

Dear Patient,

As a loyal patient of Maryland ENT, we have several important updates to share with you. First and foremost, we have begun construction on a brand new, state-of-the-art clinic right around the corner from Union Memorial. We hope to complete construction in the early part of 2024 and will provide updates accordingly.

We are proud to share the news that Dr. Gol has been appointed the Medical Director of Maryland ENT, as well as the ENT Division Chief for Sinai and MedStar Union Memorial Hospitals. Congratulations to Dr. Gol on these momentous accomplishments. We are also excited to announce that Dr. Akaber Halawi has joined Maryland ENT. Dr. Halawi is a dedicated Advanced Rhinology and Anterior Skull Base Surgeon with 8 years of experience in medical and surgical management of inflammatory and skull base conditions of the sinuses and anterior skull base. She completed a Rhinology Fellowship at the University of Iowa and a Rhinology and Anterior Skull Base Surgery Fellowship at Northwestern University. Dr. Halawi has officially been appointed as the new Director of the NeuroRhinology- Advanced Fellowship Program for Sinai Hospital of Baltimore. We are confident that Dr. Halawi will continue to provide the highest quality of care to Maryland ENT's patients that has been provided for the past several decades. We congratulate her on the prestigious appointment.

We also wanted to take the opportunity to inform you that Dr. Shikani has stepped away from the practice indefinitely. We are grateful for his contributions to the practice, the community, and the thousands of patients he treated over the years – not to mention the dozens of fellows who received tremendous training and preparation for their careers in medicine. Dr. Shikani will no longer be seeing patients. We wish Dr. Shikani all the best and thank him for his commitment, loyalty, and clinical expertise.

Your medical records remain confidential and will be retained by Maryland ENT. If you choose to seek medical care outside of our clinic, you will be required to sign an authorization form before we can release your medical records. Please keep in mind that we cannot share your medical information without your written consent.

We are confident that you will continue to receive exceptional care from the doctors at Maryland ENT. We hope that your transition is seamless and that you feel well-cared for in our practice. Please contact the clinic directly to schedule an appointment with Drs. Gol or Halawi.

Wishing you all the best,

Alan Shikani, MD

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