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Belgian medical team visits Holy Family Hospital

As part of the twinning program with the University Hospital in Belgium, recently, we were glade to welcome Prof. Jean Michel Foidart and Dr. Jean Pierre Nyssen who volunteered their time to review and control the applications and medical guidelines for the Gyn/Obs department and acting in the theater. For two weeks, the professors contributed in the continuous education of the resident doctors, and provided practical strategies all of which will help better manage the healthcare services.

Welcome to the Hospital

Originally from Bethlehem, Sr. Maha Sansour, a daughter of Charity, arrived to HFH on the 13th of August as the new matron. Sr. Maha left Bethlehem since almost 20 years ago and was working in the French Hospital in Nazareth as the matron in charge as well. *We welcome her in our management team and hope her all the best.*

A Gynecology & Obstetric Scientific Day

The Medical Team of Holy Family Hospital with the visiting professors from Belgium, have designed a scientific day sponsored by the USAID on Friday 13th August 2010. The medical and paramedical team assisted the event. The organizing committee has put together an outstanding program which provided an opportunity for our members to exchange scientific information and ideas.

Topics included: Policy Management of Pregnancy complicated by diabetes, Urinary Incontinence, Twins Pregnancy, TTT case Presentation. Later, all participants from the hospital and Bethlehem area were invited for dinner that took place in the hospital's dining hall.

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EDITORIAL

H., a two-year old girl, born to an 18-year old mother in a Bethlehem maternity home, suffered during her birth from a shortage of oxygen leading to a cerebral palsy. This 18-year young mother will have to take care all her life of a handicapped child because her delivery took place under non-standard conditions. What makes the situation even worse is that the great majority of doctors in Palestine are not legally obliged to have a malpractice insurance, in contrast with doctors employed by NGO's ,who are obliged by law to have such an insurance. Consequently, the parents of this girl themselves have to take care of the future of their handicapped child.

Unfortunately this mother now in the 26 week of pregnancy, is hospitalized in our hospital because she had a premature rupture of membranes. We are trying to postpone her delivery as much as possible, under the best of circumstances she will deliver a viable premature baby, who will stay in our NICU for several weeks.

Last week we got two ladies for a Cesarean section delivery from a governmental hospital because at this hospital there was a lack of oxygen.

These are trite cases which we are seeing dozens of times in our hospital yearly. Although in the last months there was a huge improvement in the equipment of many neonatal departments in Palestine, the most important issue by far had not been considered as it should have been, by training nurses and doctors in order to properly take care of infants especially

the very tiny premature babies with a birth weight below 1000grs.Hiring specialized nurses and doctors in neonatology and putting in place an appropriate social security system are the two main issues which should be addressed immediately by the Palestinian Ministry of Health in the next years. High qualified staff should always be given priority over equipment and not the contrary.HFH contributes to this target by accepting six resident doctors mainly from governmental hospitals and also nurses who are following a postgraduate diploma in neonatology at Bethlehem University and Nablus Nursing School in order to be trained properly.

Because of shortage of well-trained nurses and doctors in Palestine, our neonatology team is overloaded with work. All difficult cases, not only from Bethlehem district but also from Hebron and sometimes from Ramallah, are being sent to Holy Family Hospital. Our statistics show that for the months of June and July we had an occupancy rate of 97%; this is unsustainable not only medically but also financially. I hesitate to imagine what would happen if we were obliged to close our unit for some medical reasons like infections....how many babies would die? We need urgently a better financial support of either the Palestinian Authorities or from International Organizations like the World Bank or UNRWA to help us to cover the running costs of this Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

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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	2010
JAN	0	93	128	143	146	148	181	205	217	162	250	158	180	159	238	224	240	230	248	221	258
FEB	4	69	97	150	157	130	183	180	192	165	239	155	152	165	220	221	218	228	217	239	221
MAR	46	93	133	184	149	168	164	220	194	217	231	160	142	179	224	231	217	313	259	236	265
APR	68	87	116	181	135	180	180	207	185	213	274	146	82	195	222	240	216	322	270	280	298
MAY	85	92	124	170	153	188	224	233	221	246	288	195	129	214	196	238	237	366	340	284	304
JUN	85	106	145	177	145	202	212	222	227	276	294	156	132	239	252	258	219	277	291	275	333
JUL	84	101	151	165	172	188	209	261	234	302	329	148	136	249	232	235	243	276	294	328	307
AUG	71	90	151	173	163	199	226	219	244	299	309	161	122	227	246	235	256	264	279	280	286
SEP	109	103	154	171	172	167	192	241	199	276	275	146	143	220	224	234	280	233	260	261	
OCT	116	109	154	166	172	193	198	255	211	273	223	134	138	240	243	257	295	255	277	297	
NOV	97	87	150	146	149	203	196	205	161	282	165	145	121	191	221	213	257	224	241	247	
DEC	104	105	153	127	163	198	194	240	180	266	175	135	140	203	227	207	268	238	248	265	
TOTAL	869	1135	1656	1953	1876	2164	2359	2688	2465	2977	3052	1839	1617	2481	2745	2793	2946	3226	3224	3213	2272

