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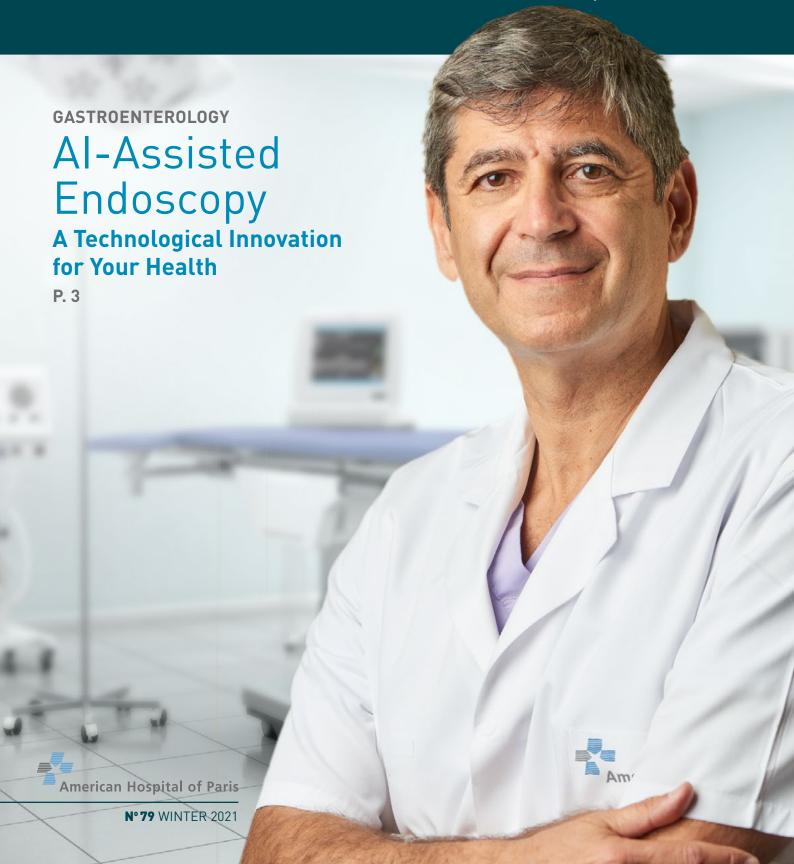


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The Newsletter for Friends and Donor Members of the American Hospital of Paris





Professor Robert Sigal Chief Executive Officer

2021 is drawing to an end and, again this year, the doctors, nurses and other healthcare specialists at the American Hospital of Paris have demonstrated immense skill and empathy in caring for our patients amid the peaks and dips of the pandemic. They have also worked hard to continue to transform our Hospital and deliver the best of French and American medicine to our patients. As you will read in this issue, our Hospital now offers access to new techniques, new technologies, new care pathways, and new equipment. Bringing our patients exclusive technologies and therapies, whose effectiveness has been recognized by the world's leading scientific and medical bodies, is an integral part of the mission we have chosen for our Hospital.

This year, we have also been forging closer ties with NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, Columbia University, and Weill Cornell Medical College. Soon, we will be hosting a conference with leading experts from France and the United States to compare and debate the latest medical advances in the fight we continue to wage against this unprecedented pandemic.

"On behalf of all the teams at the American Hospital of Paris, let me wish you and your loved ones a happy—and healthy!—new year."

In addition, as you may already know, a few weeks ago we moved our main entrance to the Florence Gould Pavilion, at 55 Boulevard du Château. As of this year, we are beginning the renovation and transformation of many areas of our Hospital to offer our patients a more modern and welcoming environment. Because of this, our traditional lobby is no longer accessible. In the course of 2022, you will gradually discover these updated and redesigned spaces.

Lastly, on behalf of all the teams at the American Hospital of Paris, let me wish you and your loved ones a happy—and healthy!—new year.

Enjoy!

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#### **GASTROENTEROLOGY**

# A Technological Innovation for Your Health: Al-Assisted Endoscopy

Gastroenterology is a specialty devoted to digestive system disorders, which include those affecting digestive tract organs (esophagus, stomach, small intestine, colon, rectum, and anus) as well as digestive glands (liver, bile ducts, and pancreas). Gastroenterologists therefore treat a wide and diverse range of medical conditions: gastroesophageal reflux, ulcers, pancreatitis, hepatitis, cirrhosis, obesity, gastritis, celiac disease, and, of course, colon polyps and cancers. The Gastroenterology and Hepatology unit headed by Dr. Olivier Spatzierer is one of the American Hospital of Paris's stellar departments.

