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Nobody understand poor people unless they've been there, and it's hard enough to be poor without also being misunderstood. We meet many people during our daily work, many of them are of need for our help but won't ask for it, the availability of our hospital and mainly our subsidized high quality care maintains the dignity of those who are in need, and it increases their sense of self-worth. It makes them belief again that there is always a ray of hope

We should always
remember that; It is
hard to be poor,
harder than we think!



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TWICE THE LOVE

Double the fun, Double blessing, Double delight. Having twins is definitely a double dose of joy, but parents of twins will admit that it is not always easy.

“I was informed that my pregnancy is at risk, I was advised by a friend to go to Holy Family Hospital for further investigations,” Mai from Aida Camp explained.

“On January 26th, 2021, I went for the consultation at the outpatient clinic of Holy Family Hospital; I was very terrified that I will lose my pregnancy, I have been waiting to get pregnant for seven years. The doctor decided to admit me to the hospital for observation”



At 37 weeks gestational age Mai, Gave birth to her twin through a Cesarean Section, “Caroline” and “Saroline” in good health



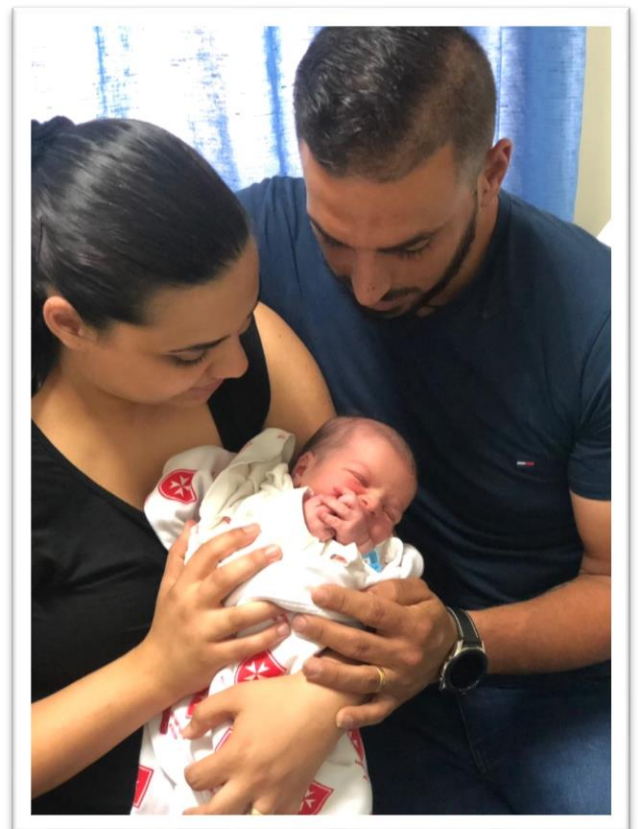
Hayat caring her twin sisters

“My daughter, Hayat who is 8 year old now, was so happy to know that not only God responded to her prayers for having a sister, he blessed her to have twin sisters to play with her”

“No words can describe the endless happiness of a mother leaving the hospital in good health condition carrying her baby in her arms, ready and independent to give him the best care”

HOSPITAL STAFF GIVING BIRTH AT HFH

Our Staff Nurse Grace Bannoura, who works at the Operating Theatre gave birth on September 21st, 2021 to her baby boy "Adrian". They were so happy and excited to have him after giving birth to her first baby girl on December 2019.



*“ We need to see each child
as a gift to be welcomed,
cherished and protected”
Pope Francis*

SEPTEMBER'S DONATION

Blood cultures are procedures done to detect an infection in the blood and identify the cause. Our Laboratory received a new Blood Culture System through a generous donation from Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation. 99% of the tests performed are dedicated for our Neonates admitted at the Intensive Care Unit. We perform around 100 tests a month.



“Your Donation Makes Us Feel So Blessed”

SPECIAL VISITORS

On September 15th, 2021, we were privileged to be visited by Zein and Ritaj, these are our miracle babies. Zein and Ritaj, were born at a gestational age of 23 weeks, weighing 580 kg and 600 kg four years ago.

Here is their story from our newsletter volume 18 issue 9



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SUCCESS STORY

Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies

Prepared by Dr Micheline AlQassis
Head of Neonatal Department

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.



Dr. Micheline AlQassis, the Neonatologist who saved their life 4 years ago was so happy to see them in a good health;

“ This is the victory when you see the fruits of your hard work, I always thank God for helping and guiding us all the time during our work, the visit made us so happy, we spent such countless joyful moments”

Zein and Ritag are now 4 years old, they are so lovely, and they were very excited and happy while they visited us. Below are few picture for them 4 years ago.



Photos from Archive



Are You Ready to see them Now!!!



*“A Health service that is free and guarantees good service accessible to all.. this precious good should not be lost . it must be maintained and everyone should be committed to this , because everyone needs it”
Father Edward Beck*

Assembly of Catholic Ordinaries of the Holy Land

On September 30th, 2021, a workshop was held at Holy Family Hospital in cooperation with the Assembly of Catholic Ordinaries of the Holy Land. 17 Staff members from the different departments of the hospital attended the workshop.

