects of the national lockdowns, the postponement of certain medical and surgical procedures, and the closing of

borders. In response, we have poured our energy into caring for all patients, both Covid and non-Covid, while maintaining our transformation strategy. In 2021, the American Hospital of Paris will continue its push to become one of Europe's top five international hospitals. Staying the course is demanding, but in the interest of our patients, it is vital. Our road map is clearly defined, and each of us knows the importance and value of transforming our Hospital to deliver ever better medical care.

To illustrate these goals, I urge you to read this issue's special feature on our center of excellence in cardiology, whose interventional arrhythmia center treats heart rhythm disorders using techniques that destroy diseased heart tissue with heat (radiofrequency ablation) or cold (cryoablation). You will also discover that we are continuing to renovate certain rooms to enhance your comfort and introducing Patient Managers to guide you through the administrative process.

Enjoy!

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## INTERVENTIONAL ARRHYTHMIA CENTER

# Treating and Curing Cardiac Rhythm Disorders

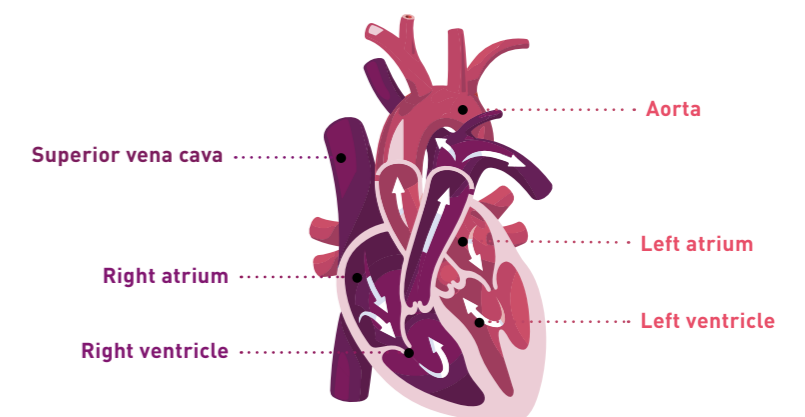
The heart is a complex organ equipped with an elaborate electrical system that regulates the synchronized contraction of the heart's chambers at constant intervals. As in any electrical system, short circuits can occur, causing abnormal heart rate variations. Known as arrhythmias, these variations critically impact the heart's ability to work properly. Their consequences can be debilitating and, in some cases, lethal. Atrial fibrillation, which accounts for 90 percent of all arrhythmias, increases the risk of death by 46 percent and multiplies the risk of stroke by 2.4.

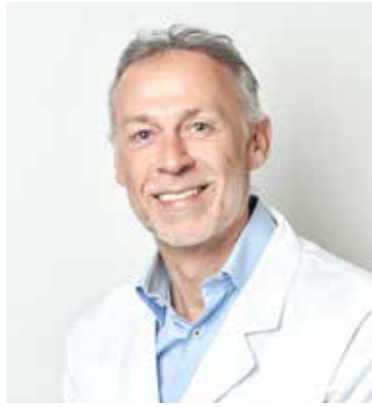
Within the Hospital's cardiology unit, our ultra-specialized interventional arrhythmia center, headed by Dr. Thierry Zerah, observes, identifies and cures cardiac rhythm disorders using radiofrequency ablation and cryoablation techniques.

As we all know, the rhythm of our heartbeat is a vital indicator of our overall state of health. It therefore comes as no surprise that heart palpitations are the most common reason for cardiology consultations – and rightly so. While palpitations are generally benign, they can be symptomatic of an underlying heart condition and require a specific check-up by a cardiologist specialized in heart rhythm. As Dr. Zerah explains, *"Palpitations can be caused by a heart arrhythmia. Paradoxically, the palpitations that are least tolerated by patients are not necessarily the most serious. It's not the sensation but rather the location of the arrhythmia that determines its severity. When it occurs in the ventricles, it can cause death in mere minutes. If located in the atria – as in arterial fibrillation, which accounts for*

*around 90 percent of arrhythmia cases – it is not a vital emergency. But it can cause debilitating symptoms, including brain embolisms leading to stroke. Treating the patient as early as possible is therefore a vital condition for success."*

Heart rhythm disorders can originate in two different parts of the heart: the atria (upper chambers) and the ventricles (lower chambers).