## **Exceptionally Versatile Skills and Resources**

"The American Hospital of Paris has the unique ability to treat all 'tract' disorders because we possess high-performing tools, such as latest-generation fiberscopes and colonoscopes, a capsule endoscopy camera, and a double-balloon enteroscope to explore the entire small intestine and carry out any required biopsies or therapeutic procedures. Naturally, we also have the Hospital's MRI and CT-scan facilities at our disposal. We are one of the few private hospitals with access to such high-quality equipment. Likewise, very few private hospitals have our extensive range of radiologic resources to investigate digestive glands. We are fortunate to have the very best endoscopy and ultrasound specialists to perform internal ultrasounds of the pancreas and bile ducts. They can also perform interventional endoscopic procedures to treat problems directly or—as is sometimes necessary, regrettably—to insert an endoprosthesis. From prevention to treatment to palliative medicine, we can

provide care to patients suffering from any type of gastrointestinal disorder. Another of this department's significant assets is our versatility and responsiveness. Each of our practitioners specializes in a specific field, such as the liver, rectum and anus, or pancreas health. Every patient benefits from the highest possible level of expertise, regardless of the condition for which they are seeking care," says Dr. Olivier Spatzierer.



Dr. Olivier Spatziere

## What Sets Us Apart

## Cutting-edge Endoscopy Equipment

Three endoscopy rooms endowed with the latest equipment to perform every type of gastrointestinal or biliopancreatic endoscopy procedure.

### Rapid 24/7 Access to Care

A physician is on call 24 hours a day to provide a medical opinion, examine patients, and perform emergency endoscopic procedures, including biliopancreatic endoscopy.

## Comprehensive Care for All Your Needs

Our areas of expertise cover all gastroenterology subspecialties: diagnostic and interventional endoscopy, hepatology, inflammatory bowel disease, pancreatic disorders, proctology, nutrition, functional gastrointestinal disorders, oncology.

YOUR HEALTH YOUR HEALTH

#### **COLORECTAL CANCER**

A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE

45,000

new cases of colorectal cancer in France each year

2nd

most deadly cancer in France

**17.000** deaths per year

The only cancer that can be fully prevented through screening

**95**%

of colorectal cancers are diagnosed in patients over the age of 50.

If diagnosed at an early stage, the rate of survival is over

90%

In industrialized countries,

30% to 50% of adults have polyps.

<sub>in</sub> 70% to 75%

of cases, the polyps have not developed into cancer.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

- Diet high in red meat (beef, lamb, and pork), processed meats (such as hot dogs, sausages, and ham), and fat and low in fiber
- Being overweight or obese; Being physically inactive; Smoking
- Older age
- Personal or family history
- Inflammatory bowel disease (such as ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease)
- Hereditary or genetic predisposition

### Improve Colorectal Cancer Screening and Care

Colon cancer grows in cells that line the inner surface of the colon. More than 80 percent of the time, the cancer originates in a benign tumor called a polyp. The disease can remain silent, or asymptomatic, for years. In France, it is diagnosed in 45,000 new patients and causes 17,000 deaths each year. And yet it is the only cancer that can be fully prevented, through effective screening, including using endoscopes to examine the colon from the inside.

Dr. Olivier Spatzierer emphasizes the preventive aspect of colonoscopies, which can actually stop cancer from developing: "We know that a small mushroom, or polyp, can grow and develop into a cancer. A colonoscopy enables us to detect these polyps as early as possible. Most can be removed directly, during the exam. These polypectomy and mucosectomy procedures use snares or biopsy forceps to resect the polyps at their base. If the polyps are too large or there is a risk of cancer in the superficial tissue, they can be removed using the innovative endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) technique in use at the American Hospital of Paris. With this method, the tumor is taken out in one piece, regardless of its size, for analysis and to determine whether or not it contains an invasive cancer. This is a lengthy procedure, which explains why so few facilities offer it to their patients. But it means that we can remove these small cancers noninvasively, without the need to operate."

