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SUCCESS STORY

Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies

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The month of September made for an exciting and special one for us in the neonatal department. Highlights this month were the discharge of three extreme premature babies, a visit from two prior premature babies thankful of their good health, and a baptism of two other extreme premature babies to top it all off that were also successfully discharged in very good medical condition.

Ritaj and Zein were born at a gestational age of **only 23 weeks** last May. After bearing four months of hospitalization in the neonatal intensive care, their proud parents were determined to bring their babies home.

These two small beautiful babies were born before the legal limit. In Palestine, babies that are born before 25 weeks are considered aborted. The neonatologists in Palestine would not even attempt to revive babies before 24 weeks.

Doctors warned the parents of Ritaj and Zein that there was a slim chance their babies would survive, and if they somehow succeeded to survive they would suffer a multitude of physical problems especially issues with their vital organs and eyes. But even so, their parents were not ready to give up. They came to the Holy Family Hospital (HFH) because they trusted the medical team in doing their best to save the life of their babies.

“I used to close my eyes and imagine what it would be like to hold my own babies in my arms” said Zahra, Ritaj and Zein’s mother.

“I sold everything I had in order to have babies” the father told us.

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I remember that day when I ran to the Labor Room with my resident doctor, Saliba Ghneim, after receiving a call informing us that the babies are coming to the world too soon.

“We will do our best to save their lives if they come out breathing” I told the parents who looked at me with hopeful eyes.

Giving birth early is not a choice. It is not something you wish for your family to experience or wish upon anyone else.

The babies are trying to breath. They are moving and they have a good heart rate.

“We will keep them alive” I said to my resident doctor. When they were born, we immediately intubated them and transferred them to the neonatal intensive care unit.

My nursing staff was all enthusiastic about Ritaj and Zein’s discharge. They provided them the best care they could and never gave up, because they believe in miracles. I believe that humans are born with a subconscious realization of the fact that they have a mission in this world. And our mission in the NICU is to save lives regardless the gestational age and legal limit for a sustainable birth.

“The idea that they could have been legally aborted and just left to die, it makes me feel physically ill” Zahra said. *I give an extra big thanks to the medical staff each time I hug my babies.*

Our strong team of doctors and nurses in the NICU showed that a fighting tiny spirit, with GOD’s help and with our love and care, can overcome incredible odds of survival in this world. We are so blessed that Ritaj and Zein could be united with their parents this month.

The strength and persistence of a premature baby fighting for life is unwavering, as is your love for them. Hope for a miracle, believe in miracles and hold onto your miracle tightly.



Two weeks later, another extreme premature baby was discharged home in good health. Ayoub was born at gestational age of 25 weeks by urgent caesarean section due to placenta abruptio. His mother already lost two babies due to premature births. It is very emotional to describe her happiness to have her baby home after three months in the NICU. “His brother is waiting for him; he wants to play with him” she said. Now she has two healthy beautiful children.





I have the honour to be the GODMOTHER to one of my premature patient. On the 7th of September, we celebrated the baptism of the extreme twin premature babies, Batoul and Galeb, who were born at gestational age of 25 weeks. Now, they are 16 months old (adjusted age) and are ready to rebirth into Christ and wash away the taint of the original sin. Let's pray to the HOLY SPIRIT to protect them and keep them healthy and blessed.



We are also blessed and happy to see our prior premature babies returning back healthy after a period of time to say hello to the team who stood beside them in their vulnerable period of life. Ali who is now three years old, brought us grapes from his land and also his baby outfit from when he was in NICU!



Yahya came with his mother to say hello, he is now 6 months old a cute blonde and lovely child. He brought biscuits and juice for the medical team in the NICU thankful for a good health.



