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

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## Scientific Day

A Gynecology/Obstetric Scientific Day was held on Friday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in the Hospital's Auditorium presented by Prof. John Queenan - Georgetown University School of Medicine/U.S.A and Prof. John Bonnar - Trinity College/Ireland and by Dr. Salameh Qumsieh, Dr. Nadim Abu Sa'adah and Dr. Saba Abu Farha consultant gynecologists at HFH.



The invited audience was mainly gynecologists, resident doctors and midwives from the Southern part of the West Bank. The scientific discussions were followed by a lunch in the hospital's dining room.

Professors Bonnar and Queenan were at HFH in their quality of visiting professors within the USAID funded program and the scientific day was sponsored by USAID.

## Quadruplets Born in Holy Family Hospital—Bethlehem

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2009 evening, Maha gave birth to her four newborn babies. The general condition of the quadruplets is stable; however, they are in need of assisted ventilation. The 2 males and 2 females babies were born at 27 weeks of pregnancy and they vary in weight between 900gr and 1kg.



They will need treatment and care for at least 6 weeks in our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

We hope and pray that they will grow healthy.

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# EDITORIAL



**Dr. Jacques Keutgen**  
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**“Let us  
pray and  
act for  
peace”**



It is difficult to write this editorial without having in mind the flood of unbearable pictures of human tragedy and suffering which covered this region of the world with blood. It is not possible to be insensitive to what happened in the past weeks. These innocent people, especially children and women, who lost their lives or will probably stay handicapped for the rest of their life, haunt my mind like a nightmare. What will be the long term psychological consequences on these children? All these sufferings will not be in vain if only once again this could be taken as a first step to bring hope for peace between the two people who felt drawn together by a common misfortune.

In contrast to these terrible war pictures which showed lots of destruction and despair and unverifiable horrible stories which are told by eye witnesses, we could watch on TV the swearing in of the new elected president of the United States and the impressive enthusiasm of people who want a change, hoping for a better future and a world where human rights are better respected. Without being pessimistic, we are convinced that the solution for the conflict in the Holy Land cannot be imposed from outside, on the contrary, the peace initiative should come from the involved parties in this conflict and first of all should be leading up to a reconciliation in the Palestinian society between the various and fratricidal political sides. This last condition will probably be the most difficult one to reach in the near

future but it is a necessary preamble to a real peace process.

Here in our hospital and in Bethlehem we cannot say that life is going on normally because we are suffering with all the innocent victims of this conflict.

Nevertheless, as a priority for our hospital, sponsored by USAID, the year 2009 will be focused on the continuous medical education of our medical staff in collaboration with our Visiting Professors from European and American countries, with the Palestinian Medical Council and with Bethlehem University. Two years ago, with financial support from the Irish government as well as the Sovereign Order of Malta, through Holy Family Hospital, Bethlehem University organized a four-year direct entry midwifery course. Bethlehem University also started in January 2009 a two-year postgraduate neonatal course sponsored by the Belgian Technical Cooperation. We are still hoping that four selected nurses from Shifa Hospital in Gaza could get permission to come to the West Bank and also attend this course. We are hopeful that, with the financial help of these different organizations or countries, Holy Family Hospital will have a responsibility and a leading role to play in the Palestinian Society concerning training of doctors and nurses in gynecology/obstetrics and neonatology.

In these days when war is likely to break out again in view of the frail ceasefire, let us convince people that peace is possible if both sides are ready to tackle the problems in another way by listening to each other about their vital problems.