## Al-Assisted Endoscopy, a Powerful New Technology

Although colonoscopies are currently the mainstay for the screening of colon polyps and tumors, advances in endoscopy technology in recent years have improved the detection rate for hard-to-find lesions and have enhanced diagnostic accuracy. To offer our patients an even more reliable, accurate and rapid service, the American Hospital of Paris has chosen to invest in AI-assisted

The technology developed by Fujifilm, which it calls CAD EYE, was designed to improve the detection of polyps of all sizes and shapes and enable their characterization during colonoscopy. The powerful CAD EYE software was trained with a supercomputer in Fujifilm's global artificial intelligence center in

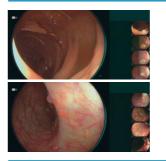


Tokyo, using a massive volume of images from clinical archives. Whenever a suspicious polyp is detected in the endoscopic image, a sound signal plays and a Detection Box shows the area where the polyp was found. The technology can detect multiple polyps simultaneously and objectively characterize them as adenomatous or benign. Thanks to this ultra-precise diagnostic ability, we can avoid performing unnecessary polypectomies, which is a significant patient benefit, and decide on the need and interval for surveillance colonoscopy.

#### **BENEFITS**

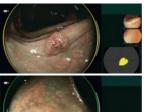
- Improved colorectal cancer screening enabling faster treatment
- Increased number of adenomas successfully detected and decreased colorectal cancer risk
- Fewer polypectomies and a lower risk of complications (such as bleeding or infection) associated with the resection of benign polyps





1. Real-time Detection of Polyps CAD EYE improves the real-time polyp

detection rate, by helping to recognize flat lesions, locate multiple polyps simultaneously, and even detect lesions in the corners of the image



2. Characterization of Polyns

Once it detects a suspicious polyp. CAD EYE can determine whether it is



- The Detection Box indicates the area where the suspicious polyp is detected.
- The Visual Assist Circle lights up in the direction of where the suspicious polyp is detected.
- A Detection Sound plays when a suspicious polyp is detected

## **Driving Research Forward**

## We Need Your Help

The American Hospital of Paris would like to bring colorectal cancer screening to a new level and offer our patients a faster and even more powerful diagnostic tool: AI-assisted colonoscopy. To fund the acquisition of this new technology, your generosity is crucial.

#### **PROJECT BUDGET**

FUJIFILM artificial intelligence module and CAD EYE software

€44.500 Annual maintenance and updates

Total AI project cost

€47,900

To support this project, please scan this QR Code or send us the enclosed donation form.





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**TRANSFORMATION** 

## New Main Hospital Entrance

Since November 22, 2021, the main entrance to the American Hospital of Paris has been located at 55 Boulevard du Château, in the Florence Gould Pavilion, also called Hall F. This spacious and welcoming lobby features three reception desks, three admissions offices and waiting rooms that have all been completely renovated for your comfort over the next few years. A change was necessary because many areas of the Hospital are being renovated and transformed, which prevents patients and visitors from using the traditional entrance.

The roads and sidewalks around the building have been modified to allow vehicles to drive right up to the new main entrance. A free valet service will also be provided (from Monday to Friday, 7 am to 9 pm, Saturday, 10 am to 7 pm, and Sunday, 12 to 7 pm). The valet will take care of parking your car and bringing it back when you are ready to leave.

Only the Emergency Care Center will remain accessible at 63 Boulevard Victor Hugo.









CONFERENCE

## Second Harvey Cushing Symposium on April 4, 2022: Covid, After the Storm?

After the first event in 2019, which focused on artificial intelligence and medical imaging, the second Harvey Cushing Symposium will be held at the American Hospital of Paris on April 4, 2022, and look at the Covid-19 pandemic: Covid, After the Storm?

In partnership with Université Paris Descartes, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, Columbia University, Weill-Cornell Medical College and the French-American Foundation, this annual symposium, open to the public free of charge, will bring together leading experts from France and the United States to compare and discuss the latest medical news on treatments, lasting health effects, and vaccination approaches, as well as impacts on healthcare professionals and organizations. The in-person conference will be webcast live from the American Hospital of Paris auditorium.