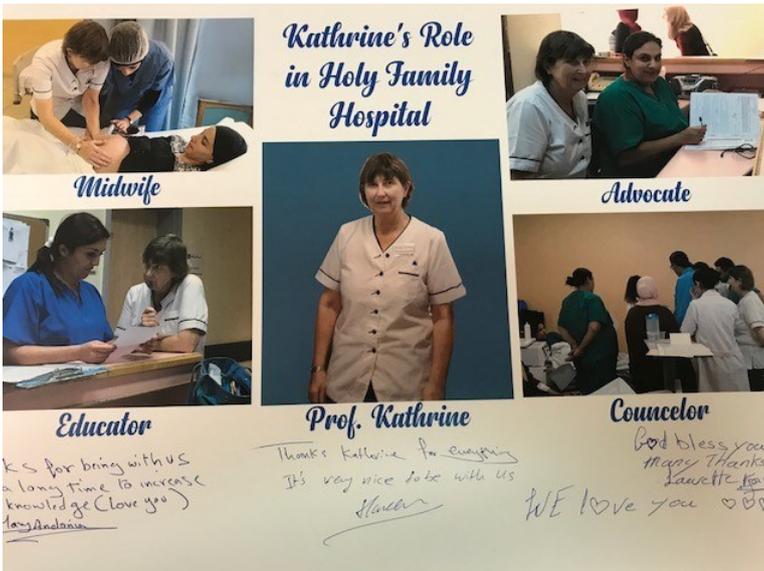


Thank You!

Visiting professors

Each year, visiting professor program promotes its presence at HFH of distinguished professors and representatives from all over the world.

Ms. Kathryn Macquillan, from Ireland visited our Hospital to maintain the good continuous education, and to allow the paramedical team experience different and innovative teaching methods while offering a relevant contribution to our hospital internationalization process, intensifying and consolidating new and continuing cooperation projects and relationships with other Hospitals and medical service institutions.





Farwell

Thank you!

This month also we farewell 2 of our resident doctors who will join another medical center to continue their Pediatric specialty.





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 | 363 |
| JUL | 84 | 188 | 329 | 235 | 243 | 276 | 328 | 307 | 286 | 306 | 279 | 314 | 379 | 379 | 427 |
| AUG | 71 | 199 | 309 | 235 | 256 | 264 | 280 | 286 | 292 | 296 | 289 | 319 | 351 | 340 | 403 |
| SEP | 109 | 167 | 275 | 234 | 280 | 233 | 261 | 295 | 263 | 291 | 267 | 281 | 327 | 329 | 386 |
| 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 | 3184 | 3312 | 3568 | 3653 | 3095 |

Baby of the Month



TOTAL DELIVERIES SINCE 1990

75,539



DETAILED STATISTICS

“Because the poorest deserve the best”