Dr. Thierry Zerah  
Head of Interventional  
Arrhythmia Center

## Radiofrequency Ablation and Cryoablation: Innovative Techniques Now Available at the American Hospital of Paris

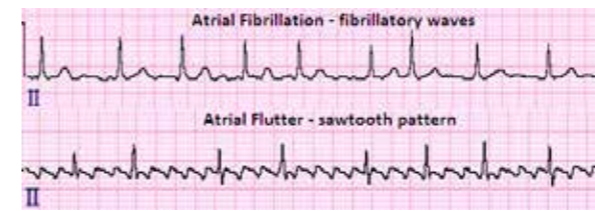
*“To treat the electrical short circuits that cause arrhythmia, medication was the preferred remedy for years, but this solution is not effective over the long term. The patient always relapses and may also suffer from serious side effects. Today, the French, European and American health authorities mainly recommend radiofrequency ablation or cryoablation as the first-line treatment, because ablation is the only option that guarantees permanent recovery from the disease. Don’t let the word ‘ablation’ scare you, it simply means the disease is ‘removed.’ The idea is to burn the short circuits in the heart chambers, using either heat (radiofrequency), or cold (cryotherapy). This innovative technique was invented in France, and our expertise in the field is recognized the world over. At the American Hospital of Paris, medical excellence is based on the best of French and American medical practices. When treating heart rhythm disorders, the best French medical practice is ablation. To perform this extremely technical procedure, the physician must have special training and accreditation. During heart surgery, the surgeon momentarily stops the heartbeat. But radiofrequency ablation and cryoablation are performed on a beating heart. Therein lies the challenge. And of course you must have the necessary and relatively expensive high-tech device, like the one in which we are investing today. Few establishments are able to offer this procedure to their patients.”*

To deploy and extend this technique to a large number of patients, Dr. Zerah brought in new staff. He now works alongside Dr. Sana Amraoui, an interventional heart rhythm specialist with an outstanding career history. Together they offer comprehensive care to all Hospital patients, from diagnosis to complete recovery.

## Better Screening for Atrial Fibrillation Improves Chances of Recovery

The main challenge facing heart rhythm specialists is getting patients to act early. Arrhythmia advances in phases: The more you let it linger, the graver the consequences for the patient’s life and health. After age 40, one in every four adults will develop atrial fibrillation. It is therefore easy to imagine the large-scale financial impact of the disease. When diagnosed at Stage 1, known as “paroxysmal,” the condition can be cured in 90 percent of cases. At this stage, the atrium is not yet dilated, arrhythmia episodes occur infrequently, and the heart can resume its normal rhythm on its own. In Stage 2 of atrial fibrillation, known as “persistent,” the atrium starts to dilate and the arrhythmia occurs more frequently. To reset the heart’s rhythm to normal, medicine or electric shocks

to the heart are necessary. The recovery rate drops to 60 percent. In Stage 3, atrial fibrillation is “permanent” and no further treatment options remain. To treat atrial fibrillation, early detection is therefore essential. The cardiologist, of course, plays a crucial role, and any symptoms must be thoroughly investigated by a heart rhythm specialist. Research has also helped identify lifestyle risk factors associated with certain pathologies. In the absence of symptoms, these factors serve as a warning and suggest that screening for the disease is necessary, all the more so since improved diagnostic methods now enable specialists to detect arrhythmia at its onset and cure it definitively.