**BREAST CANCER** 

## Providing an Essential Toolkit for Patients

At the American Hospital of Paris, all breast cancer patients are invited to a workshop with our physical therapist, Jocelyne Rolland, to learn how to best recover their upper body mobility. These women also receive a post-breast cancer guide (*Que faire après un cancer du sein?*, in French) written by Jocelyne Rolland, containing recommendations and adapted exercises for them during and after breast cancer treatment.

The staff at the American Hospital of Paris have developed several other resources specifically for breast cancer patients. One example of this personalized form of care is a wonderful book (*La maman de Hyacinthe est malade*, in French) authored by the Sylvia Moura-Puissesseau, psychotherapist, and Sandra Cabral, medical secretary, and given to mothers to help them talk to their children about the disease.

SKILL-SHARING

## Medical Talent Program

The American Hospital of Paris has launched the Medical Talent by American Hospital of Paris program in partnership with African hospitals. The program aims to reduce the number of African patients who travel abroad to access treatments that could be provided locally, while also helping local doctors to master innovative surgical techniques. Through this initiative, the American Hospital of Paris and its surgeons work together to organize trips to partner hospitals in Africa, where the surgeons perform cutting-edge medical procedures alongside local doctors. This experience builds their expertise and contributes to skill-sharing among medical professionals, in addition to significantly improving patients' wellbeing by enabling them to access care in their home country. One of our urological surgeons spent a week in Africa in November and



performed about 20 procedures. In the coming months, more specialists—in orthopedics, gastroenterology, cardiology, and vascular surgery—will be travelling to Africa through the program.

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**ONE-DAY BREAST DIAGNOSIS** 

## **Immediate Diagnosis When Faced** With a Clinical Anomaly or Suspicious **Test Result**

The One-Day Breast Diagnosis is a care pathway offered at the American Hospital of Paris to reduce the waiting periods for appointments, exam results and diagnosis for women with an identified breast anomaly or suspected breast cancer. This half-day visit is designed to avoid delaying the start of any treatment and bring reassurance during an often stressful period. It takes place in a center of expertise staffed by breast radiation therapists, anatomical pathologists, specialized surgeons and oncologists.

The complete diagnosis procedure was designed for women with a symptom such as a lump, discharge or inflammation of the breast, detected through a self-exam or by a doctor. Patients with an anomaly detected by X-ray or during a clinical exam, as well as patients who would like a second diagnostic opinion, can also benefit from the One-Day Breast Diagnosis. The appointment can be scheduled with little to no wait time, thus allowing most patients to quickly receive a diagnosis revealing the exact nature of their anomaly. When necessary, treatment can be organized very rapidly if desired by the patient.

All throughout the visit, patients are supported by a coordinating nurse and a volunteer. The patient may also be accompanied by the person of her choice throughout the visit, except during the exams, when he or she will be asked to remain in the waiting room. This approach to patient support is core to the American Hospital of Paris's caregiving philosophy.

For more information, contact breastcenter@ahparis.org.

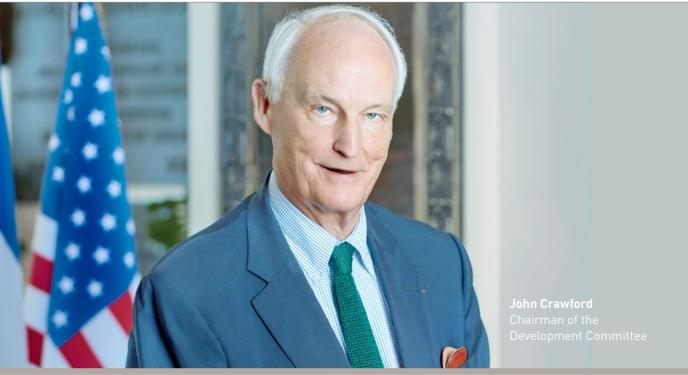






Prof. Mahasti Saghatchian, oncologist, Head of Breast Disease Department





## Your Generosity is a Source of Continuous Innovation at the **American Hospital of Paris**

Looking over the past few months and the havoc wreaked by the Covid pandemic and the ensuing health crisis, I am delighted to inform you that generosity toward the American Hospital of Paris has not faltered.

"Your steadfast support is a source of continuous innovation that is indispensable not only to our Hospital's future, but most importantly to your health and the health of your loved ones."

