



# Holy Family Hospital

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## The Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage



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The month of May is dedicated to the Virgin Mary. She is the mother of the Church and the first saint; it is the month of the Holy Rosary too, when we pray for peace in our hearts, our families, our Church and our world.

In the occasion of the pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes, 4<sup>th</sup> May until May 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017, a lot of Knights and Dames, family members, chaplains, maladies and companions participated in the Order of Malta's International annual pilgrimage.

The great apparitions literally put Lourdes on the map. Lourdes has subsequently attracted millions of visitors from around the world. Also, the Church has recognized many cure miracles that have taken place after patients bathed in the springs of Lourdes.

For the fourth time the city of Bethlehem participated in this great event. Four qualified and well trained employees, Khader Khier Head of Maintenance, George Salman Laboratory technician, Dunia Hawwash midwife and

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*Designed by*

*Mrs. Rawan Hazboun  
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Wadi'a Ghattas practical nurse from Holy Family Hospital traveled to Lourdes to accompany the Maladies “ poor, elderly, sick disabled and orphans” at mealtimes, Masses and other activities throughout the whole week.

They were assigned into small teams, assisting different maladies each day from early morning to the evening without being exhausted. Their schedule was full, but rewarding, and there was also time for rest after each activity.

As a unique experience, they attended the International Mass at Lourdes and the nightly candlelight procession in front of the Basilica, with prayer and rosary said in many languages. Accordingly, thousands of people, some in wheelchairs, stretchers, and others with crutches, were carrying small white candles. This was such a breath taking sight.

The four employees were happy and exuding a grace which is obvious to every faithful person. Also they enjoyed sitting together at the grotto and appreciating the faith of everyone around them. They said: “significantly no one leaves Lourdes without a great gain in faith and morals.”

A prayer from Holy Family Hospital team: Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Conception, You appeared to Bernadette, and through her, converted many to a deep faith, in Your Son. Teach us as a Hospital community to learn and grow in the Christian faith. Make us kind, helpful, loving and forgiving to our patients. Help us to love Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Guide us to the Light. **Amen**





## May's Activity

### Financial Auditor visits Holy Family Hospital

**Ms. Cothenet** auditor from France visit us at the Hospital. she met with almost all the staff of Holy Family Hospital, mainly Administrative and supportive . After a whole six months of auditing and hard working she left the hospital back to her home. We were very appreciative for all the help, advices and work she presented to the better of our hospital and team too. We wish her all the best back home.



### Health Education Session- Beit Sahour Women Club Organization

Among the activities of our over 45 well women clinic, a Health education session for Beit Sahour Women Club Organization.

The doctor in charge of the clinic; Dr. May Dabdoub, conducted a session in which she talked about the changes that happen to the body during the menopausal period, explained the best ways to reduce the symptoms of these changes, and assured the importance of the periodic follow-ups and tests to have a better quality of life.

In addition, the heads of the labor ward and of the laboratory; Ms. Hanan Bannoura and Ms. Abeer Hanania, took pressure and sugar tests for the ladies.



20 women attended the session. It was beneficial for them because it touched their daily lives and personal experiences. They actively shared their concerns, stories, questions and fears and they learned a lot from the discussed cases. In fact, we've also seen some of them visiting the clinic for consultation later in March.





# Midwifery Conference Day

Holy Family Hospital celebrated the international Midwifery day in partnership with Bethlehem University and Alquds University at the HFH meeting room on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017. ‘Where is the midwifery practice in Palestine?’ was the main theme; exchanging the midwifery practices and skills, discuss the ethical points to form unified protocols and guidelines for the midwifery practice objectives of this conference were to be the main objective.

Initially, the idea for a midwifery gathering was there and therefore was facilitated and organized by the Matron who formed a small committee to plan for this conference including the nursing forum group. These committee members discussed the conference day topics and lecturers and the best chairpersons for each set of lectures to answer questions.

Invitations were sent to the regional centers that serve women at the governmental, private, NGOs and UNRWA throughout the country. Each unit has to appoint 3 midwives to participate. The number of participants was 85 midwives.