### HOW IS ATRIAL FIBRILLATION DIAGNOSED?

Heart rhythm specialists use many high-performance diagnostic tools and can recommend:

- A complete lab work-up, including an electrolyte test
- A transthoracic echocardiogram to detect a structural abnormality in the heart
- A prolonged electrocardiogram (up to two weeks) via Holter monitor
- An electrophysiological study to test the heart’s electrical activity
- A loop recorder implantation and/or heart MRI



Implantable loop recorder



### FOCUS ON ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

Most frequent heart rhythm disorder, accounting for **90%** of all arrhythmias

Leading cause of cardiology-related hospitalizations worldwide

Increases risk of mortality by **46%**

Multiplies risk of stroke **x 2.4**

Multiplies risk of heart failure **x 4**

Multiplies risk of cardiac arrest **x 5**

### SYMPTOMS

- Palpitations (**65% of patients**)
  - Fatigue (**50%**)
  - Shortness of breath (**43%**)
- But atrial fibrillation can also be a silent, asymptomatic disease.

### RISK FACTORS

- Lifestyle-related: excess weight, alcohol consumption, smoking, stress, caffeine and other stimulants, lack of physical activity
- Co-morbidities: high blood pressure, heart failure, heart attack, coronary artery disease and other heart diseases, sleep apnea, diabetes



Dr. Sana Amraoui,  
heart rhythm specialist

## Radiofrequency Ablation and Cryoablation are the Ultimate Illustration of Technical and Technological Prowess

*“This minimally invasive procedure is performed under general anesthesia to ensure the patient is comfortable. The patient can leave the hospital and resume normal activities within 48 hours following the procedure. The doctor inserts a catheter into a vein in the groin and guides it to the atria, where the pulmonary veins connect to the heart. The heat from the radiofrequency energy creates scar tissue which isolates the abnormal electrical signals and prevents them from travelling throughout the heart. With cryoablation, a tiny balloon is inflated at the opening of the pulmonary vein. Using angiography, we ensure the vein is totally obstructed, then bring the temperature of the balloon down to -60° C using a special coolant gas. The diagnostic*

*catheter positioned in the vein verifies the electrical disconnection in real time. Regardless of the method used, ablation is the ultimate illustration of technical prowess. Today, the risk of complications has been lowered to almost zero thanks to technological advances and the mastery of the technique. For the patient, this represents a chance for full recovery from the disease. Arrhythmia can be a true disability and can very quickly hinder a patient’s ability to walk. Ablation allows the patient to return to their normal activities, significantly improve quality of life and enjoy longer life expectancy. Being able to propose this therapeutic strategy to patients at the American Hospital of Paris is a major advantage.”*

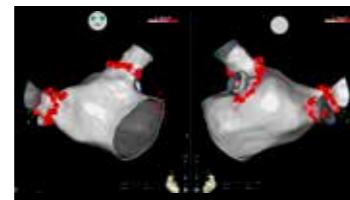


Carto® heart navigation and mapping system

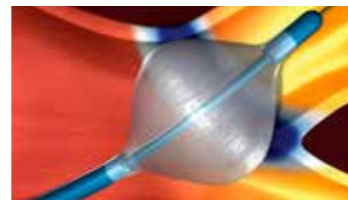
### Investing in the Finest Technology

To enable Dr. Zerah and Dr. Amraoui to perform radiofrequency ablation and cryoablation, our Hospital must invest in essential technology: the Carto® heart navigation and mapping system.

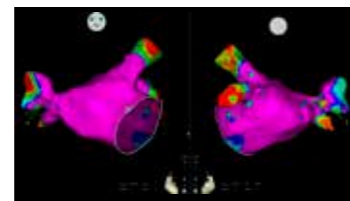
This tool offers a revolutionary approach in which GPS transmitters placed on the patient's chest record the movements of a multipoint catheter inside the heart's chambers. These movements are used to convert 3D images of the heart into an ultra-high-definition format. To ensure extreme accuracy, this image is fused with the image produced by a 3D scanner. An activation map is used to visualize the muscle contractions and a voltage map helps identify any short circuits. To give the physician a perfect view enabling him or her to perform the procedure without risk, a model of the catheter itself is displayed on the screen, while a pressure sensor guarantees the efficiency of the procedure and the safety of the patient.