# ACTIVITY REPORT

## Monthly Deliveries

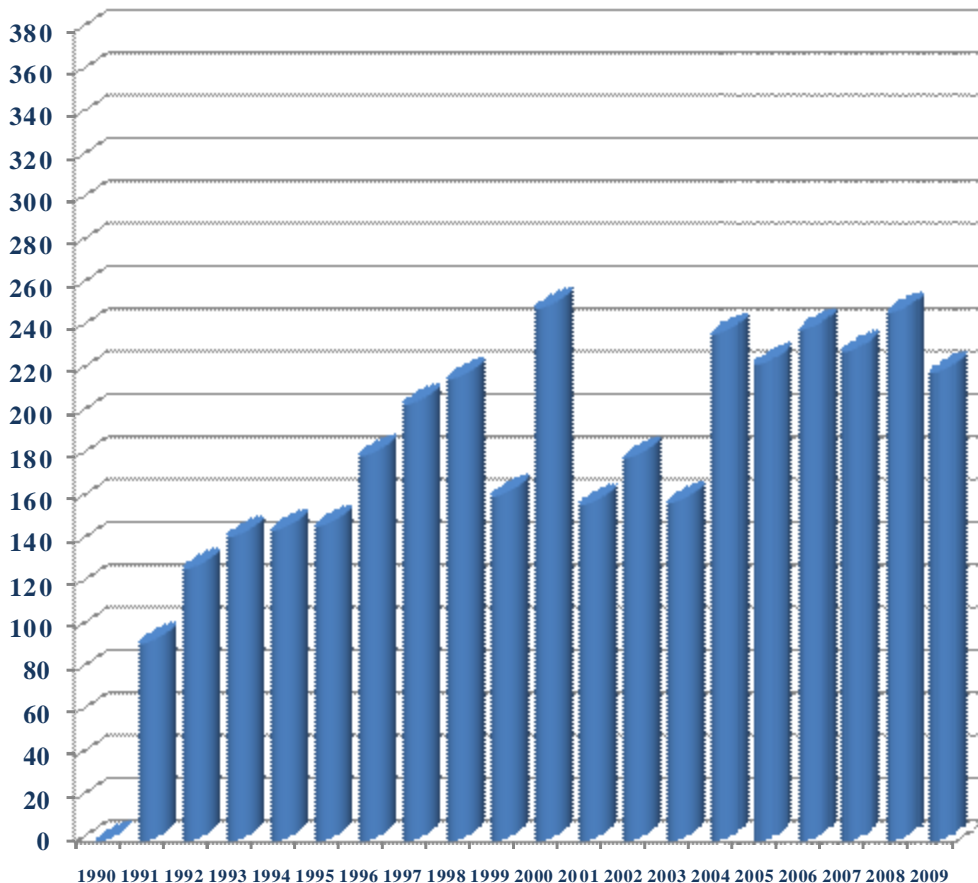
The number of monthly deliveries since 1990 is as follows:

	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	
MAR	46	93	133	184	149	168	164	220	194	217	231	160	142	179	224	231	217	313	259	
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	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>1135</b>	<b>1656</b>	<b>1953</b>	<b>1876</b>	<b>2164</b>	<b>2359</b>	<b>2688</b>	<b>2465</b>	<b>2977</b>	<b>3052</b>	<b>1839</b>	<b>1617</b>	<b>2481</b>	<b>2745</b>	<b>2793</b>	<b>2946</b>	<b>3226</b>	<b>3224</b>	<b>221</b>

TOTAL DELIVEREIS SINCE 1990

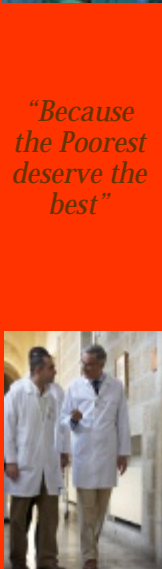
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### January Deliveries



# DETAILED STATISTICS

2009	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Ob/Gyn consult. HFH	767	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	767
Ob/Gyn cons. villages	214	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	214
Ped. Consultations	213	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	213
Mammography	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Detailed scan	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
private cons. o/g	442	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	442
private cons. Pediatric	63												63
private cons. Endoc.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>T. Consultations</b>	<b>1708</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1708</b>
<b>TTL. Op. Del. File</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>
Deliveries 3rd cl	194	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	194
Deliveries 2nd cl	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Deliveries 1st cl	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Del..2nd cl. private	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Del..1st cl. private	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
<b>TTL Deliveries</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>221</b>
<i>incl. C/S sections</i>	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53
<i>incl. Del. UNRWA</i>	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92
Gyn. Oper. 3rd class	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Gy.Op.1st cl. Private	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>TTL Gyn. Oper.</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33</b>
<i>incl.op. UNRWA</i>	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
<i>incl. minor g. oper.</i>	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
<i>incl. major g. oper.</i>	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
days ob/gn 3rd cl	423	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	423
days ob/gn 2nd cl	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
days ob/gn 1st cl	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
<b>TOTAL days Ob/Gn</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>481</b>
days neo level 1	112	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	112
days neo level 2	236	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	236
days neo level 3	149	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	149
<b>TTL days Neonatal</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>497</b>
Admissions Obst.	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
Admissions Gyn.	220	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	220
<b>TTL Admiss. Ob/gn</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>272</b>
<i>incl. Ad. UNRWA</i>	132	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	132
Adm. Neo. level 1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Adm. Neo. level 2	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Adm. Neo. level 3	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
<b>TTL Admiss. Neon.</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>43</b>
<i>incl. Ad. UNRWA</i>	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Occupancy O/Gyn</b>	<b>34.48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34.48</b>
<b>Occup. Neonatal D.</b>	<b>89.07</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>89.07</b>



*“Because the Poorest deserve the best”*