



Grateful patient and generous benefactor, Mark Hankin (right) with his wife Helene (second from left) and their children, Alexander and Danielle.

30-Year Jefferson Patient Honors Vascular Surgeon

Mark Hankin's family has been affected by a pandemic, but it wasn't COVID-19. As the Erwinna, PA, resident explains, the Spanish Flu prompted his grandparents to move from Philadelphia to Montgomery County, where they became tenant farmers.

Eventually, his father realized it was more lucrative to "plant" concrete than to grow crops, and an enduring real estate and development business was born. A century later, Hankin and his children, Alexander and Danielle, work together in Hankin Management Company, which he founded in 1973.

For three generations, the Hankins have been managing marquee developments, including owning and running the George Washington Motor Lodge chain (which eventually merged with Days Inn) and the Willow Grove Park amusement park and Willow Grove Bowling Lanes, then the largest single-floor facility of its kind (now the Willow Grove Park Mall). Today,

Hankin Management Company continues to be active as builders, developers and managers of industrial and office properties in the Philadelphia metro area.

Hankin, 71, first became a patient of Jefferson Hospital about 30 years ago when he underwent cardiac bypass surgery with Bernard Segal, MD, Director Emeritus of Cardiology. Since then, he has received care for a number of conditions – most recently, a blockage in his carotid artery.

"I was in an arbitration for four days," he recalls. "When I was on the stand for a day, the left side of my face and my left arm went numb."

He went to see his cardiologist at Jefferson, John D. Ogilby, MD, who believed Hankin's carotid artery was 45 to 50 percent blocked and referred him to vascular surgeon Paul J. DiMuzio, MD, FACS. During the procedure, Dr. DiMuzio found that the carotid artery was

almost completely clogged with blood clots that did not show up in the diagnostic imagery. The clots were removed and Hankin has enjoyed a full recovery.

To show their appreciation, Hankin and his wife, Helene, donated to the Department of Vascular Surgery in honor of Dr. DiMuzio and to the Department of Cardiology in honor of Drs. David Ogilby and Bernard Segal.

He says his most recent experience is typical of his decades of care at Jefferson: "They're attentive and caring and really do an excellent job. The fact that you get personal attention from such a large institution is unusual, and the people there are just remarkable."

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News in Brief

Promotions:



Harish Lavu, MD (Hepatopancreatobiliary Surgery), and **Carlo Ramirez, MD** (Transplant Surgery) have each been promoted to Professor of Surgery.



Ehyal Shweiki, MD (Acute Care Surgery), and **Ashesh Shah, MD** (Transplant Surgery) have each been promoted to Associate Professor of Surgery.



Renee Tholey, MD, has been named Director of Surgical Undergraduate Education. Dr. Tholey is a 2009 graduate of Sidney Kimmel Medical College and graduate of our General Surgery Residency Program at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.



The COVID-19 Better Together Fund

The COVID-19 outbreak has impacted the world and challenged Jefferson to new levels. During this time of unprecedented uncertainty, Jefferson is committed to putting people first by providing the support necessary to ensure our employees and students are able to adapt to the ever-changing circumstances COVID-19 has presented. Our community came together and to date, the Fund has raised more than \$7.3 million from over 4,800 donors. These gifts help address the unexpected and immediate needs of our employee and student community.

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