Conversion of images into ultra-high-definition format



Cryoablation balloon



### QUALITY AND SAFETY OF CARE

# Fighting Health Care-Associated Infections: 2019 Assessment

At the American Hospital of Paris, our program to continuously improve the quality and safety of care is based on an institutional policy defined jointly by our administration and our medical staff. Most of the program's operational aspects are managed by our Quality Department and medical staff, who play a key role in defining actions. Tasks are carried out daily in the field and translate into concrete measures to improve our professional practices and guarantee patient satisfaction.

Risk management is an integral part of our quality program, and ad hoc committees work on topics such as medication management, transfusion safety and the fight against health care-associated infections.

Our Committee Against Health Care-Associated Infections is in charge of prevention operations and vigilance. It works closely with the operational hygiene team, which oversees actions aimed at monitoring infections and evaluating and improving hygiene practices. The efforts made by all of our Hospital's professionals have once again proven to be effective, as illustrated by the scores we achieved for 2019 in terms of consumption of alcohol-based hand sanitizer and the health care-associated bacteremia rate, published on [scopesante.fr](http://scopesante.fr).

### The Hand Sanitizer Consumption Indicator (HSCI) concerns hand hygiene.

It is one of the indicators included in the national dashboard published every year by the French Ministry of Health. Hand hygiene is a crucial measure for preventing infection transmission. The use of alcohol-based hand-sanitizing products improves hand hygiene and contributes to reducing the number of health care-associated infections.

American Hospital of Paris  
HSCI: 105%

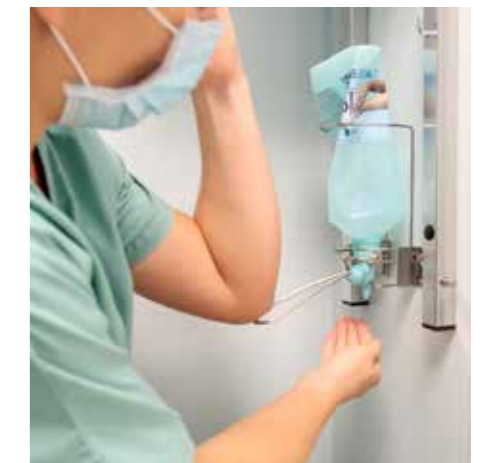
The HSCI measures the consumption of alcohol-based sanitizing products in health care establishments. A consumption target is defined by the Ministry of Health based on each hospital's level of activity. The HSCI is given as a percentage of the target. It is 100% if a hospital's actual consumption is equal to the target defined by the Ministry of Health. If consumption exceeds the target, the indicator is above 100%.

### The health care-associated bacteremia incident rate is calculated for 1,000 days of hospitalization.

The American Hospital of Paris is a member of a national network that monitors bacteremia associated with invasive devices. The incidence of bacteremia is given for 1,000 days of hospitalization for each type of intravascular device (intravenous catheter, dialysis catheters, etc.) and for each specialty.

At The American Hospital of Paris, the incidence of health care-associated bacteremia is below the national average

One out of three health care-associated infections is avoidable. Among the most preventable infections are those associated with intravascular devices. By implementing a strategy that combines infection monitoring and the rapid obtainment of test results with the observation of practices and the training of health care professionals who are in charge of inserting and handling catheters, up to half of all infections associated with central catheters can be prevented.



Overall investment budget  
**160,000 euros**

**100 patients**  
benefit per year

**Thank you for your generosity!**



### We Need Your Support

By making a gift to the American Hospital of Paris today, you will help finance the purchase of the cardiac mapping system we need to perform radiofrequency ablations and cryoablations to treat heart arrhythmias, particularly atrial fibrillation. This major medical innovation will enhance care for all patients concerned.



