



# 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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## Board Members met for their bi- annual meeting

The bi-annual meetings of the International Board of Trustees of the hospital were held on the 23rd and 24th November at the hospital. The Medical and Financial Committees of the Board also held their meetings during the same period.

The meetings were preceded by a Holy Mass at the Crusader's Church at Abu Gosh presided by the Abbot of the Benedictine Convent assisted by the priests and nuns of the Monastery.



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## 20th Anniversary of the inauguration of HFH

On Tuesday 24th November 2009, the Board held a reception on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the opening of the Holy Family Maternity Hospital. The reception was attended by the Diplomatic, Religious and Civil dignitaries of the Bethlehem–Jerusalem area.



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## Baron Jacques Guerrier de Dumast Honorary Citizen of Bethlehem

The Executive President of the Board of Trustees, Baron Jacques Guerrier de Dumast is retiring after some 25 years tending for the affairs of Holy Family Hospital. On that occasion, and in recognition for his services to the city of the Nativity, the Municipality of Bethlehem voted to grant him an Honorary Citizenship which was given to him by the Deputy Mayor of Bethlehem, Mr. George Sa'adeh during a reception which was held at the Municipality building



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# EDITORIAL



**Dr. Jacques Keutgen**  
General Manager



At daybreak of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inauguration of Holy Family Hospital Maternity we should take time to redefine the reasons of our presence in the Holy Land, the role of the maternity in the local society and the means and ways to best integrate our work in the global concept of Palestinian Public Health policy.

We should never forget that behind figures concerning the budget, the birthrate or the occupancy rate of our neonatology, which speak for themselves, there are people who are suffering and are in urgent need of our help and that on the other hand our presence here in Bethlehem is a testimony of our Christian commitment especially to the poor. Our services, a reflection of the services given by blessed Gerard founder of the Order of Malta in Jerusalem 900 years ago, merge with the work of the multiple other NGO's yet at the same time differ by its specificity and Christian testimony at the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ, while deeply respecting the faith of Muslims and Jews and being with the majority of them a link in the chain of tolerance and solidarity.

Nowadays, when differences seem to erect insurmountable barriers leading often to fundamentalism, especially on religious matter, it's a basic necessity to have mutual trust and to work together for freedom and peace in this area which is overwhelmed by conflicts since decades.

During the last two decades the role of Holy Family Maternity in Bethlehem has evolved. Starting as a safe place to serve pregnant women from the district of Bethlehem, its activity spectrum has enlarged over years by opening a neonatology department and outreach clinics as well as by opening gynecology clinics and since a few years by taking part in the National Training Program of Palestinian doctors in obstetrics/gynecology and neonatology. Even if this development couldn't have been foreseen years ago, it is the normal consequence of a daily hard work and dedication to mothers and their premature infants and also recently of the setting up, through the Palestinian Ministry of Health and Palestinian Medical Council, of a health policy for the South of Palestine.

Editorial.....



It would be catastrophic to stop this advancement although we should contain it in a frame, based on our financial means, without affecting the high quality of care given to our patients. In this, we are following the example of the previous Knights of Malta, who five hundred years ago, were best-known for the quality of medicine given in their hospitals in Malta.

In these weeks in particular, which brings us closer to Christmas, let us remember all these hundreds of weak and tiny premature newborns, who were born at Holy Family Hospital looking for an inn which could welcome them with dignity and where they could feel warmth. These tiny beings, sometimes weighing only 500grs, become witness of the light and love brought in the obscurity and the hard-heartedness of the daily life in this country.

Because they are still full of frustration and disappointment about their life some people are claiming that the appeal to Christmas Joy does not concern them and do not move any feelings in them. Yet, as Christians, we are sure that Advent time will bring us into contact with this inward Joy, flashing out from the light of Bethlehem, deeper than our fear and mourning, our irritation and deception.

“Be patient until the Lord comes. The farmer looking for the precious crop his land may yield can only wait in patience, until the autumn and spring rains have fallen. You too must be patient and stouthearted, for the coming of the Lord is near. “(James 5, 7-11)

With this, I would like to wish you and your family a thoughtful Advent time and a Merry Christmas.



