

# CELEBRATING NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK MAY 7-13



## Hospital Workers Recognized in May

Healthcare is always changing, with scientific breakthroughs, technological advancements, government regulation and reform, and sometimes unexpected crises like a global pandemic. For the last three years in particular, the challenges of the COVID pandemic required many changes in all our lives. But at Tower Health there is one constant: a total commitment to excellent patient care and service to our community from each of our employees.

This is why we take time each May to celebrate the men and women who choose healthcare as a profession during Hospital Week; May 7 - 13. At Tower Health we are grateful for the thousands of employees who work in our hospitals, offices, and clinics. We celebrate and honor their commitment to their field,

their patients, and our community.

Our dedicated employees fulfill many roles in their service to patients. Physicians and nurses, of course, but also many other professionals including therapists, technologists, laboratory, patient care assistants, transporters, facilities, telecommunications, IT, dietary, environmental services, and administration. Their hard work contributes to the overall quality of life in our communities and makes our region a great place to live and work. We appreciate the staff who work and are on call 24/7/365 to meet the needs of our community.

We are fortunate to have these men and women as part of Tower Health. This month, we acknowledge their contributions, sacrifices, skills, and unwavering concern for our community.

### Tower Health Physicians Share Inspirations for National Doctors' Day

Tower Health doctors work alongside patients every day, ordering tests, talking with families, and saving lives. Their dedicated work, diligence, and relationships are critical for successful patient outcomes. Tower Health encouraged the community to recognize and thank doctors for their dedication on March 30, National Doctors' Day.

Tower Health doctors are known for their compassionate, personalized, and attentive care. That is because the health of their patients is their priority, and their journey becomes intertwined with their lifelong dedication to healing. Their patients are the reason our doctors continue to practice.

"Emergency Medicine, and then Street Medicine, is an opportunity to serve those in crisis while also positioning myself to be a strong advocate for social change," said Halen Van Vliet, MD, Medical Director, Pottstown Street Medicine and Emergency Medicine physician at Pottstown Hospital. "My parents and older sisters nourished a deep understanding of the injustices in the world while also fostering my belief that things can improve. Ultimately, I hope to leave the world at least a slightly better place than it might have been without me and understand what it means to be human."

S. Luke Kusmirek, MD, Chief, Division of Cardiology at Phoenixville Hospital said, "I started off as a philosophy student before I landed in medical school. Once there, I became more focused on the practical applications of the medical sciences and later chose the field of cardiology based on its immediate and profound impact on the often critically ill patient."

Anthony Donato, MD, Internal Medicine, Reading Hospital, shared, "I became a doctor to play my part in another's struggle and offer the gift of healing that might mend a body and patch a soul." Bernice Robinson-Bennett, MD,

Chief, Division of Gynecologic Oncology, added, "I knew that I wanted to serve in the field of medicine to help others maintain or regain their health. To me it has been a calling that I look forward to each day with humility and reverence. I am thankful for the patients who entrust their care and lives to us."

P. Sue Perrotty, Tower Health president and CEO said, "Our physicians are known for the clinical excellence, compassion, and high-quality care they provide patients. I thank them today, and every day, for following their calling to heal and choosing to share their talents with Tower Health and the individuals in our community."

Doctors' Day was first celebrated in 1933 in Winder, Georgia by Dr. Charles B. Almond's wife, Eudora Brown Almond. She wanted a way to recognize physicians for their hard-work and organized the community to send greeting cards and place red carnations on the graves of deceased doctors.

March 30 was chosen to honor the anniversary of the first surgery in which ether anesthesia was used by Dr. Charles Long. On February 21, 1991, President George H.W. Bush proclaimed National Doctors' Day.

**ABOUT PHOENIXVILLE HOSPITAL:** Located in Phoenixville, Pa., and a member of Tower Health, Phoenixville Hospital is a 144-bed facility that provides comprehensive medical services through emergency room visits, inpatient admissions, outpatient procedures and community outreach programs. Phoenixville Hospital's services include an award-winning cardiovascular program, a fully accredited cancer center, an NAPBC-accredited breast health center, an acute inpatient rehabilitation center, and a large robotic surgery center. Phoenixville Hospital is accredited by The Joint Commission and has been recognized for its quality outcomes and clinical expertise across services lines that include joint replacement surgery, advanced heart failure care, and the designation as a Primary Stroke Center. For more information, visit [phoenixville.towerhealth.org](http://phoenixville.towerhealth.org).



**ABOUT POTTSTOWN HOSPITAL:** Located in Pottstown, Pa., and a member of Tower Health, Pottstown Hospital is a 219-bed hospital that offers a full range of health services, including inpatient and outpatient, medical and surgical, and diagnostic and emergency care.



Accredited by The Joint Commission, Pottstown Hospital has been recognized for its quality outcomes and clinical expertise across many service lines. The Hospital is Joint Commission-certified for hip and knee replacement and is also an accredited Chest Pain Center.

Recently, Pottstown Hospital was recognized as a recipient of Get with the Guidelines/American Heart Association/American Stroke Association - Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award with Honor Roll Elite and Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll. The Cancer Center at Pottstown Hospital is also nationally recognized, bringing over a decade of award-winning care to our region. The Pottstown Hospital Emergency Department, a Primary Stroke Center, is the second busiest in Montgomery County, seeing more than 45,000 patients a year. For more information, visit [pottstown.towerhealth.org](http://pottstown.towerhealth.org).



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## Physicians Care Surgical Hospital (PCSH)

Physicians Care Surgical Hospital (PCSH) reflects both who we are and what we do. PCSH was established by a dedicated group of area physicians, seeking a better way to serve their patients. When the facility opened its doors in October 2010, the mission was to provide specialized surgical procedures in a high-quality, patient-focused environment that was both comforting and accommodating. PCSH was designed from the ground up with patient experience as our focus. PCSH has been recognized by Healthgrades® for the past 10 years, receiving the Outstanding Patient Experience Award™ 2014-2023. Our mission is to serve everyone by understanding our patients' special needs and expectations. This allows us to then

provide a safe, efficient, and quality hospital environment for their surgery and after care.



Physician Care Surgical Hospital is committed to raising the quality of health-care in our community. With this commitment PCSH has made a sustained effort to advocate for our patients, to act with fiscal responsibility and to use our resources in initiatives that promote the best interests of all patients and the greater good of the community that we serve. PCSH specialties include Orthopedic Surgery, including robotic knee replacement, General Surgery, Gynecology, Ophthalmology, and Otolaryngology (ENT). PCSH was recognized by Healthgrades® as a Five-Star Recipient for Spinal Fusion Surgery in 2023.



PCSH highlights include 5 fully equipped operating rooms, 12 inpatient rooms for overnight stay, CMS certified and fully accredited through DNV (Det Norske Veritas), all physicians are board certified and ample free parking.

context of our team approach to patient care. We treat all our patients with dignity and a deep sense of respect to create a warm, comfortable, and caring environment.

Physicians Care Surgical Hospital (PCSH) is located at 454 Enterprise Drive, Royersford, PA 19468. For additional information, please call 610.495.3203 and visit [www.phycarehospital.com](http://www.phycarehospital.com).

At PCSH we emphasize teamwork in our approach to patient care. We acknowledge and value the critical importance of each staff member's contributions in the



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