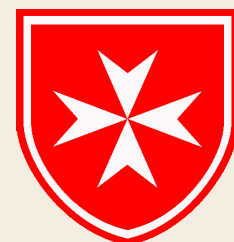




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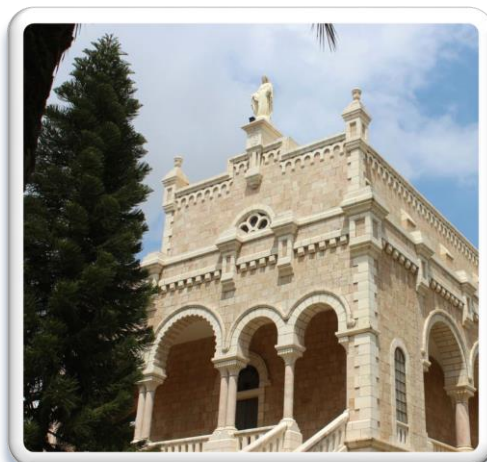
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The door of Holy Family Hospital is always open. Although Holy Family Hospital is not the official referral center for treatment of patients with COVID19 but some pregnant woman diagnosed with COVID19 are popping up at our door. Immediately, medical care is provided to those women. Many of them were in critical medical care that required urgent cesarean section. Some women, who were not urgent cases, were transferred to the Governmental Hospital for delivery at the dedicated department for COVID19 patients. These woman popping up at our door in such a way is only a proof of their trust in the medical care provided at Holy Family Hospital.

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Unfortunately, the transmission of the virus is higher than before and the number of infections are is worrying now in Bethlehem. At Holy Family Hospital's Triage room; we are detecting suspected/confirmed cases almost everyday.



*Holy Family Hospital*

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

Although the risk is high, we were able to send out the mobile clinic to the villages almost all the month but as of August 24th, 2020 we had to stop according to the recommendation of the MOH. We are hoping to be able to return back soon. At least we were able to examine the pregnant women and the newborn babies once in every village

The month ended up with 446 deliveries; 460 babies born. The higher the number of deliveries is, the higher the risk of infection. Unfortunately, we have 10 Staff members who got infected from either providing medical care to infected patients, or got the infection from outside the hospital. Losing 10 staff is not easy with the increased number of deliveries, but in order to be able to cover the load of work and reduce the risk of exposure to sick patients; the staff are working on longer working hours up to 12 hour per shift, which is exhausting.

The role of the infection control Nurse is increasing day after day, reviewing the protocol of work on daily basis, training the staff on the correct way of using the PPE's, following up with the suspected patient and making sure that the patients are conducting the COVID19 test at the MOH, following up with the infected



*Lord keep us safe through this pandemic,  
Secure from all our fears.  
May angels guide us while we are  
working.  
Amen*



# *Infection Control Role*



Thereze Khair,  
Infection Control Nurse.

When I first heard about the new virus in China, I got concerned and was very interested with following up with the procedures and measures taken by the Chinese officials. At first, I didn't expect the virus to spread outside of China and become pandemic, but quick enough, I started seeing the transmission from one country to another. We, the infection control committee got very worried at that stage and started to think what possible impacts there would be if the virus arrives into Palestine.

And so the worst happened as first positive cases were announced in Bethlehem in March 2020. Our Ministry of Health were prepared and a state of alarm was issued. We took this very serious at the hospital and have put all new strict practices in place, including social distancing, hand sanitizers, temperature checks at entering the hospitals, no visitors, etc



Soon after, a COVID-19 Committee was formed in the hospital, we took quick measures to protect both staff and patients, provided education on proper use of PPE's (Personal Protective Equipment's) including masks, gown, gloves, etc.. Stopped the visits inside the hospital, set an emergency plan with several scenarios for the work inside the hospital in case the worse happens. We continue to follow the guidance from our Ministry of Health and WHO on daily basis. We update our protocols and procedures based on their recommendations.

Today, the transmission of the virus is higher than before and the number of infections is increasing. Our teams at the hospital are well trained and have good knowledge on how to work and treat suspected or infected cases with the virus. Lots of lessons to learn from have been taken during the last six months since the start of the pandemic in Palestine



# *Welcoming twin babies during the Pandemic*

Milad Thalgieh, Cashier at Holy Family Hospital since 2003.