In 2021, many of you demonstrated deep attachment and support toward our Hospital. You responded favorably to all of our appeals, proving your genuine interest in all of the development projects that we plan to carry out. As you know, we have launched a complete overhaul strategy aimed at turning the American Hospital of Paris into one of Europe's top five international hospitals. But continuously improving the care we deliver and guaranteeing that our patients benefit

from the best of French and American medicine remains our top priority. Each donation collected this year was invested in high-value-added medical innovations. Artificial intelligence solutions have been rolled out in many medical specialties such as cardiology, breast disease and, as you discovered in this month's special feature, gastroenterology-hepatology. Our goal is to significantly improve our Hospital's diagnostic capacity. We have also developed groundbreaking treatments, including targeted and minimally invasive therapies and interventional radiation therapy, to treat urological disorders and arrhythmia. Naturally, our commitment to remaining at the cutting edge of progress also translated into the acquisition of new state-of-theart equipment that further enhanced our world-class diagnostic and testing facilities. Lastly, several clinical research projects were initiated to ensure you have access to the most innovative practices available.

At Your Service

We owe all of this to you, our highly valued donors, and for this I would like to extend my personal thanks. I hope my message is clear: your steadfast support is a source of continuous innovation that is indispensable not only to our Hospital's future, but most importantly to your health and the health of your loved ones.

Thank you for your generosity and loyalty.

With warmest wishes this holiday season.

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QUALITY OF CARE

# New App Eases Anxiety in Children Undergoing Surgery PROJECT FUNDING COMPLETE



The American Hospital of Paris offers a new mobile app called Koalou designed to ease anxiety in children prior to surgery and ensure they have the best possible patient experience. Christel Deschamps, Director of Nursing at the American Hospital of Paris, tells us about the app.

#### A More Instructive Care Pathway

Being told you need surgery is no minor event and can be a source of stress for patients. In children, this stress can turn into genuine fear. "Three in five children are anxious about receiving even the most basic medical care. This can have physical, emotional and even social repercussions. And parents are often at a loss when it comes to helping ease that stress," explains Christel Deschamps. The Koalou app was designed to alleviate fears about the operation and support children

and their parents at every step of their journey, from the preoperative phase through to recovery. It offers a specific, family-oriented approach and facilitates communication between healthcare professionals, parents and children.

At the first appointment with the surgeon, the child signs up to the app, gaining access to fun, educational tools that explain his or her disease, where and how it impacts the body and the care that will be provided. A comic strip describes the adventures of Koalou, a koala who also needs surgery. "The child can identify with Koalou as he tells the story of his care journey with simple words and pictures. On the day of the operation, the young patient is already familiar with the different steps it entails, and is therefore reassured and more relaxed," adds Christel Deschamps.

## Connecting the Child, Parents and Healthcare Professionals

For parents, the Koalou app is a huge help because it centralizes all the information concerning their child's care. "All the necessary documents and forms are available along with plenty of tips. The goal is to relieve parents' anxiety as well, by providing answers to all of their questions. Alerts and reminders can also be programmed so as not to forget an important task or date."

For healthcare professionals, the app makes it easier to organize the child's care pathway. As Christel Deschamps explains, "If the child is especially nervous, this will be noted in the app, and the nurse will allow more time to reassure them prior to the surgery. There is also a postoperative survey to fill out. If the child is experiencing any pain, the doctor can rapidly contact the parents."

A child who is well prepared thanks to Koalou will be less anxious. This will lower pain scores, meaning the child will require less medication and be able to go home sooner.

The American Hospital of Paris warmly thanks Ms. Sophie Fresco-Turjeman, whose gift enabled us to roll out this innovative app for our youngest patients.



Christel Deschamps Director of Nursing



QUALITY OF CARE

## Maintaining Muscle Mass in Intensive Care Patients

#### **PROJECT FUNDING COMPLETE**

The American Hospital of Paris's intensive care unit recently acquired a device that performs passive and active physiotherapy on intensive care patients, whether they are conscious or in an artificial coma. With two 30-minute sessions per day, the device helps to maintain muscle mass and range of motion in patients who are confined to bed.

