



Holy Family Hospital



An Institution of the Order of Malta

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

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New modern medical imaging equipment

On the 20th October, we inaugurated new modern radiological equipment generously donated by the Flagship Project, which is funded by USAID. These equipments comprised a new Mammography machine, a new portable X-Ray machine for the Neonatal Department and a Computed Radiography converter and a laser printer.

With this technology, the images are digitalized and stored in the computer system of the hospital and thus are always available for review by the medical staff.



The inauguration took place in the presence of Dr. Mohamed Riziq from the Ministry of Health, Dr. Suzy Srouji, Acting Director of Humanitarian and Health activities at USAID West Bank Gaza, Dr. Taroub Faramand, Chief of Party of the Flagship Project and other guests.

Welcome to Holy Family Hospital

This month, we are glad to welcome *Ms. Servane De la Debutrie*, a French volunteer midwife. Ms. Debutrie will work with the hospital's nursing team for 2 years in the Labor Ward. We wish her a pleasant stay with us and a fruitful experience.

Adieu

We like to express our gratitude to *Ms. Coralie Frappé*, a pediatric nurse volunteer from France, who joined the neonatal team last November. This month, Ms. Coralie left us to go back to Versailles, her home.

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EDITORIAL



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“The amount of good luck coming your way depends on your willingness to act”

-Barbara Sher-

Thousand years ago, it is said that a cloister was founded by merchants from Amalfi/Italy close to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, known as “St Maria Latina”, with accommodations for the sick.

On October 13 the Sovereign Order of Malta celebrated the feast of blessed Gerard, the founder of the Order of St John of Jerusalem, now called Order of Malta. Indeed about the year 1080, before the Crusaders’ time, Gerard Tenque, who took his monk vows, decided to reorganize the great hospital in Jerusalem and to insure an effective military protection. Adjoining the Church of the Baptist in Jerusalem, he started a “Xenodochium”, a huge hospice, practicing religious tolerance, able to receive, at that time, more than 2000 people and accommodating Jewish, Muslim and Christian pilgrims and sick and destitute people; this is the Origin of the Hospitaller Order of St John.

A millennium, later the Sovereign Order of Malta is still running humanitarian projects not only in the Holy Land but also all over the world, continuing Gerard’s blessed work.

It is a grace to be assigned to carry on Christian charity and spirituality in the same dedication than one millennium ago, but it is also a huge challenge because life conditions and the political situation as well as the interrelig-

ious conflicts are now complex.

Unfortunately, in many countries medical and social care has become largely separated from its originally Christian background because the world is secularized. Its supporting principles are no longer the Christian love of neighbor, but “humanitarian” motives. Important connections are thus in danger of becoming lost. Current medico-ethical and bio-ethical debates illustrate this danger, when for example even abortion of a baby with multiple malformations could be justified by reference to humanitarian motives. More clearly than in the past, we have to try therefore, through our ethics committee, to select our fields of activity not only with a view to taking a clear position in this discussion but also trying to deliver some psychological support to concerned mothers. Care of mothers and newborns especially premature babies represent a priority for Holy family Hospital, knowing that a high percentage of people living below the poverty line are women and their children. Our maternity hospital in Bethlehem takes this orientation into account. Thus the Order of Malta is taking a clear position in defense of the dignity of the beginning of life, in its special vulnerability.

