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Intern's proud links to Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital

Twenty years after her parents completed their medical internships at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital, junior doctor Maria Joseph is following in their footsteps.

Dr Joseph, a University of NSW graduate and 2019 University Medallist in Medicine, said she was proud to begin her career at the hospital where her parents completed their training and two of her siblings were born.

"It is an honour to be following in my parents' footsteps. My family is very proud of our connections with the hospital," Dr Joseph said.

The 24-year-old parent's Dr Ehab Joseph and Dr Randa Selim, both GPs, met in medical school in Egypt before completing their internships at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital in 2000.

Two of the couple's four children were born at the hospital while they were completing their medical training.

Dr Joseph, who is starting a Masters of Surgery this year at the University of Sydney, said she had many happy memories of her childhood in the Bankstown community.

"I remember coming to the hospital with my parents as a child - it is wonderful to be here again," she said.

"I love the sense of community at the hospital and the vibrant cultural mix of the area.

"It has the same close connection to the community as the rural hospital where I completed my last two clinical years at university."

"I am looking forward to my training and making a contribution like my parents."

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital General Manager Peter Rophail said he was delighted Dr Joseph was continuing her family's connection to the hospital.

"This is a wonderful milestone for the hospital as well as Dr Joseph and her family," Mr Rophail said.

"We are very proud of the generations of families who have completed their training and established their careers at our hospital."

Dr Joseph is among a group of more 27 interns who are starting their medical careers at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital this year.