To support this project, go to:  
[american-hospital.org/en/our-projects](http://american-hospital.org/en/our-projects)

QUALITY

## N°1 in Patient Satisfaction

For the fourth year in a row, Scope Santé – a website operated by the French Haute Autorité de Santé providing information about the quality and safety of health care – ranked the American Hospital of Paris the number one French health care establishment in terms of patient satisfaction. It led among public and private institutions that concurrently offer medical, surgical and obstetric health care services. Patient satisfaction was given a score in areas such as the care provided by doctors and nursing staff, customer service, and the quality of rooms and meals.



COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

## Colorectal Cancer Prevention

The American Hospital of Paris was among the first hospitals in France to enhance the quality of its colorectal cancer screening by using artificial intelligence to perform colonoscopies. The Hospital is also taking part in a multicenter trial with three other French hospitals to assess the accuracy of lesion staging and the polyp detection rate.

RENOVATION

## Creating the Best Possible Environment for You

Following Floor 3, 28 rooms on Floor 2 of Building B are now being redesigned, modernized and redecorated by the architect Jean-Michel Wilmotte. This work will be carried out gradually over the coming months to better serve our patients and visitors.

PATIENT MANAGER

## A Single Contact Person Devoted to You

In order to help our patients navigate the administrative aspects of their medical care, the Patient Information Department recently began designating a single contact person for patients, known as the Patient Manager. Initially only provided to patients undergoing surgery, this new service will gradually be extended to all individuals admitted as inpatients and those hospitalized by the Medical-Surgical Unit.

## An Unprecedented Wave of Generosity



One year has already gone by since the frontline teams at the American Hospital of Paris began fighting the Covid-19 pandemic. Over the course of this exhausting battle, they have had to cope with fatigue, stress and illness, yet they have never given up. They remain driven by a sense of duty and sacrifice, which has elicited widespread admiration.

Our donors have provided unflagging support throughout this period. An extraordinary wave of solidarity, including messages of encouragement, donations and gifts like moisturizing cream and candy, has been a constant source of sustenance, providing comfort that is gladly received.

Thanks to the many financial donations, the Hospital was able to quickly enhance working conditions for its teams. Countless initiatives have been launched to continuously improve their comfort and well-being, including the purchase of two massage chairs, which are very popular at break time. Other courtesies have been the provision

of complimentary meals, medals, wellness gift sets, cloth face coverings, meditation sessions and souvenir pictures. The teams were involved in investment decisions that lead to many tangible improvements, including new break rooms. Another, fleece jackets distributed to the staff, was especially appreciated during the winter months

The entire American Hospital of Paris community would like to express its deepest gratitude to the donors who have stood by our teams during the



Jennyfer, an intensive care nurse, takes a break on one of the massage chairs given by Hospital donors.

crisis. Here is a message of thanks from Jennyfer, a cardiology intensive care nurse. Her words illustrate the positive impact your contributions have made on working conditions: *“From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank the benefactors who wanted to enhance our physical well-being with two massage chairs. Those chairs allow us to indulge in a moment of pure pleasure as soon as we are able to leave our unit. We know this gift has a considerable monetary value, but beyond material aspects, it has really lifted our spirits. I want to sincerely thank the people who showed their gratitude for our profession, which is often physically and emotionally exhausting. I hope this message can be shared this with all of the individuals who showed us so much kindness through their gifts.”*

The American Hospital of Paris thanks all those who have contributed to this overwhelming wave of generosity, especially The Danny Kaye and Sylvia Fine Kaye Foundation.

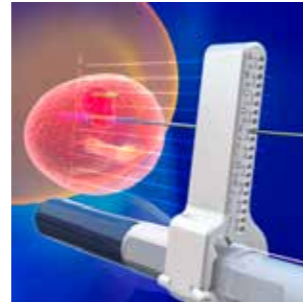
## PROSTATE CANCER

## An Innovation in Prostate Cancer Diagnostics

Last fall, the Prostate Center of the American Hospital of Paris began offering patients an innovative technique for diagnosing prostate cancer that is seldom used in Europe: transperineal prostate biopsies.