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| 2017 | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | Total |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------|
| ob/gyn consult. HFH | 1074 | 1043 | 1254 | 1103 | 1239 | 1359 | 1472 | 1443 | 1301 | | | | 11288 |
| Outreach ob/gyn consultations | 241 | 209 | 279 | 182 | 244 | 107 | 262 | 271 | 243 | | | | 2038 |
| Outreach Ped. Consultations | 152 | 153 | 166 | 114 | 123 | 180 | 131 | 171 | 163 | | | | 1353 |
| Ped. Consultations | 211 | 216 | 225 | 285 | 249 | 232 | 309 | 288 | 276 | | | | 2291 |
| Hearing Screening | 299 | 277 | 315 | 274 | 359 | 323 | 406 | 405 | 342 | | | | 3000 |
| Diabetic Consultation | 68 | 37 | 50 | 51 | 60 | 70 | 52 | 58 | 38 | | | | 484 |
| Mammography | 13 | 13 | 22 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 5 | | | | 93 |
| over 45 Well Women Health Clinic | 70 | 79 | 90 | 71 | 93 | 54 | 76 | 75 | 91 | | | | 699 |
| private cons. o/g | 649 | 693 | 806 | 647 | 741 | 633 | 779 | 786 | 732 | | | | 6466 |
| private cons. ped | 86 | 137 | 90 | 61 | 80 | 73 | 71 | 49 | 60 | | | | 707 |
| Cardiology | 60 | 52 | 60 | 49 | 63 | 44 | 58 | 0 | 0 | | | | 386 |
| Private cons. Rheumatology / Osteoporosis | 99 | 112 | 108 | 102 | 140 | 78 | 129 | 110 | 133 | | | | 1011 |
| T.Consultations | 3022 | 3021 | 3465 | 2946 | 3395 | 3155 | 3754 | 3666 | 3384 | | | | 29808 |
| TTL.Op.Del.File | 5 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 4 | | | | 39 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Deliveries 3rd cl | 261 | 253 | 281 | 241 | 306 | 316 | 373 | 349 | 325 | | | | 2705 |
| Deliveries 2nd cl | 15 | 20 | 7 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 13 | 14 | 14 | | | | 134 |
| Deliveries 1st cl | 7 | 11 | 6 | 14 | 11 | 8 | 16 | 11 | 16 | | | | 100 |
| Del..2nd cl.private | 8 | 4 | 12 | 11 | 15 | 9 | 6 | 10 | 12 | | | | 87 |
| Del..1st cl.private | 15 | 8 | 12 | 11 | 16 | 13 | 19 | 19 | 19 | | | | 132 |
| TTL Deliveries | 306 | 296 | 318 | 295 | 365 | 362 | 427 | 403 | 386 | | | | 3158 |
| incl. C/S sections | 79 | 64 | 77 | 76 | 81 | 92 | 77 | 88 | 76 | | | | 710 |
| incl. Del..UNRWA | 108 | 112 | 110 | 129 | 129 | 137 | 168 | 146 | 157 | | | | 1196 |
| dont acc. P.N.A. | - | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 2 | | | | 27 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| gyn.oper. 3rd class | 41 | 28 | 34 | 36 | 42 | 28 | 28 | 42 | 36 | | | | 315 |
| gyn.oper. 2nd class | 2 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | - | | | | 15 |
| gyn.oper. 1st class | - | - | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | | 2 |
| gyn.oper. .2nd class private | 13 | 17 | 19 | 11 | 13 | 7 | 9 | 16 | 11 | | | | 116 |
| gyn.oper. 1st class private | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | - | | | | 4 |
| TTL Gyn.Oper. | 56 | 50 | 61 | 48 | 55 | 37 | 37 | 60 | 48 | | | | 452 |
| incl.op.UNRWA | 20 | 16 | 25 | 15 | 24 | 12 | 18 | 21 | 14 | | | | 165 |
| incl.minor g.oper. | 42 | 20 | 42 | 34 | 34 | 28 | 26 | 48 | 33 | | | | 307 |
| incl.major g.oper. | 14 | 30 | 19 | 14 | 21 | 9 | 11 | 12 | 15 | | | | 145 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| days ob/gn 3rd cl | 603 | 556 | 606 | 585 | 693 | 669 | 766 | 741 | 690 | | | | 5909 |
| days ob/gn 2nd cl | 59 | 67 | 72 | 68 | 73 | 57 | 48 | 69 | 63 | | | | 576 |
| days ob/gn 1st cl | 42 | 42 | 36 | 53 | 54 | 41 | 66 | 53 | 66 | | | | 453 |
| TOTAL days ob/gn | 704 | 665 | 714 | 706 | 820 | 767 | 880 | 863 | 819 | | | | 6938 |
| Admissions Obst. | 375 | 353 | 384 | 350 | 435 | 423 | 487 | 471 | 454 | | | | 3732 |
| Admissions Gyn. | 56 | 50 | 61 | 48 | 58 | 39 | 49 | 60 | 54 | | | | 475 |
| TTL Admiss. Ob/gn | 431 | 403 | 445 | 398 | 493 | 462 | 536 | 531 | 508 | | | | 4207 |
| incl. Ad. UNRWA | 150 | 157 | 170 | 138 | 181 | 167 | 227 | 198 | 183 | | | | 1571 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| days neo level 1 | 153 | 117 | 178 | 138 | 176 | 154 | 165 | 214 | 174 | | | | 1469 |
| days neo level 2 | 129 | 49 | 122 | 95 | 64 | 82 | 122 | 104 | 85 | | | | 852 |
| days neo level 3 | 74 | 135 | 110 | 189 | 229 | 144 | 163 | 110 | 100 | | | | 1254 |
| TTL days Neonatal | 356 | 301 | 410 | 422 | 469 | 380 | 450 | 428 | 359 | | | | 3575 |
| Adm.Neo.level 1 | 15 | 13 | 20 | 11 | 10 | 18 | 13 | 17 | 18 | | | | 135 |
| Adm.Neo.level 2 | 15 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 8 | 10 | | | | 81 |
| Adm.Neo.level 3 | 9 | 17 | 7 | 14 | 15 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 13 | | | | 108 |
| TTL Admiss. Neon. | 39 | 38 | 34 | 34 | 31 | 35 | 36 | 36 | 41 | | | | 324 |
| incl. Ad.UNRWA | 12 | 12 | 10 | 11 | 13 | 16 | 12 | 20 | 15 | | | | 121 |
| dont Ad.P.N.A. | 9 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 6 | | | | 69 |
| T.OCCUP.%O/G | 54.07 | 56.55 | 54.84 | 56.03 | 62.98 | 60.87 | 67.59 | 66.28 | 65.00 | | | | 60.51 |
| T.OCCUP.%Neo.L1+L2+L3 | 63.80 | 59.72 | 73.48 | 78.15 | 84.05 | 70.37 | 80.65 | 76.70 | 66.48 | | | | 72.75 |