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

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## Dr. Elizabeth Drabant from USAID is leaving

Dr. Elizabeth (Beth) Drabant, Director of the Office of Health & Humanitarian Assistance at USAID/West Bank & Gaza, is leaving after 4 years of work in the office. Since her arrival to the country, Dr. Drabant has been a great friend of Holy Family Hospital and a true believer in its mission. Dr. Drabant has been instrumental in making Holy Family Hospital a model referral centre for maternal and newborn healthcare in the Palestinian territory.

We at Holy Family Hospital thank Dr. Drabant for her support and wish her all the best in her new appointment, where I am sure, she will leave the same quality mark that she left in Palestine.

## World Economic Crises affects the hospital

Holy Family Hospital is being affected by the world economic situation and it is becoming more and more certain that we will not be able to count on the financial help that was promised for 2009.

After consulting with all heads of departments in the hospital, the Management Committee decided to apply cost cutting measures in all departments. These measures were coupled with others to increase the income of the hospital.

Also, the Board of Trustees sent a mission of experts from the Department of International Activities of the “Oeuvres Hospitalières Françaises de l’Ordre de Malte” to help in these efforts. They spent the fourth week of June in the hospital.

The mission was led by Mr. Paul de Forville, Head of the department and its members were Dr. Patrick Guyon, Medical Coordinator of the department, Professor Levardon, Consultant Gynecologist / Obstetrician, Mr. Andre Marchand for the financial and management aspects and Mrs. Odile Cagnat-Tournoux, in charge of the Middle East activities in the department.

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# EDITORIAL



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“Knowledge  
a weapon  
for peace”

For a few weeks we have been feeling a breeze of hope for peace blowing over the whole country. For years we have had the impression that people never had such a positive and perhaps idealistic look about their future. Following the Pope's visit to the Holy land, the speech of the President of the United States in Cairo has aroused new hope for a fair solution for the Middle East conflict. Referring to what has been happening in this country in the last years, the way to reach this task most certainly will be riddled with pitfalls; everybody knows that especially in this country peace will be long in coming but for the first time the most powerful man on earth has posed himself as a visionary and as he said will pursue this outcome with all the patience that this task requires. President Obama's speech arouses some enthusiasm by people in the street but also a lot of skepticism about the feasibility of the proposed solution.

“All of us have a responsibility to work for the day when the mothers of Israelis and Palestinians can see their children grow up without fear; when the Holy Land of the three great faiths is the place of peace that God intended it to be; when Jerusalem is a secure and lasting home for Jews and Christians and Muslims and a place for all children of Abraham to mingle peacefully together as in the story of Isra, when Moses, Jesus and Mohamed joined in prayer.”(President Barack Obama)  
Living for years from hand to mouth in fear, insecurity and dis-

appointed promises for peace, provoked by extremists from all sides, we are demanding to believe in such an idealistic world never losing hope to reach this goal and using to do so, all possible means to succeed. Meanwhile Holy Family Hospital is recognized by the Palestinian medical Council and continues to contribute to the specialized training system program for Palestinian doctors and nurses in obstetrics/gynecology and neonatology in collaboration with European universities and Bethlehem University. “Maintaining medical activity, promoting the excellence of a professional activity and keeping a permanent link with Holy Family maternity, this is my fight against war.” (Prof. Foidart/Belgium).

In fact the medical team of Holy Family Hospital is at the leading edge of medical and health services which hopefully will gradually influence medical practice in Palestine. Concerning Gynecology, Holy Family Hospital is the only hospital in the West Bank which routinely offers to Palestinian women laparoscopic surgery which is performed by a well trained Obstetrician. Our neonatology department has initiated the constitution of the first “Association of Neonatology” in Palestine, whose goal is to work out protocols for optimal care of premature babies. It is important and exciting to collaborate with the American and European Visiting Professors to implement an independent Palestinian Health System.

# 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	
AUG	71	90	151	173	163	199	226	219	244	299	309	161	122	227	246	235	256	264	279	
SEP	109	103	154	171	172	167	192	241	199	276	275	146	143	220	224	234	280	233	260	
OCT	116	109	154	166	172	193	198	255	211	273	223	134	138	240	243	257	295	255	277	
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	
<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>1535</b>

**TOTAL DELIVEREIS SINCE 1990** **45600**



... and you' ll never see the world in the same way again.



# 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							4985
Ob/Gyn cons. villages	214	233	270	260	220	249							1446
Ped. Consultations	213	187	207	238	244	244							1333
Mammography	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Detailed scan	9	14	11	22	9	8							73
private cons. o/g	442	416	473	557	552	406							2911
private cons. Pediatric	63	75	68	63	56	56							381
private cons.Endoc.	1	3	4	3	1	2							14
<b>T. Consultations</b>	<b>1708</b>	<b>1734</b>	<b>1890</b>	<b>2038</b>	<b>1941</b>	<b>1766</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11143</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>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>73</b>
Deliveries 3rd cl	194	215	207	233	248	243							1340
Deliveries 2nd cl	4	4	5	3	1	4							21
Deliveries 1st cl	2	0	0	3	0	3							8
Del..2nd cl. private	15	15	17	32	21	15							115
Del..1st cl. private	6	5	7	9	14	10							51
<b>TTL Deliveries</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1535</b>
<i>incl. C/S sections</i>	53	34	33	53	43	42							258
<i>incl. Del. UNRWA</i>	92	105	97	101	105	99							599
Gyn. Oper. 3rd class	21	21	24	23	23	30							142
Gyn. Oper. 2nd class	0	0	0	1	0	0							1
Gyn. Oper. 1st class	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Gy.Op.2nd cl Private	10	9	13	5	16	16							69
Gy.Op.1st cl. Private	2	1	2	0	1	0							6
<b>TTL Gyn. Oper.</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>218</b>
<i>incl.op. UNRWA</i>	11	15	20	13	22	27							108
<i>incl. minor g. oper.</i>	25	18	28	22	14	29							136
<i>incl. major g. oper.</i>	8	13	11	7	26	17							82
days ob/gn 3rd cl	423	513	475	523	550	588							3072
days ob/gn 2nd cl	36	52	49	55	73	66							331
days ob/gn 1st cl	22	12	21	30	30	26							141
<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>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3544</b>
days neo level 1	112	73	74	72	53	69							453
days neo level 2	236	161	327	206	204	218							1352
days neo level 3	149	253	94	121	149	152							918
<b>TTL days Neonatal</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>399</b>	406	439	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2723</b>
Admissions Obst.	52	55	74	68	76	89							414
Admissions Gyn.	220	239	236	280	284	275							1534
<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>1948</b>
<i>incl. Ad. UNRWA</i>	132	150	148	141	151	148							870
Adm. Neo. level 1	7	10	3	7	2	8							37
Adm. Neo. level 2	11	11	23	15	20	9							89
Adm. Neo. level 3	25	18	12	14	17	17							103
<b>TTL Admiss. Neon.</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>	34	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>229</b>
<i>incl. Ad. UNRWA</i>	16	15	13	12	11	8							75
<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>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>43.51</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>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>83.58</b>



*“Because the Poorest deserve the best”*