



Holy Family Hospital



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

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French Language Course

Starting from February 2009, with the help of the "Service de la Coopération" of the French Consulate General in Jerusalem, Holy Family Hospital Bethlehem organizes a French Language Beginners course for its employees.

The course is given by Ms. Maud Marcinkowski, and it is scheduled once a week every Wednesdays. 15 members of hospital's staff attend the course that lasts one and a half hour each session.

Multiple births at Holy Family Hospital

Twins, triplets, Quadruplets and Quintuplets are not a new trend at Holy Family Hospital. The hospital's labor rooms have always witnessed multiple birth deliveries.

Since 2000, a total of 547 pair of twin babies were delivered, 29 triplets, 5 Quadruplets and 1 Quintuplets. Holy Family Hospital, with the only Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in the District of Bethlehem, is today the referral center for high risk pregnancies and premature babies for the Bethlehem area and beyond.

Now, due to the increasing reputation of the hospital, more and more premature and multi-pregnancy cases are arriving from Ramallah, Hebron and other cities in the West Bank.

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**“Let us
pray for
peace ”**

Following a winter season which has become dramatically famous for its serious lack of rain, already the weather looks spring-like. The Judean desert comes into greenish down, almond and citrus trees are already blossoming and the countrymen are pruning the olive trees and the vineyards. Wild flowers, euphorbias, poppies, wild cyclamen, cistus and red anemones are offering a color palette which turn nature to a bucolic landscape reminding us of the “book of Genesis” which presently is read every morning in the mass. It is good to feel this springtide, this desire for a new start growing in us; it allows us sometimes to escape for a few moments from the harsh reality of life and gives us new energy to undertake our task with a will to solve, as far as we can, the daily various problems.

Humanitarian aid which has been dispensed by UN organizations, governmental and non-governmental organizations since decades to Palestinian people cannot overshadow the real political, social and economic problems of this country. In spite of this huge and well appreciated humanitarian aid, people are more and more aware that they are a long way short of the target they should reach and are asking in priority for peace and hope for a better future in freedom for themselves and their children. In their eyes this is as important as getting humanitarian aid.

The frequent hindrances to the movement of people and consumer goods as well as obstacles to freedom of expression are big issues which could be easily solved with goodwill. These restrictions affect not only Palestinian people but also NGO's like our hospital; on one hand a big container with linen, sheets for operating rooms, nurse uniforms e.g., donated by a generous donor from Ireland, is without any sustainable reason retained during months at the entrance dock and on the other hand the administrative difficulties to get out of Gaza two nurses and one doctor in order to be trained in neonatology at Bethlehem University and in our Hospital are, in spite of the help of many influential intervener, practically insurmountable.

These last two issues are examples which reflect the administrative daily challenges that we have to face.

Three weeks ago Israeli people went to vote. Now the new Israeli government is in the process of formation. The expected delay will certainly affect the ongoing frail peace process. While at short term we are not expecting real progresses concerning peace by the new government, on long term because the situation cannot be tolerated any longer by the International Community, we are fairly optimistic...like Job in the bible, we don't know where we are going to, letting ourselves be guided by the will of God. We trust Him.

