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Editorial

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Few weeks ago, the medical team including doctors, nurses and laboratory technologists at HFH were challenged by an unbelievably "Life-threatening" situation that required the meeting up of all energies, experiences, skills and interventions so as to save the life of a patient that started to bleed heavily after giving birth. This excessive blood loss is called a postpartum hemorrhage (PPH) and it happens occasionally and considered to be the leading cause of maternal mortality.

The laboratory technologist on duty received a phone call from the anesthetist at the operation room who insistently asked to provide 10 units of red blood cells of the type O negative together with 10 units of platelets. He additionally explained that the demand might become superior to this number depending on the progress of the case. It seemed to us that we are heading towards a massive and uncontrolled hemorrhage!

Rapid transfusions is the only remedy for this poor patient but unfortunately all what we had at the blood bank refrigerator of HFH laboratory is two standby units of the type O negative.

Keeping in mind that Type O negative blood units are always in great demand and often in short supply, the laboratory team urgently and persistently started a search for the required units of blood.

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Our plan was to immediately bring units from the nearby blood bank of Beit-Jala Governmental hospital but only three units were available, which necessitate the presence of a prompt alternative source. Seeking the help from Hebron blood banks, mainly “Al-Ahli blood bank” and “Alia Blood Bank”, we fruitfully attained another twelve units.

The additional requisition of other blood products including Platelets, Cryoprecipitate and Fresh Frozen Plasma (FFP) amplified our challenges and consequently urged us to look up for more blood banks and in different regions in Palestine. We contacted the central blood bank in Ramallah and Makassed Blood bank in Jerusalem hoping to fulfill our needs. Thankfully, both blood banks shared in supplying the needed units of blood and its products and the life of our patient was saved. By the end of that day, this patient had been transfused a total of 39 units of blood and its products.

Our experience with this case greatly added up to our understanding that we as HFH Laboratory should contribute in supplying the blood banks with donors. We realized that by joining national campaigns for blood donation; we will encourage new donors to sign up in an attempt to recruit more O negative donors. The laboratory team volunteered to regularly assist in sharing with such donation campaigns in Bethlehem area in a joint co-operative scheme with the central blood bank of Ramallah. The good news that the first campaign was already held on the 18th of April 2017.

Additionally, we paid a visit to the central blood bank in Ramallah and signed a written agreement opening up a new era of co-operation that aims to add more blood stocks to our blood bank refrigerator at HFH throughout the year.

Finally, I really appreciate the extra time and effort that the laboratory team had spent at work while we were so busy tackling all confrontations; starting from searching for the needed units, transporting them to HFH, testing for their compatibility with the patient’s blood, and transfusing them at the right time. I was always confident of your abilities, dedications, and skills. Also we believe that we were blessed by the prayers of people who pray silently for us so as enlighten our minds and work.



HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL LABORATORY TEAM



April's Activity

Neonatal ICU activities

Dr Micheline AlKassis head of Neonatal Department, arranged On the third of April 2017 a lecture of bronchopulmonary dysplasia, Prof. Michael Espirizou (Assistant Professor in Neonatology at NYU) delivered it. It was very interesting and outstanding presentation . The participants were about 45 participants from our hospital and the other hospitals of Bethlehem We would like to express our thankful to Dr Espiritou , hope to see him next year in to hospital.





ACTIVITY REPORT

“Hope is a powerful motivation for Charity”

Monthly Deliveries

	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
JAN	0	148	250	224	240	230	221	258	249	274	249	271	313	278	306
FEB	4	130	239	221	218	228	239	221	228	227	224	257	264	271	296
MAR	46	168	231	231	217	313	236	265	260	278	260	287	286	277	318
APR	68	180	274	240	216	322	280	298	286	265	301	267	277	268	295
MAY	85	188	288	238	237	366	284	304	285	229	250	240	297	304	
JUN	85	202	294	258	219	277	275	333	292	261	278	302	311	313	
JUL	84	188	329	235	243	276	328	307	286	306	279	314	379	379	
AUG	71	199	309	235	256	264	280	286	292	296	289	319	351	340	
SEP	109	167	275	234	280	233	261	295	263	291	267	281	327	329	
OCT	116	193	223	257	295	255	297	270	251	281	274	258	286	309	
NOV	97	203	165	213	257	224	247	237	224	249	271	251	224	278	
DEC	104	198	175	207	268	238	265	236	243	209	242	265	253	307	
TOTAL	869	2164	3052	2793	2946	3226	3213	3310	3159	3166	3184	3312	3568	3653	1215



TOTAL DELIVERIES SINCE 1990

73,595