TOTAL DELIVEREIS SINCE 1990 49 550

Baby of the Month





DETAILED STATISTICS

2010	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
Ob/Gyn consult. HFH	849	751	923	895	1003	1014	1028	979					7442
Ob/Gyn cons. villages	179	230	313	230	232	236	215	243					1878
Ped. Consultations	178	177	191	185	215	234	211	205					1596
Mammography	4	4	6	6	15	14	17	14					80
Detailed scan	4	5	4	4	4	5	3	6					35
Private cons. o/g	196	182	182	157	140	160	139	104					1260
Private cons. Pediatric	71	65	59	70	63	79	30	44					481
T. Consultations	1481	1414	1678	1547	1672	1742	1643	1595					12772
TTL. Op. Del. File	24	10	13	20	7	17	10	24					125
Deliveries 3rd cl	230	189	223	260	267	289	281	250					1989
Deliveries 2nd cl	7	5	0	12	10	9	7	9					59
Deliveries 1st cl	1	2	6	6	5	0	2	2					24
Del..2nd cl. private	12	14	28	12	13	25	11	16					131
Del..1st cl. private	8	11	8	8	9	10	6	9					69
TTL Deliveries	258	221	265	298	304	333	307	286					2272
Incl. C/S sections	46	38	44	55	57	68	45	56					409
Incl. Del. UNRWA	80	84	94	105	126	135	129	113					866
dont acc. P.N.A.	1	3	3	2	2	8	0	5					24
Gyn. Oper. 3rd class	22	22	37	35	25	20	24	23					208
Gyn. Oper. 2nd class	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0					1
Gyn. Oper. 1st class	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0					1
Gy.Op.2nd cl Private	11	5	10	9	10	13	12	13					83
Gy.Op.1st cl. Private	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1					7
TTL Gyn. Oper.	34	27	49	45	36	33	39	37					300
Incl.op. UNRWA	14	14	21	15	16	15	13	14					122
Incl. minor g. oper.	26	20	38	36	28	25	29	30					232
Incl. major g. oper.	8	7	11	8	8	8	10	7					67
Days ob/gn 3rd cl	489	405	492	514	554	609	535	480					4078
Days ob/gn 2nd cl	58	40	73	82	71	88	56	44					512
Days ob/gn 1st cl	26	21	29	35	39	34	30	35					249
TOTAL days Ob/Gn	573	466	594	631	664	731	621	559					4839
Days neo level 1	89	157	93	122	164	172	66	100					963
Days neo level 2	236	169	142	287	245	196	378	203					1856
Days neo level 3	40	35	88	90	46	157	92	85					633
TTL days Neonatal	365	361	323	499	455	525	536	388					3452
Admissions Obst.	74	111	103	99	107	99	109	104					806
Admissions Gyn.	258	221	265	298	304	333	307	286					2272
TTL Admiss. Ob/gn	332	332	368	397	411	432	416	390					3078
Incl. Ad. UNRWA	113	115	143	152	174	180	182	157					1216
Adm. Neo. level 1	9	8	12	9	11	3	6	6					64
Adm. Neo. level 2	10	15	12	16	17	19	16	6					111
Adm. Neo. level 3	10	12	10	19	14	32	7	17					121
TTL Admiss. Neon.	29	35	34	44	42	54	29	29					296
incl. Ad. UNRWA	3	7	9	11	8	8	11	7					64
dont acc. P.N.A.	22	19	21	12	1	47	36	9					167
Occupancy O/Gyn	41.08	36.98	42.58	46.74	47.60	54.15	44.52	40.07					44.25
Occup. Neonatal D.	65.41	71.63	57.89	92.41	81.54	97.22	96.06	69.53					78.92



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