ACTIVITY REPORT

Monthly Deliveries

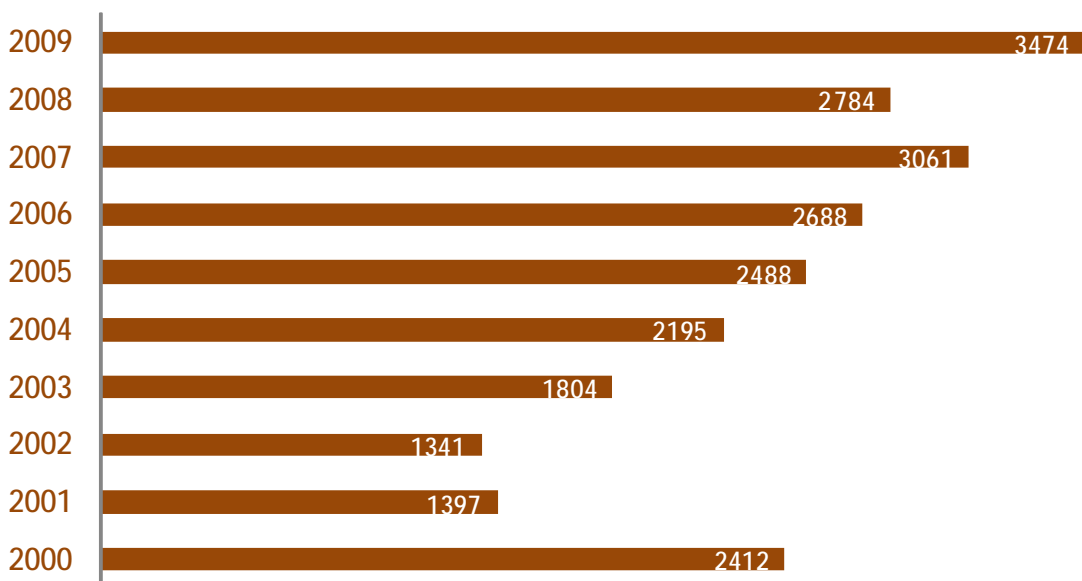
The number of monthly deliveries since 1990 is as follows:

	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	
APR	68	87	116	181	135	180	180	207	185	213	274	146	82	195	222	240	216	322	270	
MAY	85	92	124	170	153	188	224	233	221	246	288	195	129	214	196	238	237	366	340	
JUN	85	106	145	177	145	202	212	222	227	276	294	156	132	239	252	258	219	277	291	
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	
TOTAL	869	1135	1656	1953	1876	2164	2359	2688	2465	2977	3052	1839	1617	2481	2745	2793	2946	3226	3224	460

TOTAL DELIVEREIS SINCE 1990 44 525

During the first two months of this year, the number of outpatient and outreach consultations has increased by 25% over the same period of last year

OUTPATIENT CONSULTATIONS Jan- Feb 2000 - 2009



DETAILED STATISTICS

2009	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Ob/Gyn consult. HFH	767	806	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1573
Ob/Gyn cons. villages	214	233	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	447
Ped. Consultations	213	187	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400
Mammography	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Detailed scan	9	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
private cons. o/g	442	416	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	858
private cons. Pediatric	63	75											138
private cons.Endoc.	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
T. Consultations	1708	1734	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3443
TTL. Op. Del. File	17	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Deliveries 3rd cl	194	215	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	409
Deliveries 2nd cl	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Deliveries 1st cl	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Del..2nd cl. private	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Del..1st cl. private	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
TTL Deliveries	221	239	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	460
<i>incl. C/S sections</i>	53	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87
<i>incl. Del. UNRWA</i>	92	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	197
Gyn. Oper. 3rd class	21	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
Gyn. Oper. 2nd class	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gyn. Oper. 1st class	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gy.Op.2nd cl Private	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Gy.Op.1st cl. Private	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
TTL Gyn. Oper.	33	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64
<i>incl.op. UNRWA</i>	11	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
<i>incl. minor g. oper.</i>	25	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
<i>incl. major g. oper.</i>	8	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
days ob/gn 3rd cl	423	513	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	936
days ob/gn 2nd cl	36	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88
days ob/gn 1st cl	22	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
TOTAL days Ob/Gn	481	577	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1058
days neo level 1	112	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	185
days neo level 2	236	161	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	397
days neo level 3	149	253	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	402
TTL days Neonatal	497	487	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	984
Admissions Obst.	52	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	107
Admissions Gyn.	220	239	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	459
TTL Admiss. Ob/gn	272	294	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	566
<i>incl. Ad. UNRWA</i>	132	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	282
Adm. Neo. level 1	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Adm. Neo. level 2	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Adm. Neo. level 3	25	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
TTL Admiss. Neon.	43	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82
<i>incl. Ad. UNRWA</i>	16	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Occupancy O/Gyn	34.48	45.79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39.85
Occup. Neonatal D.	89.07	96.63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92.66



“Because the Poorest deserve the best”