The conference registration was completed by the midwifery students



The participants were welcomed and greeted by the Matron Mrs. Siham Awad and the Holy family hospital midwives.





The conference was opened with a word of regrets from the CEO at the Holy family Hospital Mr. Denis Servester.

The conference master of speech was Mrs Abeer Oweineh who introduces the lecturers and organizes the start and closure of each lecture considering the timing issue.

A welcoming introduction was said by the Matron Mrs Siham Awad who introduces the partnerships and the sponsors and funders of the conference.



The conference costs were funded through local organizations and personal accounts. A special thanks goes to

**Part one session**

Mrs Hanan Bannourah with her lecture about the role of midwives in Holy Family Hospital



The role of midwives in Al Makassed hospital by Jihan Samarah



The role of midwives in the Governmental hospitals

**Part one chairperson**





### Numbers of conference participants were 85 midwives



Image showing the Midwifery lecturers with the oldest midwife in the region, Miss Nahil Bannourah



### Part two lectures presentations



**Mrs Lorette Qassis  
from HFH**



**Mrs Dalal Horani from HFH**



**Mrs Fatmeh Madani from BU**



The director of Midwifery Nursing Union Mrs. Salam Ratrout honored the participating midwifery units



The Media played an important role to present the work of the day on TV and in the local newspaper



Closure messages were presented to conference participant by the master speech with recommendations of the day. Following the conference hours a meal was offered to all participants at St. Vincent's Hotel



**Thank you !**



## NICU May Activities

**Prepared by Dr Micheline AlQassis  
Head of Neonatal Department**

May is one of the most gorgeous months of the year; it is **the month of the flowers, it is the month in which huge and important celebrations take place, in United Kingdom celebrates May as the National Smile Month. It was the month of the Greek goddess of fertility and now is the Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** So it is a blessed month.

Here in the Neonatal intensive care unit, we start our month welcoming twin severe premature babies 23+2 weeks, Zein and Ritaje. In our country babies who are born under 25 weeks are considered as abortion but these 2 babies were born alive crying as they want to say help us to survive. Now they are 3 weeks old, generally are stable. I hope and pray for them to live and return back with their parents to their home in a good health condition. I am sure that our mother Virgin Mary will take care and stand by them since they were born in her lovely month. **Let's all pray for them**



**RITAJ**



**ZAIN**



1 week later we discharged home other premature baby, ZACHARIA. Zacharia was a 27 weeker premature baby, 1 kg, he is from a Muslim family .His parents are so happy and very satisfied from the care provided by our nursing and doctor staff. They made a precious gift to the NICU department. Do you know what??I think it is the most beautiful gift we received **“the Icon of the Holy Family”**.

God bless Zacharia and his family.



Despite that May is the last month in spring and the beginning of the summer and most of the people prefer to take their summer vacations in this month, here in the Holy Family Hospital we continue our education activities.

Dr Micheline Qassis succeed to organize a lecture in the Pediatric Club of the PMC. It was presented by Dr Saliba Ghneim, one of our resident doctors in the neonatal intensive care. It was really interesting and outstanding presentation.



Three of our neonatal nurses join the team in Hadassah Medical Hospital -Jerusalem for a 10 days period exchanging their experience and learning new things.





Also Dr Micheline Qassis with the cooperation with the Palestinian Children Relief Fund (PCRF) organized a 4 day workshop” Neonatal Resuscitation and Stabilization Program” in our hospital. It was very great and successful workshop that *covered a lot of ground* .The participants *were 136* people from different hospitals and with different specialties (Doctors, nurses and midwives). The team provided these program are from ST John Medical Center, Tulsa Oklahoma USA were *very approachable and encouraging*. *This event had an excellent feedback*, the trainers made everyone feel very comfortable, able to contribute and take something away.

I am very thankful for the PCRF and our team from US, hopping to continue this cooperation in future.





# 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	365
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	3188	3212	3568	3653	1580

## Baby of the Month



<b>TOTAL DELIVERIES SINCE 1990</b>	<b>73,960</b>
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