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Twenty five years ago, pregnant women in Bethlehem used to worry about where to seek medical help when they go into labor. Among other things, they worried about the lack of appropriate care for their premature babies. Fortunately, this is no longer an issue, for nowadays the Holy Family Hospital is here and it is fully equipped with a state-of-the-art neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) that is capable of handling a wide spectrum of neonatal emergencies.

The incidence of premature births among Palestinian women has been on the rise in recent years and it continues to be a main cause of neonatal morbidity and mortality. Risk factors for preterm birth among Palestinian women include: Low socioeconomic status; smoking; maternal stress and lack of prenatal care. Many Palestinian families in the occupied territories live below the poverty level which contributes to the lack of health services. Most of the risk factors are modifiable by proper prenatal care and counseling. However, the availability of such services remains a challenge for many patients due to accessibility issues and financial burdens. According to the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, over 13% of infant mortality in the West-Bank is attributable to premature birth and it reaches 36% in Gaza Strip. Compared to the cost of prevention of preterm birth, the financial burden of the acute care of preterm infants in the NICU is enormously high. Hence, it is of paramount importance to boost the prenatal services in the region in order to reduce the incidence of preterm delivery and its associated morbidities.

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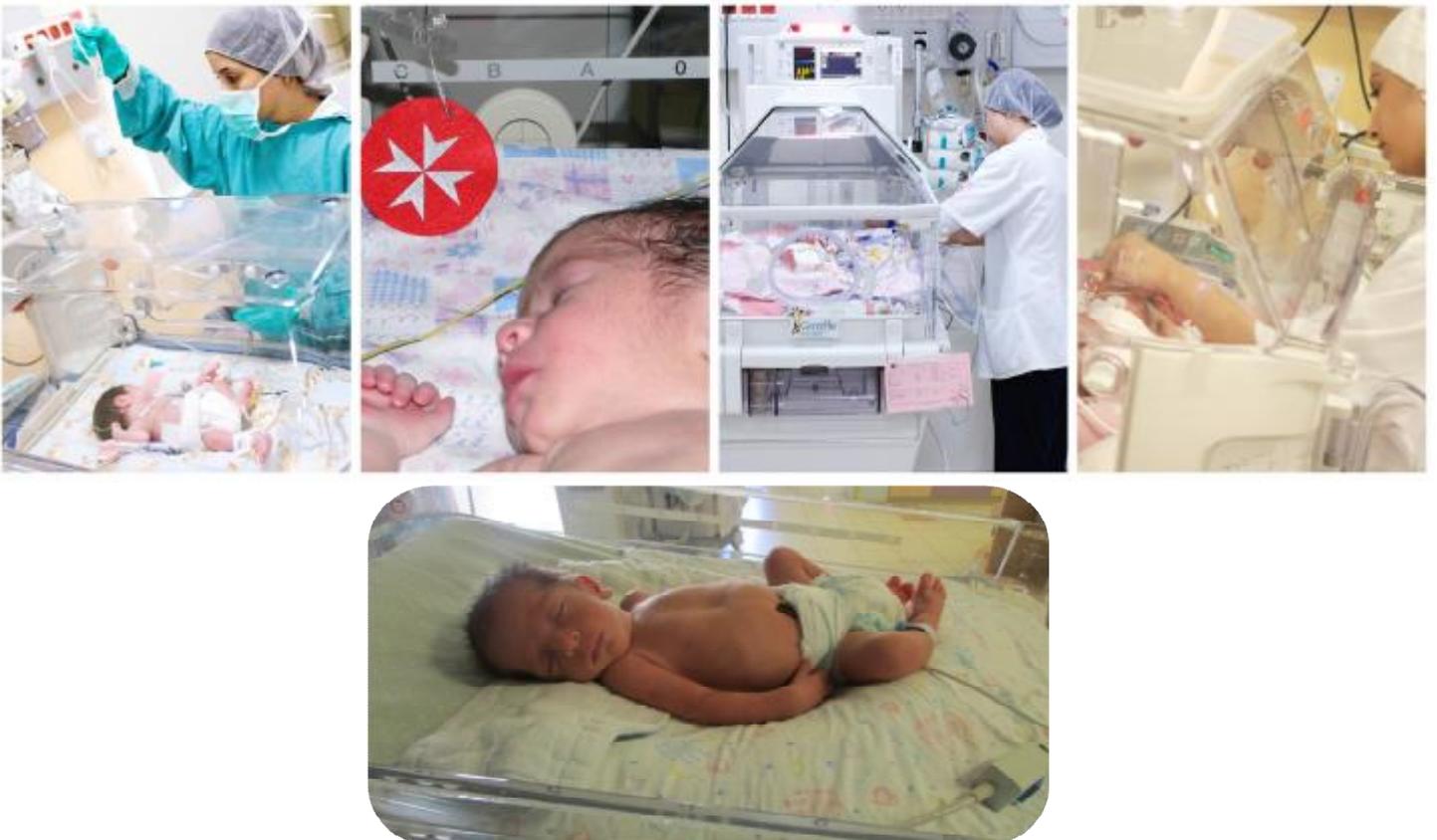
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Furthermore, the shortage of NICU beds in the region has compounded the problem of increased premature birth, and produced a clear and present threat to the integrity of our healthcare system. Several times a year, the NICU at the Holy Family Hospital has been forced to run at full capacity, essentially making the hospital temporarily unable to accept any potential preterm deliveries. But diverting or transferring patients to other hospitals is even more problematic due to the lack of neonatal departments. As a result, many preterm deliveries occur in hospitals without neonatal units, and the transferring process is difficult and time consuming, pending availability of NICU beds. This dilemma produces delays in management and can potentially affect the quality of care which further increases the rate of infant morbidity and mortality.

