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# Sinai Hospital opens renovated emergency department



Dr. Gregory Corcoran, chief of emergency medicine, cuts the ribbon as members of the emergency department deliver a hard hat salute celebrating the completion of Sinai Hospital's expanded emergency department. (Kim Hairston/staff)

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Sinai Hospital in Baltimore celebrated the completion of its expanded emergency department on Dec. 4 with a ceremonial hard-hat salute and ribbon-cutting, concluding a three-year modernization project.

"Our goal was simple," LifeBridge Health spokesperson Sharon Boston emailed to the Baltimore Sun, "to ensure Sinai can continue to provide high-quality, timely care for those who turn to us in an emergency."

Sinai Hospital, located near Pimlico, is part of LifeBridge Health, which operates five hospitals and numerous ExpressCare walk-in centers. The $50 million project was supported by $10 million in state capital funding and $2.5 million in federal funding by Maryland Sen. Chris Van Hollen and former Sen. Ben Cardin, as well as philanthropic support.

The renovation more than doubled the physical footprint of Sinai's emergency department, revising the layout to improve efficiency and patient flow in a space that hadn't been redesigned in nearly 30 years.

The previous emergency department was built for about 55,000 visits annually, Boston said. Last year, Sinai treated more than 66,000 patients, including over 12,000 pediatric patients and more than 20,000 arriving by ambulance. The modernization increases their capacity by about 30 percent, without adding additional treatment beds.

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