"Bedridden patients, especially if they are in a coma, will lose 30 to 40 percent of their muscle mass. Recovery from intensive care is long and difficult because the patient no longer has the strength to sit up or even drink," explains Valérie Guerreiro, nursing supervisor in the Intensive Care Unit. "Maintaining muscle mass is particularly important for Covid patients, who often stay much longer in intensive care."

By mobilizing the upper and lower limbs on a daily basis, the device builds patients' muscle mass. This in turn facilitates the patient's recovery from intensive care and shortens the length of their hospital stay.

"This is a tremendous advantage not only for patients but also for us as caregivers, because it is easier to move them. And we get the satisfaction of helping them regain their independence, which is one of our top priorities," adds Valérie Guerreiro.

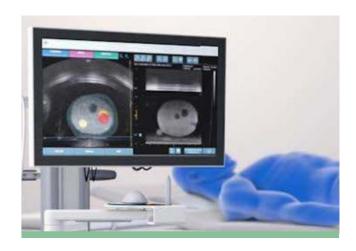
The American Hospital of Paris warmly thanks Mr. Albert Koski for enabling us to purchase this device, which will benefit 80 to 90 percent of our intensive care patients, both sedated and non-sedated.

MEDICAL INNOVATION

## Targeted Prostate Cancer Therapies

#### **FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY**

Over the course of several weeks, the AHP Medical Innovation Fund collected almost €50,000, enabling the Prostate Center to roll out targeted therapies. These minimally invasive prostate cancer treatments are extremely well-tolerated and preserve patients' quality of life more effectively than traditional treatments. We are proud to offer all of our patients this major innovation, which destroys cancer tissue from the inside out, thus sparing the surrounding healthy tissues.



To support this project, please scan this QR Code:





OUR COMMITTED PARTNER

RECOGNITION



Your paths have surely crossed in the hallways of the American Hospital of Paris, a place where Colette Seroussi feels perfectly at home. This passionate woman, who heads human resources for the family business founded more than 35 years ago, does not do things by halves. Focused on the wellbeing of others and firmly committed to medical progress, Colette Seroussi is no ordinary donor. Above all else, what she loves to give is her time and enthusiasm.

"I love the United States and was a longtime member of The American Club of Paris and France-Amériques. There, I made a wonderful friend whose husband is American. She is the one who first introduced me to a certain 'American Hospital.' Although my father received injections for ARMD at the American Hospital of Paris for a short time, my history with the Hospital truly began in 2007 when my mother fractured her shoulder. It was the middle of summer, and no hospital in Paris could accommodate her due to a lack of space and surgeons. In utter despair, I called my friend. She quickly gave me the name of the surgeon who had performed surgery on her mother at the American Hospital. He said he could do the operation immediately. I will never forget the relief I felt at that moment. From then on, my visits to the American Hospital became more and more regular. As Mother's health became fragile following my father's death, she required more frequent hospital stays. And my affection for the Hospital only grew deeper. I even became a patient myself, and I got my brother to join me, too. For more than two months at the end of last year, it was where we accompanied Mother to the end of her final journey. She passed away peacefully, surrounded by her extremely compassionate doctor and team of caregivers."

"From the beginning, giving regularly to the Hospital was an obvious choice for us. The innovations, medical advances and progress in clinical research—all of which are crucial to our health—depend solely on the generosity of others. At the American Hospital of Paris, we are fortunate to benefit from a hospital with a human touch offering multidisciplinary excellence and latest-generation technology. I would like to help ensure that all patients grasp the importance of their contributions to fund an outstanding and consistently avant-garde medical institution."

## "Giving to good causes brings me joy!"

"I am not a 'big donor.' For me, it is not always the amount that counts, but rather one's involvement. So I give of my time, to show my gratitude toward this institution which gave me so much by caring for my mother. I was touched by the kindness of the doctors and the closeness they foster, similar to that of a loving family, and so I volunteered for the nonprofit Les Blouses Roses for nearly ten years. Because I was very familiar with the Hospital and its teams, I was extremely comfortable in this role. Today, I volunteer one day a week in donor services, and I am very happy in this role as well. It brings me much joy and satisfaction to be surrounded by donating members who, like me, have chosen to be involved in our Hospital's development. Ultimately, we are all united by the same desire: to give our Hospital the means to become one of the top hospitals in Europe, and it's a very exciting challenge!"

