

# Sidney Kobrin, Perelman School of Medicine

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*Sidney Kobrin*

Sidney Kobrin, the medical director of the fresenius dialysis unit in Penn Medicine and an associate professor of medicine in the Perelman School of Medicine, died on October 30 along with his father, Nathan Kobrin, when they were struck by a car rolling unattended down a driveway. Sidney Kobrin was 68.

After earning his MD from University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg in 1978, Dr. Kobrin joined Penn's faculty in 1989 as a lecturer in the division of renal/electrolyte. In 1992, he became an assistant professor, and in 1996, an associate professor, a position he held until his death. In 2010, Dr. Kobrin earned Penn Medicine's I.S. Ravdin Master Clinician Award (*Almanac* December 14, 2010 (<https://almanac.upenn.edu/archive/volumes/v57/n15/medawards.html#kobrin>)).

"Dr. Kobrin is known for his skill as a superb diagnostician, a talented and skilled nephrologist, and a compassionate and dedicated physician," said his citation. "He is widely regarded as the 'doctor's doctor' amongst nephrologists, with an outstanding knowledge of medicine and nephrology. He is also known as a physician with genuine compassion, always willing to spend as much time as necessary with each individual and possessing a distinctive combination of clinical excellence and sincere empathy." While at Penn, Dr. Kobrin also earned the Tow Humanitarian Award and the J. Russell Elkinton Faculty Teaching Award.

"The field of medicine, and our entire community has lost a giant, Dr. Sidney Kobrin," said Dr. Kobrin's department in an online tribute. "He touched the lives of so many patients, colleagues, trainees, and he made the world a brighter place with his empathy, teaching, dedication and compassion. We will miss him dearly."

In memory of Dr. Kobrin, his family asks that contributions be made in support of the Penn Medicine Division of Renal Medicine. Please make checks payable to Penn Medicine and include "Division of Renal Medicine" on the memo line, and send to Penn Medicine Development Office c/o Andrew Deal, 3535 Market St. Suite 750, Philadelphia, PA 19104. Donations can also be made by visiting <https://giving.apps.upenn.edu> /fund?program=MED&fund=630322 (<https://giving.apps.upenn.edu/fund?program=MED&fund=630322>).