“The moment we knew my wife is pregnant with Twins, we were thrilled, happy but at the same time worried and anxious”

His wife received all prenatal care and follow-ups at Holy Family Hospital clinic.

At 36wks of pregnancy, Catherine suffered from high blood pressure and was transferred to an emergency caesarean section.

“I was too excited but at the same time I had a kind of internal peace assuring me that my wife and babies are going to be fine since I am a witness of the good medical care provided at Holy Family Hospital”

“We would like to thank all the staff for their care and support and we wish for the hospital continuity and success”



# *Congratulations*



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## *Families affected by the Pandemic*

Many families have been affected by this pandemic especially whose source of income depends on the tourism sector, educational sector, and beauty care centers.

Victor, works as a hairdresser in Beit Jala, married to Gianna since 2013, who is a housewife. They have one baby girl “Maryam” born at Holy family Hospital in 2014.

The family was hesitating to come to Holy Family Hospital due to the family's current financial situation, but Gianna was sure that she won't find the same level of care provided at Holy Family Hospital in any other place, so she insisted to give birth to her second baby at this hospital.

On August 13, 2020, Gianna gave birth to her baby boy “Charbel”.

“I am so grateful to Holy Family Hospital for the medical services I received especially at this time were COVID19 is spread everywhere and the risk of infection is high. Also grateful for the financial support we have received in this critical and hard time we are going through”

“I would like to thank the medical staff who were keen to provide the best care to my wife and baby”



*Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for the gift of life  
and for bringing these babies  
safely into this world. May you  
bless them and keep them,  
helping them to grow loving,  
strong and heavenly in Your  
love.*

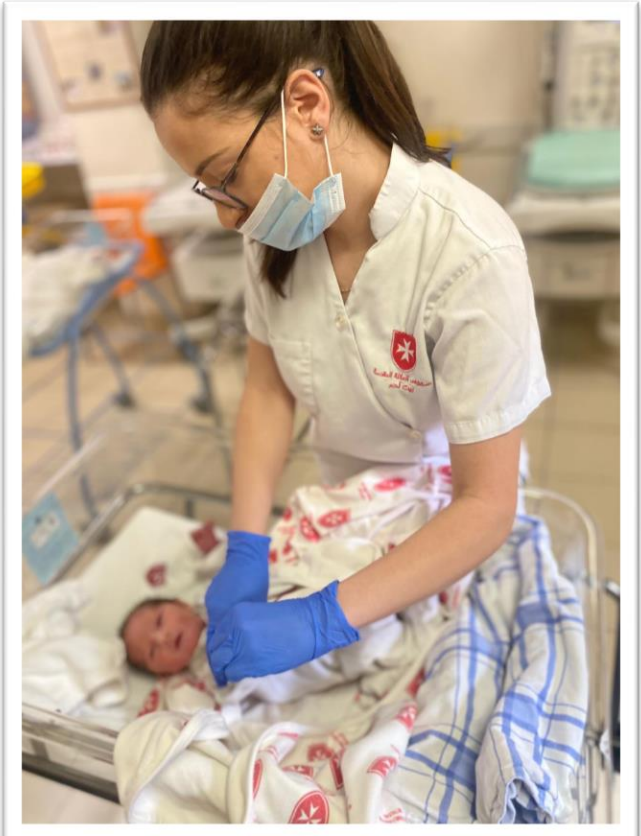


# Monthly Deliveries

“Hope is a powerful motivation for Charity”

	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2009	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
JAN	0	148	250	224	240	230	221	258	274	249	271	313	278	306	357	369	387
FEB	4	130	239	221	218	228	239	221	227	224	257	264	271	296	309	309	313
MAR	46	168	231	231	217	313	236	265	278	260	287	286	277	318	333	389	278
APR	68	180	274	240	216	322	280	298	265	301	267	277	268	295	344	389	275
MAY	85	188	288	238	237	366	284	304	229	250	240	297	304	365	373	400	323
JUN	85	202	294	258	219	277	275	333	261	278	302	311	313	362	380	399	390
JUL	84	188	329	235	243	276	328	307	306	279	314	379	379	427	450	439	402
AUG	71	199	309	235	256	264	280	286	296	289	319	351	340	403	476	448	446
SEP	109	167	275	234	280	233	261	295	291	267	281	327	329	386	409	398	
OCT	116	193	223	257	295	255	297	270	281	274	258	286	309	365	369	378	
NOV	97	203	165	213	257	224	247	237	249	271	251	224	278	371	369	347	
DEC	104	198	175	207	268	238	265	236	209	242	265	253	307	326	340	361	
TOTAL	869	2164	3052	2793	2946	3226	3213	3310	3166	3184	3312	3568	3653	4220	4509	4626	2368