## Creation of the Christiane Guerlain Circle

in Thanks for Your Steadfast Support

The American Hospital of Paris proudly counts on nearly 3,500 donating members who support the Hospital's growth and projects with remarkable consistency each year. Among these donors, many have shown their loyalty to our institution for several decades. To thank them for their longstanding devotion and commitment, we have created the Christiane Guerlain Circle.

Choosing the name was easy, because if any benefactor embodies dedication to the American Hospital of Paris, it is Christiane Guerlain. For more than 40 years, first as a volunteer and then as a Hospital Governor, this extraordinary woman marked our institution's history with her loyalty and commitment, and her generosity remains unmatched to this day.

By creating the Christiane Guerlain Circle, we wish to honor the memory of this exemplary benefactor and pay tribute to the people who, with unwavering generosity and loyalty, enable us to continuously improve the quality of care delivered at the American Hospital of Paris and, in so doing, to save lives every day.

In 2022, we will pay tribute to the members of the Christiane Guerlain Circle on symbolic anniversary dates marking 5, 10, 20 or 30 years of membership. With their consent, they will be mentioned in the American Hospital of Paris annual report or on the donor recognition wall specially created inside our Hospital. This wall, visible year-round, will honor those who celebrated a milestone membership anniversary the previous year, and will be updated annually. As soon as the public health situation permits, festive gatherings will also be organized to pay homage to this community of faithful, committed benefactors.



Mrs. Christiane Guerlain



Donors gather at the 'Palais de la Légion d'honneur

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## Lighten Your Tax Burden with End-of-Year Giving

The majority of donations to nonprofit organizations and foundations are made during the year-end holiday season. Whether by tradition or because we are reminded of giving at this time of the year, the holidays are always a good time to let your spirit of generosity shine. As an organization of public benefit in France since 1918 and a nonprofit organization in the United States since 1913, the American Hospital of Paris can help its generous donors reduce their tax burden. The Hospital is also a member of the Transnational Giving in Europe (TGE) network, whose aim is to facilitate cross-border philanthropy in Europe.

#### Tax Deductibility in Many Countries

Taxpayers in France can make a cash donation and directly reduce their income tax by 66 percent of their donation amount, up to a limit of 20 percent of their taxable income for the year. Any unused tax credit can be carried over for up to five years. This means, for example, that a 1,000-euro donation only costs the giver 340 euros.

Alternatively, French taxpayers can choose to reduce their IFI wealth tax, if they owe it. To take advantage of this tax benefit, donors can give either cash or listed stock and lower their wealth tax bill by 75 percent of the value of their gift, up to a limit of 50,000 euros. Unused credits cannot be carried forward. For a 1,000-euro gift, the final cost to the donor is only 250 euros. Note that it is not possible to use the same gift to claim income tax credit and wealth tax credit simultaneously.

If American taxpayers donate directly to the Hospital, they can benefit from a tax deduction in the United States; the Hospital will issue them an IRS-compliant tax receipt. Another option is to make a gift to the American Hospital of Paris Foundation in New York, which will then earmark the funds for the Hospital.

Luxembourg taxpayers can also claim a tax reduction in their country, simply by submitting the French tax receipt along with a certificate provided by our Donor Services department on request.

Taxpayers in other European countries can make a gift to the Hospital through the Transnational Giving in Europe (TGE) network which allows donors across Europe to support our Hospital while benefiting from income tax deductibility in their home countries. In practice, the donor makes a gift to the network member based in their country of residence, while designating the American Hospital of Paris as the end recipient. Gifts can be made to the Hospital in this way from 21 countries in Europe, including Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

#### Plan a Future Gift with a Bequest

Yet another giving option is to plan a future gift by making a will that names the American Hospital of Paris as the recipient of a bequest. Bequests are an invaluable way of supporting the Hospital. In addition, a specific type of bequest in French law, called "legs net de frais et de droits," allows donors without children to include the American Hospital of Paris in their will without affecting any other assets they wish to pass on to loved ones. The recipients of those assets receive the exact same amount as they would without the gift to the Hospital, making this type of bequest a particularly attractive way to support the Hospital without impacting loved ones.





## 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 American Hospital of Paris and your loved ones.

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

CHOOSE HOW .

#### 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.

## 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.).

## 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

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