It may seem obvious that having more NICU beds is the ultimate solution, but even this may not be an easy task, for it takes a significant financial burden to carry-through. Jesus once said to his disciples “do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own”; and we at the Holy Family Hospital are doing just that, investing our best efforts in the resources that we have and hoping that tomorrow will bring a brighter future.

NEONATAL DEPARTMENT AT HFH





January's Activity

• Volunteer Nurse Christine Huber

Mrs. Huber lives and works in Austria in the city of Salzburg. she worked as a general nurse in a small private hospital for obstetrics and gynecology .

Since 2005 she worked as a member of the Austrian Hospital Service of the Order of Malta. That's why she wanted to come to the Holy Family Hospital.

Christine stated: “The first few weeks in the post-natal ward and nursery was very impressed - it's incredible what a valuable work is done here. she looks forward to the next few weeks!”.

She hopes to enjoy the work here as long as she will be helping our staff from mid-January to mid-March as a volunteer nurse!



• Volunteer Midwife Marie Chartrin



Mrs. Chartrin is from France , she came to the help us at HFH as a volunteer Midwife. Meanwhile, She will be staying with us from January until July 2015.

She visited and worked in different places : Switzerland, France, Djibouti Africa and Mayotte. She studied midwifery for 4 years in Angers Hospital.

She likes to meet new people, exchanging experiences and knowing more about other people's cultures. Hope she will

enjoy working with us!

• Volunteer Neonatal Nurse Anne Gerios

Mrs. Gerios is a staff nurse from France. She worked in the neonatal department of Robert Debre Hospital. She attended the first aid training at the red cross of France. Also, attended the certificate of the international humanitarian law. Moreover, Anne admired so much to work in the domain of neonatology at Holy Family Hospital. She is so active and wants to become well skilled in the field of neonatology.

Hope she will enjoy working with us and gets all the experiences she needs.