Dr Jacques Keutgen  
General Manager

# 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	247
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>2948</b>

**TOTAL DELIVEREIS SINCE 1990** **47 013**




Merry Christmas


# DETAILED STATISTICS



*"Because the Poorest deserve the best"*



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	696		9167
Ob/Gyn cons. villages	214	233	270	260	220	249	287	277	204	267	226		2707
Ped. Consultations	213	187	207	238	244	244	203	221	224	223	174		2378
Mammography	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	12	17		33
Detailed scan	9	14	11	22	9	8	6	5	9	8	9		111
private cons. o/g	442	416	473	557	552	406	570	504	462	245	210		4902
private cons. Pediatric	63	75	68	63	56	56	34	41	74	70	84		684
private cons. Endoc.	1	3	4	3	1	2	0	0	7	7	3		31
<b>T. Consultations</b>	<b>1708</b>	<b>1734</b>	<b>1890</b>	<b>2038</b>	<b>1941</b>	<b>1766</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1983</b>	<b>1836</b>	<b>1633</b>	<b>1419</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20013</b>
<b>TTL. Op. Del. File</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>146</b>
Deliveries 3rd cl	194	215	207	233	248	243	286	244	223	255	215		2564
Deliveries 2nd cl	4	4	5	3	1	4	4	4	5	8	4		46
Deliveries 1st cl	2	0	0	3	0	3	2	2	5	4	3		24
Del..2nd cl. private	15	15	17	32	21	15	17	18	15	17	11		193
Del..1st cl. private	6	5	7	9	14	10	19	12	12	13	14		121
<b>TTL Deliveries</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2948</b>
<i>incl. C/S sections</i>	53	34	33	53	43	42	50	50	40	49	42		489
<i>incl. Del. UNRWA</i>	92	105	97	101	105	99	119	102	102	110	94		1126
Gyn. Oper. 3rd class	21	21	24	23	23	30	31	24	33	18	20		268
Gyn. Oper. 2nd class	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2		4
Gyn. Oper. 1st class	0	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	7		128
Gy.Op.1st cl. Private	2	1	2	0	1	0	1	3	5	1	0		16
<b>TTL Gyn. Oper.</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>416</b>
<i>incl.op. UNRWA</i>	11	15	20	13	22	27	13	12	21	17	12		183
<i>incl. minor g. oper.</i>	25	18	28	22	14	29	33	30	49	28	22		298
<i>incl. major g. oper.</i>	8	13	11	7	26	17	6	14	5	4	7		118
days ob/gn 3rd cl	423	513	475	523	550	588	638	556	502	569	502		5839
days ob/gn 2nd cl	36	52	49	55	73	66	71	68	51	65	48		634
days ob/gn 1st cl	22	12	21	30	30	26	24	42	35	37	28		307
<b>TOTAL days Ob/Gn</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6780</b>
days neo level 1	112	73	74	72	53	69	112	60	93	71	91		880
days neo level 2	236	161	327	206	204	218	231	302	193	232	212		2522
days neo level 3	149	253	94	121	149	152	80	20	55	68	64		1205
<b>TTL days Neonatal</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4607</b>
Admissions Obst.	52	55	74	68	76	89	78	86	86	81	82		827
Admissions Gyn.	220	239	236	280	284	275	328	280	263	297	247		2949
<b>TTL Admiss. Ob/gn</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>329</b>		<b>3776</b>
<i>incl. Ad. UNRWA</i>	132	150	148	141	151	148	153	144	144	148	132		1591
Adm. Neo. level 1	7	10	3	7	2	8	7	5	8	2	2		61
Adm. Neo. level 2	11	11	23	15	20	9	12	15	11	14	21		162
Adm. Neo. level 3	25	18	12	14	17	17	11	11	20	19	9		173
<b>TTL Admiss. Neon.</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>396</b>
<i>incl. Ad. UNRWA</i>	16	15	13	12	11	8	4	14	12	9	9		123
<b>Occupancy O/Gyn</b>	<b>34.48</b>	<b>45.79</b>	<b>39.07</b>	<b>45.04</b>	<b>46.81</b>	<b>50.37</b>	<b>52.54</b>	<b>47.74</b>	<b>43.56</b>	<b>48.10</b>	<b>42.81</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45.11</b>
<b>Occup. Neonatal D.</b>	<b>89.07</b>	<b>96.63</b>	<b>88.71</b>	<b>73.89</b>	<b>72.76</b>	<b>81.30</b>	<b>75.81</b>	<b>68.46</b>	<b>63.15</b>	<b>66.49</b>	<b>67.96</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76.63</b>