TOTAL DELIVERIES SINCE 1990	88,765
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HFH IN FIGURES														
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	
Consultations														
HFH														
Ob/gyn	1188	1105	739	757	930	1089	982	1079					7869	
Pediatric	285	159	101	108	189	238	157	204					1441	
Diabetic	60	66	23	0	43	37	32	40					331	
Nurtition	14	27	3	0	16	14	8	16					98	
Over 45	94	117	13	1	7	72	5	60					369	
Outreach														
Ob/gyn	236	196	33	0	0	188	0	102					755	
Pediatric	103	126	15	0	0	64	0	23					331	
Private														
Ob/gyn	903	851	409	479	613	757	662	618					5292	
Pediatric	55	64	17	3	9	35	1	3					187	
TOTAL consultations		2938	2711	1353	1348	1807	2494	1847	0	0	0	0	16593	

Obstetric														
	Nb deliveries													
	3 class	328	269	239	237	282	336	367	393					2450
	1 &2 class	59	44	39	38	41	54	35	53					364
	TOTAL deliveries	387	313	278	275	323	390	402						2814
	C sections													
	Total	77	64	62	65	81	88	78	125					635
	Babies													
	Total	390	322	286	281	329	339	413	460					2880

Gynecologie														
	Operations													
	Minor op	32	34	18	15	23	32	22	25					201
	Major op	8	11	2	1	4	12	4	6					47
TOTAL operations		40	45	20	16	27	43	26	0	0	0	0	0	248

Ob / Gyn													
Admissions ≥ 5 days	4	0	1	4	2	6	1	8					26
Admissions < 5 days	501	402	331	322	407	474	479	539					3459
Total admissions	505	402	332	326	409	480	480	547					3485
Total days	849	663	519	519	654	751	702	861					5522
Ob / Gyn OCCUP %	65.21	56.38	39.86	41.19	50.23	57.68	53.92	66.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.45
Poor Case Fund	35	51	47	67	53	53	81	72					459

Lab activity													
TOTAL activity	11222	12448	8117	8332	8263	8816	8248	10106					75552

Anesth- esy														
A. Générale		6	4	3	6	6	2	1	3					29
épidurale		14	32	28	26	43	53	40	39					275
Spinal		70	55	59	56	72	83	76	115					586
TOTAL activity		90	91	90	88	121	138	117	157	0	0	0	0	890



NICU														
	Lenght													
	Total days L1	203	239	201	161	168	113	248	184					1517
	Total days L2	63	69	55	104	72	106	81	67					617
	Total days L3	174	184	178	238	149	135	121	163					1342
	Total days	440	492	434	503	389	354	450	414	0	0	0		3476
	Stay < 5 days	17	15	22	20	12	16	18	14					134
	Stay ≥ 5 days	26	20	20	18	14	17	16	23					154
	Stay ≥ 50 days	2	4	4	2	0	3	3	1					19
	Admission													
	adm L1	22	21	25	16	13	21	18	17					153
	adm L2	5	2	7	3	1	0	4	5					25
	adm L3	16	15	9	18	8	12	12	14					104
	Total Adm	43	38	41	37	22	33	34	36	0	0	0	0	282
	Nb Premature	8	6	4	13	5	9	5	13					63
PED. OCCUP %		78.85	97.62	77.78	93.15	69.71	65.56	83.33	74.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	52.91
Poor Case Fund		8	9	8	10	6	4	6	7					58

TOTAL T. OCCUP %		69.30	68.75	51.24	56.78	56.08	61.39	61.94	68.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.09
Poor Case Fund		43	60	55	77	59	57	87	79	0	0	0	0	517

