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An Institution of the Order of Malta

“Where there is always a place in the inn for all”

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Bank of Palestine donates \$12,000 for HFH

On March 17th, the hospital's management received Mr. Hashim Shawa, Chairman and General Manager of BOP, Mr. Maher Farah member of the Management Council, Mr. Issa Qassis the Director of Bethlehem Branch and Mr. Salim Hodali Public Relations & Marketing Manager.

Mr. Shawa handed a \$12,000 check to Dr. Tabash as a donation to operate an intensive care unit for one baby in the Neonatal department. In addition, the bank also donated four saving accounts of \$200 each for Muhamad, Dareen, Nadine and Abed Al Rahman, the quadruplets born at HFH in February.



The visitors acknowledged the hard work and the outstanding services the hospital offers and emphasized on the continuous coordination between the two institutions.

Scientific Day at Holy Family Hospital

On Friday 27th March, the hospital's Gynecology Department headed by Dr. Jadallah Najjar, organized a scientific day in cooperation with the gynecologists at Al-Makased Hospital in Jerusalem and Alia Hospital in Hebron.

The day began in the early morning with different medical lectures; a coffee break and a presentation by Pharmacare Industrial Company who funded this event. Consultants, Resident doctors, midwives and nurses from Holy Family Hospital and other hospitals in the West Bank and Jerusalem attended the lectures and then were all invited for lunch in the hospital's dining hall.

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EDITORIAL



Dr. Jacques Keutgen
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**“There is
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During the last decade of the 20th century the increase in deliveries of premature babies at HFH and the high mortality rate of these tiny babies obliged the Board of Trustees of Holy Family Hospital to contemplate seriously the opening of a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in spite of the disastrous political and economic situation which prevailed in this country at that time and especially in the following years. In 2005 due to an occupancy rate of 120 %, obliging us to put sometimes two premature babies in the same incubator, we urgently had to increase the capacity of our Intensive Care Unit.

During that difficult period, however, we were never pessimistic for a moment, in spite of all difficulties the mothers had to face before reaching our hospital due to numerous checkpoints and in spite of the huge financial resources we had to secure to expand our NICU: had we been pessimistic then, we would have lost even before we starting.

Since this Unit was opened, Holy Family Hospital has continued to consolidate its position as the major provider of maternal and newborn healthcare in the District of Bethlehem. From its share of 37% of the total deliveries of the district in 2002, the activity rose to 67% in 2007 (*according to the statistics of the Palestinian Ministry of Health*). In spite of the increasing of beds in the neonatal department from 10 to 18 beds in 2007, the occupancy rate increased from 47% in 2007 to 96% this year as in fact we were becoming the regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. We are attracting more and more premature ba-

bies born outside of our hospital and even outside the District of Bethlehem (22,6% of all babies admitted to this unit in 2008). This represented an investment of a huge amount of money for adequate equipment and training of our staff while the running costs are mostly uncovered because of a lack of social security in the West Bank.

We are highly concerned about what is going on around us, thinking about others and those desperate for help, such as the tiniest and defenseless babies living in this country. Helping others is always paramount in our life and the mission of the Knights of the Sovereign Order of Malta. While, following the teachings of the Catholic Church we don't accept to practice in vitro fertilization, we are regularly confronted with mothers with multiple pregnancy who desperately are looking for a safe place to deliver when other hospitals refuse to take them because of lack of qualified staff to deal with high prematurity and because of the huge financial consequences of hospitalization of premature babies of such a multiple birth (about 400USD per baby per day).

In this country everybody knows that at Holy Family Hospital “there is always a place in the inn for all” .We never reject a mother who is in distress.

Nevertheless, it is our duty to promote creating Neonatal Intensive Care units in other hospitals in the West Bank; our financial means and the number of intensive beds in our neonatology unit are limited and already constitute the utmost that we can afford.