Our mission of 2015 in photos

*Their is always a place
in the inn for all*





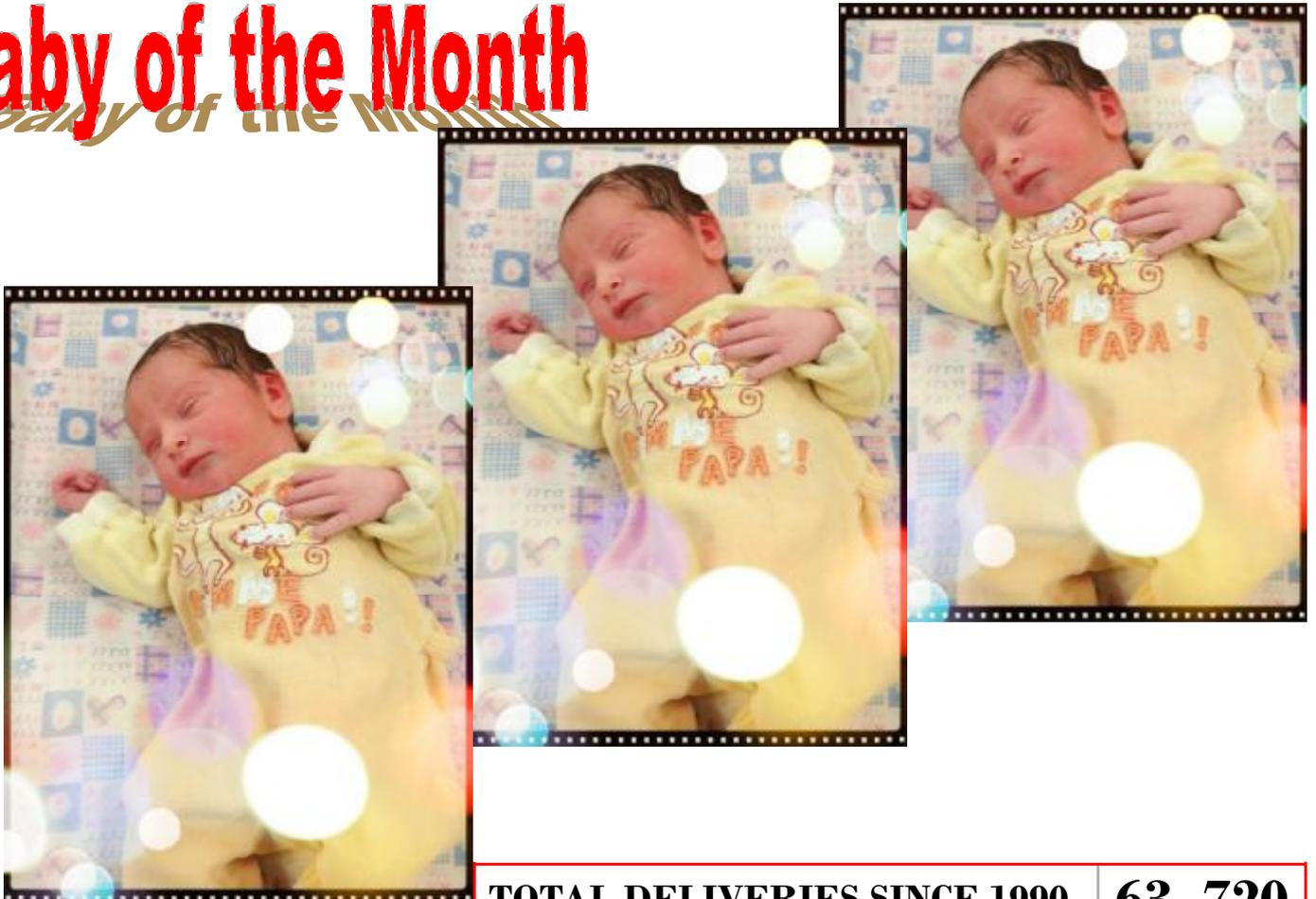
ACTIVITY REPORT

Monthly Deliveries

The number of monthly deliveries 1990 - 2015 is as follows:

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
JAN	0	93	128	143	146	148	181	205	217	162	250	158	180	159	238	224	240	230	248	221	258	249	274	249	271	313
FEB	4	69	97	150	157	130	183	180	192	165	239	155	152	165	220	221	218	228	217	239	221	228	227	224	257	
MAR	46	93	133	184	149	168	164	220	194	217	231	160	142	179	224	231	217	313	259	236	265	260	278	260	287	
APR	68	87	116	181	135	180	180	207	185	213	274	146	82	195	222	240	216	322	270	280	298	286	265	301	267	
MAY	85	92	124	170	153	188	224	233	221	246	288	195	129	214	196	238	237	366	340	284	304	285	229	250	240	
JUN	85	106	145	177	145	202	212	222	227	276	294	156	132	239	252	258	219	277	291	275	333	292	261	278	302	
JUL	84	101	151	165	172	188	209	261	234	302	329	148	136	249	232	235	243	276	294	328	307	286	306	279	314	
AUG	71	90	151	173	163	199	226	219	244	299	309	161	122	227	246	235	256	264	279	280	286	292	296	289	319	
SEP	109	103	154	171	172	167	192	241	199	276	275	146	143	220	224	234	280	233	260	261	295	263	291	267	281	
OCT	116	109	154	166	172	193	198	255	211	273	223	134	138	240	243	257	295	255	277	297	270	251	281	274	258	
NOV	97	87	150	146	149	203	196	205	161	282	165	145	121	191	221	213	257	224	241	247	237	224	249	271	251	
DEC	104	105	153	127	163	198	194	240	180	266	175	135	140	203	227	207	268	238	248	265	236	243	209	242	265	
TOTAL	869	1135	1656	1953	1876	2164	2359	2688	2465	2977	3052	1839	1617	2481	2745	2793	2946	3226	3224	3213	3310	3159	3166	3184	3312	313

Baby of the Month



TOTAL DELIVERIES SINCE 1990 63, 720



DETAILED STATISTICS

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“Because the poorest deserve the best”

2015	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
ob/gyn consult. HFH	1025												1025
Outreach ob/gyn consultations	184												184
Outreach Ped. Consultations	23												23
Ped. Consultations	214												214
Hearing Screening	296												296
Diabetic Consultation	68												68
Mammography	4												4
over 45 Well Women Health Clinic	38												38
private cons. o/g	354												354
private cons. ped	1												1
Private cons. Rheumatology / Osteoporosis	88												88
T.Consultations	2295												2295
TTL.Op.Del.File	7												7
Deliveries 3rd cl	273												273
Deliveries 2nd cl	13												13
Deliveries 1st cl	8												8
Del..2nd cl.private	12												12
Del..1st cl.private	7												7
TTL Deliveries	313												313
incl. C/S sections	84												84
incl. Del..UNRWA	129												129
dont acc. P.N.A.	10												10
gyn.oper. 3rd class	30												30
gyn.oper. 2nd class	1												1
gyn.oper. 1st class	1												1
gyn.oper. .2nd class private	6												6
gyn.oper. 1st class private	1												1
TTL Gyn.Oper.	39												39
incl.op.UNRWA	16												16
incl.minor g.oper.	24												24
incl.major g.oper.	15												15
days ob/gn 3rd cl	518												518
days ob/gn 2nd cl	50												50
days ob/gn 1st cl	32												32
TOTAL days ob/gn	600												600
Admissions Obst.	386												386
Admissions Gyn.	39												39
TTL Admiss. Ob/gn	425												425
incl. Ad. UNRWA	177												177
days neo level 1	109												109
days neo level 2	104												104
days neo level 3	253												253
TTL days Neonatal	466												466
Adm.Neo.level 1	15												15
Adm.Neo.level 2	6												6
Adm.Neo.level 3	9												9
TTL Admiss. Neon.	30												30
incl. Ad.UNRWA	7												7
dont Ad.P.N.A.	9												9
T.OCCUP.%O/G	46.08												46.08
T.OCCUP.%Neo.L1+L2+L3	83.51												83.51