Through support from donors, the center recently acquired a state-of-the-art Koelis® ultrasound system. When cancer is suspected, this machine fuses the patient's MRI and ultrasound images, thereby enabling the urologist to remove targeted tissue samples with extreme precision by passing through the pelvic floor instead of the rectum. This innovative technique, performed under local anesthesia, offers the advantage of being virtually pain-free and reduces the risk of health care-associated infection to almost zero. In addition, it guarantees an even more reliable diagnosis through precise sample removal.

The American Hospital of Paris would like to thank all of the donors who made this major medical innovation possible at our Hospital.



*Transperineal biopsy performed with the Koelis® ultrasound system*

## DIAGNOSTICS

## Imaging Center Fully Operational

Construction of the new medical imaging center at the American Hospital of Paris began in February 2018, and the MRI and CT scan service opened in January 2020. Now the project's final phase, the PET-scan service, is complete, and this new diagnostic space welcomed its first patients in a comfortable, modern environment. Our imaging center is one of the most well-equipped in the Paris area, featuring two CT scanners, two MRI machines and a latest-generation PET scanner, which has enabled the Hospital to double its diagnostic capacity. When circumstances allow, all of the donors who helped finance the center will be invited to an inauguration ceremony.

 If you would like to support this center of excellence, please make a gift at [american-hospital.org/en/our-projects](https://american-hospital.org/en/our-projects)



*GE Discovery MI5 PET scanner*



## UNITED STATES

## Exceptional Fundraiser for the American Hospital of Paris

On December 17, 2020, the American Hospital of Paris Foundation, based in New York, together with the AHP Development team, hosted AHP Heroes. This unprecedented fundraising event, entirely virtual due to Covid, was organized to support the Hospital in its fight against the pandemic. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of several hundred mainly North American donors, \$530,000 was raised for the Covid19 Emergency Response Fund.

As one of the evening's highlights, guests were treated to a sneak peek of a documentary about the American Hospital of Paris' frontline workers and their fight against Covid19 (see p. 13). The film was broadcast on the French television network Planète+ A&E.

The American Hospital of Paris would like to thank The American Hospital of Paris Foundation for organizing this event as well as all of the North American donors for their remarkable support in helping combat Covid19.

AHP Heroes Event Co-Chairs:

- Foundation Chairwoman Donna Chapman, & Max Chapman
- Hélène & Michel David-Weill
- Philippe & Ana Laffont
- Ambassador Howard Leach & Gretchen Leach
- Susan & Eric Sheinberg
- Laura & Mark Yockey
- The Danny Kaye and Sylvia Fine Kaye Foundation

And our in-kind partner

**Avrett Free Ginsberg**



*Donna Chapman,  
Chair of the AHP Foundation*



## Jack Delaunay

Portrait of a Donor Who is Deeply Attached to Our Institution

Jack Delaunay (almost) never slows down. He is one of those people who achieves personal balance by engaging intensely in a wide range of activities. Literally a jack of all trades, he has dabbled in practically every business sector, including public works, ready-to-wear fashion, real estate and hospitality. After retiring, he had to learn how to channel his boundless energy, at least a little. This important stage of his life led him through the doors of the American Hospital of Paris in 2017. Ever since, Jack Delaunay has been one of our institution's most enthusiastic and devoted donating members. He shares this passion with his wife, Denise, and together they strive to pass it on to those around them.