ACTIVITY REPORT

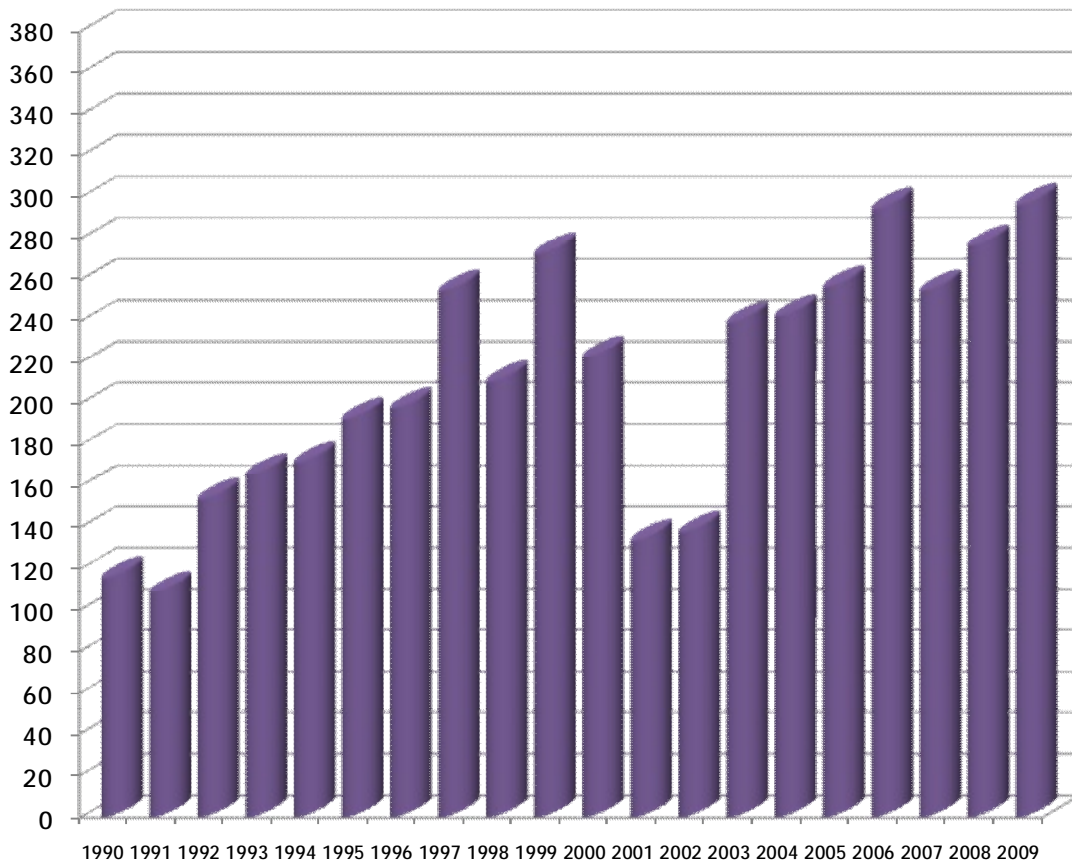
Monthly Deliveries

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	280
MAY	85	92	124	170	153	188	224	233	221	246	288	195	129	214	196	238	237	366	340	284
JUN	85	106	145	177	145	202	212	222	227	276	294	156	132	239	252	258	219	277	291	275
JUL	84	101	151	165	172	188	209	261	234	302	329	148	136	249	232	235	243	276	294	328
AUG	71	90	151	173	163	199	226	219	244	299	309	161	122	227	246	235	256	264	279	280
SEP	109	103	154	171	172	167	192	241	199	276	275	146	143	220	224	234	280	233	260	261
OCT	116	109	154	166	172	193	198	255	211	273	223	134	138	240	243	257	295	255	277	297
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	2701

TOTAL DELIVEREIS SINCE 1990 **46766**

The deliveries of the month of October since 1990:



DETAILED STATISTICS

2009	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Ob/Gyn consult. HFH	767	806	857	895	859	801	898	935	852	801			8471
Ob/Gyn cons. villages	214	233	270	260	220	249	287	277	204	267			2481
Ped. Consultations	213	187	207	238	244	244	203	221	224	223			2204
Mammography	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	12			16
Detailed scan	9	14	11	22	9	8	6	5	9	8			101
private cons. o/g	442	416	473	557	552	406	570	504	462	245			4692
private cons. Pediatric	63	75	68	63	56	56	34	41	74	70			600
private cons. Endoc.	1	3	4	3	1	2	0	0	7	7			28
T. Consultations	1708	1734	1890	2038	1941	1766	1998	1983	1836	1633	0	0	18593
TTL. Op. Del. File	17	15	6	7	15	13	13	18	12	16	0	0	132
Deliveries 3rd cl	194	215	207	233	248	243	286	244	223	255			2349
Deliveries 2nd cl	4	4	5	3	1	4	4	4	5	8			42
Deliveries 1st cl	2	0	0	3	0	3	2	2	5	4			21
Del..2nd cl. private	15	15	17	32	21	15	17	18	15	17			182
Del..1st cl. private	6	5	7	9	14	10	19	12	12	13			107
TTL Deliveries	221	239	236	280	284	275	328	280	261	297	0	0	2701
<i>incl. C/S sections</i>	53	34	33	53	43	42	50	50	40	49			447
<i>incl. Del. UNRWA</i>	92	105	97	101	105	99	119	102	102	110			1032
Gyn. Oper. 3rd class	21	21	24	23	23	30	31	24	33	18			248
Gyn. Oper. 2nd class	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0			2
Gyn. Oper. 1st class	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Gy.Op.2nd cl Private	10	9	13	5	16	16	7	17	15	13			121
Gy.Op.1st cl. Private	2	1	2	0	1	0	1	3	5	1			16
TTL Gyn. Oper.	33	31	39	29	40	46	39	44	54	32	0	0	387
<i>incl.op. UNRWA</i>	11	15	20	13	22	27	13	12	21	17			171
<i>incl. minor g. oper.</i>	25	18	28	22	14	29	33	30	49	28			276
<i>incl. major g. oper.</i>	8	13	11	7	26	17	6	14	5	4			111
days ob/gn 3rd cl	423	513	475	523	550	588	638	556	502	569			5337
days ob/gn 2nd cl	36	52	49	55	73	66	71	68	51	65			586
days ob/gn 1st cl	22	12	21	30	30	26	24	42	35	37			279
TOTAL days Ob/Gn	481	577	545	608	653	680	733	666	588	671	0	0	6202
days neo level 1	112	73	74	72	53	69	112	60	93	71			789
days neo level 2	236	161	327	206	204	218	231	302	193	232			2310
days neo level 3	149	253	94	121	149	152	80	20	55	68			1141
TTL days Neonatal	497	487	495	399	406	439	423	382	341	371	0	0	4240
Admissions Obst.	52	55	74	68	76	89	78	86	86	81			745
Admissions Gyn.	220	239	236	280	284	275	328	280	263	297			2702
TTL Admiss. Ob/gn	272	294	310	348	360	364	406	366	349	378			3447
<i>incl. Ad. UNRWA</i>	132	150	148	141	151	148	153	144	144	148			1459
Adm. Neo. level 1	7	10	3	7	2	8	7	5	8	2			59
Adm. Neo. level 2	11	11	23	15	20	9	12	15	11	14			141
Adm. Neo. level 3	25	18	12	14	17	17	11	11	20	19			164
TTL Admiss. Neon.	43	39	38	36	39	34	30	31	39	35	0	0	364
<i>incl. Ad. UNRWA</i>	16	15	13	12	11	8	4	14	12	9			114
Occupancy O/Gyn	34.48	45.79	39.07	45.04	46.81	50.37	52.54	47.74	43.56	48.10	0	0	45.34
Occup. Neonatal D.	89.07	96.63	88.71	73.89	72.76	81.30	75.81	68.46	63.15	66.49	0	0	77.49



“Because the Poorest deserve the best”