ACTIVITY REPORT

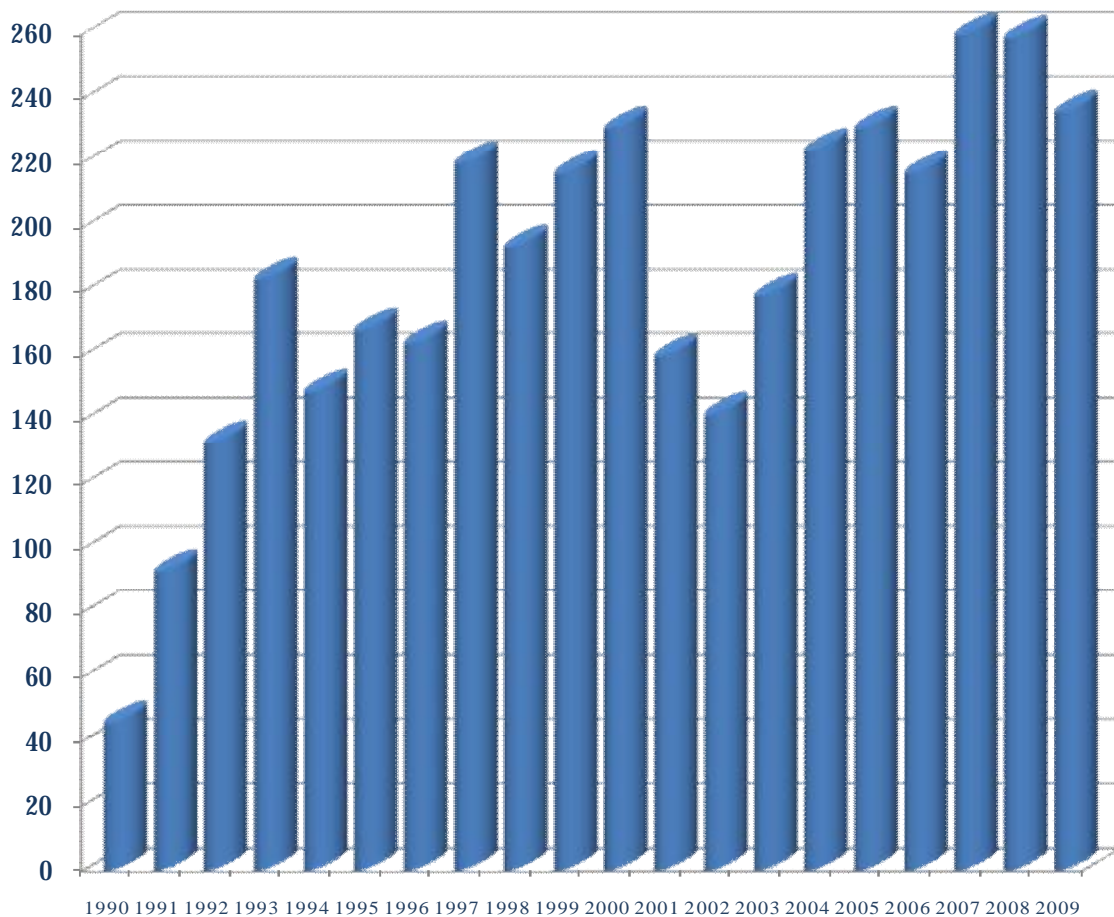
Monthly Deliveries

The number of monthly deliveries since 1990 is as follows:

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
JAN	0	93	128	143	146	148	181	205	217	162	250	158	180	159	238	224	240	230	248	221
FEB	4	69	97	150	157	130	183	180	192	165	239	155	152	165	220	221	218	228	217	239
MAR	46	93	133	184	149	168	164	220	194	217	231	160	142	179	224	231	217	313	259	236
APR	68	87	116	181	135	180	180	207	185	213	274	146	82	195	222	240	216	322	270	
MAY	85	92	124	170	153	188	224	233	221	246	288	195	129	214	196	238	237	366	340	
JUN	85	106	145	177	145	202	212	222	227	276	294	156	132	239	252	258	219	277	291	
JUL	84	101	151	165	172	188	209	261	234	302	329	148	136	249	232	235	243	276	294	
AUG	71	90	151	173	163	199	226	219	244	299	309	161	122	227	246	235	256	264	279	
SEP	109	103	154	171	172	167	192	241	199	276	275	146	143	220	224	234	280	233	260	
OCT	116	109	154	166	172	193	198	255	211	273	223	134	138	240	243	257	295	255	277	
NOV	97	87	150	146	149	203	196	205	161	282	165	145	121	191	221	213	257	224	241	
DEC	104	105	153	127	163	198	194	240	180	266	175	135	140	203	227	207	268	238	248	
TOTAL	869	1135	1656	1953	1876	2164	2359	2688	2465	2977	3052	1839	1617	2481	2745	2793	2946	3226	3224	696

TOTAL DELIVEREIS SINCE 1990 **44 761**

Deliveries March 1990-2009



DETAILED STATISTICS

2009	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Ob/Gyn consult. HFH	767	806	857	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2430
Ob/Gyn cons. villages	214	233	270	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	717
Ped. Consultations	213	187	207	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	607
Mammography	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Detailed scan	9	14	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
private cons. o/g	442	416	473	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1331
private cons. Pediatric	63	75	68										206
private cons. Endoc.	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
T. Consultations	1708	1734	1890	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5333
TTL. Op. Del. File	17	15	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
Deliveries 3rd cl	194	215	207	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	616
Deliveries 2nd cl	4	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Deliveries 1st cl	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Del..2nd cl. private	15	15	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
Del..1st cl. private	6	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
TTL Deliveries	221	239	236	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	696
<i>incl. C/S sections</i>	53	34	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
<i>incl. Del. UNRWA</i>	92	105	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	294
Gyn. Oper. 3rd class	21	21	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66
Gyn. Oper. 2nd class	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gyn. Oper. 1st class	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gy.Op.2nd cl Private	10	9	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Gy.Op.1st cl. Private	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
TTL Gyn. Oper.	33	31	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103
<i>incl.op. UNRWA</i>	11	15	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
<i>incl. minor g. oper.</i>	25	18	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
<i>incl. major g. oper.</i>	8	13	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
days ob/gn 3rd cl	423	513	475	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1411
days ob/gn 2nd cl	36	52	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	137
days ob/gn 1st cl	22	12	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
TOTAL days Ob/Gn	481	577	545	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1603
days neo level 1	112	73	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	259
days neo level 2	236	161	327	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	724
days neo level 3	149	253	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	496
TTL days Neonatal	497	487	495	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1479
Admissions Obst.	52	55	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	181
Admissions Gyn.	220	239	236	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	695
TTL Admiss. Ob/gn	272	294	310	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	876
<i>incl. Ad. UNRWA</i>	132	150	148	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	430
Adm. Neo. level 1	7	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Adm. Neo. level 2	11	11	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Adm. Neo. level 3	25	18	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
TTL Admiss. Neon.	43	39	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
<i>incl. Ad. UNRWA</i>	16	15	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Occupancy O/Gyn	34.48	45.79	39.07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39.58
Occup. Neonatal D.	89.07	96.63	88.71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91.30



“Because the Poorest deserve the best”