*"I spent my whole life running around, managing my companies, my employees. I never took time off, I didn't like to. Instead of going on vacation, I would invest in a fixer-upper home! When I retired at age 70, I was sure of myself, confident that all would go well, as it always had. But everything stopped so suddenly, and I wasn't ready. I was unhappy and started to worry about my health. A friend made an appointment for me at the American Hospital of Paris. I spent two days there, undergoing a complete check-up. It was my first time there and the level of service from the doctors, nurses and administrative staff totally won me over. I live near Le Havre and I must say, I had never seen anything quite like it.*

*In 2018, my wife was diagnosed with breast cancer. I immediately called the American Hospital. I remember it was a Wednesday, and by Friday we were in Paris for an appointment. At home, we would have had to wait a month and a half... Denise was given care immediately and eight months later, she was cured. Despite her illness and treatments, she was never afraid to come here. She often recounts how she didn't feel like she was in a hospital, because at the American*

### "The American Hospital of Paris is not just any hospital..."

*Hospital, you feel like you're in a cocoon. Whenever you need anything – information, an appointment, whatever – someone is always there to help you. You're not left to manage on your own, people know you and you feel like you matter. Some doctors and professors even call us by our first names! For all of these reasons, I come to the American Hospital of Paris for 80 percent of my medical needs. I always have my membership card with me, and if something were to happen, I want to be brought here and nowhere else.*

*Rather quickly I also wanted to become a donor. The choice of whether to support the tax authorities or the hospital was not hard to make. Little by little, my children have joined me on this journey, through the companies we have founded and which they manage today. Several times a year, whenever the opportunity arises, I introduce friends to the Hospital, and in turn they become patients and sometimes donors. I've made it my personal mission! Because the American Hospital of Paris is not just any hospital. From the overall organization and level of dedication to the medical expertise, investments and management, the hospital's conduct and policies are exemplary in every way. The new state-of-the-art imaging center is amazing, in terms of both infrastructure and technology. To attain installations like these – and I would know – money is the key. If I am able to contribute to progress, to supporting the doctors who have taken such good care of us and our family, then there's no question about it."*



#### HOMAGE TO FRONTLINE STAFF

## Behind the Mask, a New Documentary on Our Frontline Response to Covid19

How did frontline workers at the American Hospital of Paris get through this unprecedented health crisis? Their names are Elizabeth, Valérie, Fatima, Sacha, Afriyie, Olivier, Nathalie and Christophe. They are nurse's aides, nurses, patient transporters, radiologic technologists, emergency physicians, critical care physicians, surgeons and biologists. Each of them has played a key role in battling the epidemic. With this new 60-minute documentary, filmmaker Stéphane Krausz wanted to trace the individual and collective journeys of the American Hospital of Paris' frontline workers in the face of an unprecedented health crisis, and pay tribute to their courage and dedication. Their poignant stories serve as a reminder of why health care workers were applauded every evening across France at 8 pm for weeks on end.

The film, produced by OVNI Films, aired on April 9 on PLANETE+ A&E, a television channel owned by Canal+, and is available on myCANAL.



# Giving Could Eliminate Your IFI Wealth Tax

Individuals whose taxable properties are worth more than €1.3 million must pay France’s IFI wealth tax on real estate assets. Today, there are several ways to reduce or even eliminate this tax. Pierre-Henri Ollier, a planned giving advisor at the American Hospital of Paris, offers three little-known fiscal techniques to reduce your taxes while continuing to give.

## Traditional Donation of Cash or Securities

In accordance with Section 978 of the French Tax Code, when you make a gift to the American Hospital of Paris in the form of cash or full ownership of securities traded on a regulated French or foreign market, 75 percent of the donation amount can be deducted from your IFI wealth tax on real estate assets, with a maximum savings of €50,000, due to the Hospital’s status as an institution of public benefit.

A person whose IFI tax bill is €50,000 can therefore reduce this tax to zero by making a gift of €66,667. What people often do not realize is that this tax incentive also applies to donations of listed securities and not just cash.

There are additional ways to lower your IFI wealth tax.



## Split Donation

The U.S. and Britain have different approaches to property law than France does. Under French law, you can “split” an asset’s ownership rights into usufruct and non-use, or bare, ownership. Either can be donated to charitable organizations. This can be especially advantageous in reducing the IFI wealth tax on real estate assets.

Usufruct is the right to use an asset or derive profit from it, while bare ownership does not allow any use. A usufructuary can live in or rent out a condominium, for instance, but cannot sell it without the consent of the bare owner. The usufruct always has a limited duration, often continuing until the death of the usufructuary. At the end of the usufruct period, the bare owner recovers full ownership.

Because these major gifts concern property-ownership rights, they must be conducted in the presence of a notary.

Under French law, the value of a lifelong usufruct changes with the age of the usufructuary.

Payment of the IFI wealth tax is the usufructuary’s responsibility. If you own a building and donate its bare ownership to an organization like the American Hospital of Paris, you are only required to report the value of the usufruct rather than the value of the entire building.

### Example :

An 81-year-old who owns rental properties worth €2 million is required pay the IFI wealth tax. Based on the table opposite, if that person donates bare ownership of the asset to the American Hospital of Paris, he or she will only have to report €600,000 (€2 million x 30%). For the remainder of the owner’s life, he or she will receive the same amount in rental income, but will no longer have to pay the IFI wealth tax, because the value being reported falls under the tax threshold.

### Temporary Usufruct Donation

It is also possible to make a temporary usufruct donation. When you own assets that generate rental income, you can donate this income for a minimum of three years. During this period, the property that generates the income being donated is exonerated from the IFI tax. The rental income goes to the American Hospital of Paris and, at the end of the donation period, you seamlessly resume ownership of the usufruct.



AGE OF THE USUFRUCTUARY	USUFRUCT VALUE AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE ASSET’S TOTAL VALUE
Under 21	90%
Under 31	80%
Under 41	70%
Under 51	60%
Under 61	50%
Under 71	40%
Under 81	30%
Under 91	20%
91 and Older	10%



## Talk to an Expert

Pierre-Henri Ollier holds a degree in notary law and provides expert assistance for your planned giving to the American Hospital of Paris. He is available for free, confidential consultations to discuss your situation and perform an audit of your estate and tax obligations to determine the best way to share your generosity between the Hospital and your loved ones.

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# Would you like to support the American Hospital of Paris?



## CHOOSE HOW

1.

### Become a member

Be part of the privileged circle of members of the American Hospital of Paris

- Your membership dues are a donation that enables you, each year, to participate in American Hospital of Paris development projects.
- Depending on the membership level you choose, you can receive exclusive benefits, which include a personalized membership card, a waiver of the deposit requirement for hospitalization, access to our exclusive supplemental health insurance plan, hours of free parking, among others.

2.

### Make a gift

Invest in your Hospital's medical, technological or construction projects

- You can choose to direct your support to a specific use or let our Hospital choose to dedicate it to a priority project.
- Your gift is essential in helping to carry out the investments planned by the American Hospital of Paris (clinical research, innovative treatments, latest-generation equipment, modernized facilities, etc.).

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### Planned giving

Offer the excellence of the American Hospital of Paris to future generations

- You are wondering about the future of your estate and would like the people you love to benefit from the same medical excellence that you always found at your Hospital.
- You have a special attachment to your Hospital and want to ensure, when the time comes, that it continues to have the resources it needs to build its future.
- To help you consider the issue carefully, our estate planning brochure is available to you. We will send it to you in complete confidentiality, with no obligation from you.

## TAX BENEFITS

- 75% of your donation amount can be deducted directly from your IFI wealth tax.
- 66% of your donation amount can be deducted directly from your income tax.
- 60% of your donation amount can be deducted from your corporate tax bill, with a maximum savings of 0.5% of company revenue.

## TO NOTE

- The American Hospital of Paris is a recognized foundation of public benefit. This means that our institution can receive bequests that are exempt of all inheritance tax.
- To thank you for your generous support, a recognition plaque may be dedicated to you.

To join our membership program or renew your membership, make a donation or find information about bequests, visit our new website today at [american-hospital.org](http://american-hospital.org), "Support Us" section