The social worker Mr. Rafeeq Saed presented many information related to the safeguarding system of protecting from violence and harassment of all kinds by taking legal responsibility towards children, adults and the elderly.

The program, in turn, aims to develop Safeguarding policies (patient Safety Policy) at Holy Family Hospital and work on their implementation to ensure continuity in the future towards safe and effective institutions for community service.

We would like to take the chance to thank the Assembly of Catholic Ordinaries of the Holy Land for their efforts.



THERE IS ALWAYS A RAY OF HOPE

“Holy Family Hospital provided me with a safe delivery, highest standard medical care that saved my daughters' lives. With all the difficulties we are going through, Holy Family hospital proved to us that there is always a Ray of Hope”

“I was not planning to get pregnant; I only went for prenatal care once at the beginning of my pregnancy as we can't afford to pay for the cost. My husband used to work in Olive Wood Crafts but due to COVID19 pandemic the Tourism Sector closed and he is unemployed since then”

“On September 26th 2021, while I am only 33 weeks of pregnancy, I felt labor pain, I was so scared; what should I do? Where should I go? I need a good hospital to care of my preterm babies! But also how shall we pay for the cost of a preterm care?”

“It is not easy for us to keep asking others for help and financial support!!! It is hard to be poor, not to have a stable income, it is harder than you can imagine! The decision was not easy but finally I decided to go to Holy Family Hospital”.



“The Doctors, nurses, midwives did not hesitate to give us the best medical care. The moment we arrived at the door the medical care was provided, no one asked us for money, their attention was to make sure my twins and I are well!”

“My twins; Yara weighing 1.980 kg and Lara weighing 1.460 kg are admitted to the Neonatal intensive Care Unit. Yara and Lara needs to stay for a while at the intensive care unit”.

“ **YOUR PRAYERS** are needed and hopefully they will go home soon. **YOUR PRAYERS** are needed that the tourism sector is back, and we are able to work again and have an income that will allow us to take care of our Twins”.



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MONTHLY DELIVERIES

	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2009	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
JAN	0	148	250	224	240	230	221	258	274	249	271	313	278	306	357	369	387	334
FEB	4	130	239	221	218	228	239	221	227	224	257	264	271	296	309	309	313	322
MAR	46	168	231	231	217	313	236	265	278	260	287	286	277	318	333	389	278	350
APR	68	180	274	240	216	322	280	298	265	301	267	277	268	295	344	389	275	396
MAY	85	188	288	238	237	366	284	304	229	250	240	297	304	365	373	400	323	364
JUN	85	202	294	258	219	277	275	333	261	278	302	311	313	362	380	399	390	349
JUL	84	188	329	235	243	276	328	307	306	279	314	379	379	427	450	439	402	412
AUG	71	199	309	235	256	264	280	286	296	289	319	351	340	403	476	448	446	445
SEP	109	167	275	234	280	233	261	295	291	267	281	327	329	386	409	398	387	419
OCT	116	193	223	257	295	255	297	270	281	274	258	286	309	365	369	378	366	
NOV	97	203	165	213	257	224	247	237	249	271	251	224	278	371	369	347	331	
DEC	104	198	175	207	268	238	265	236	209	242	265	253	307	326	340	361	372	
TOTAL	869	2164	3052	2793	2946	3226	3213	3310	3166	3184	3312	3568	3653	4220	4509	4626	4270	3391

TOTAL DELIVERIES SINCE 1990

91,646

STATISTICS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Consultations													
HFH													
Ob/gyn	850	869	918	974	1156	1153	1190	1304	1185				9599
Pediatric	166	160	198	199	201	170	269	254	279				1896
Diabetic	66	69	76	79	68	105	105	102	124				794
Nutrition	25	29	17	28	26	41	42	31	36				275
Over 45	87	75	83	62	56	82	98	92	119				754
Outreach													
Ob/gyn	86	93	63	30	72	106	138	143	132				863
Pediatric	113	107	76	20	41	64	58	42	81				602
Private													
Ob/gyn	862	749	741	666	625	681	813	703	811				6651
Pediatric	16	20	17	17	12	21	20	13	23				159
TOTAL Consultations	2271	2171	2189	2075	2257	2423	2733	2684	2790	0	0	0	21593

Obstetric													
Nb deliveries													
3 class	297	280	295	349	318	303	361	395	371				2969
1 & 2 class	37	42	55	47	46	46	51	50	48				422
TOTAL Deliveries	334	322	350	396	364	349	412	445	419	0	0	0	3391
C sections													
Total		75	80	100	91	68	95	105	89				703
Babies													
Total	345	331	357	409	375	357	420	456	439				3489

Gynecologie													
Operations													
Minor op	32	29	40	18	26	30	41	34	35				285
Major op	7	7	11	7	11	10	10	7	6				76
TOTAL Operations	39	36	51	25	37	40	51	41	41	0	0	0	361

Ob / Gyn													
Admissions ≥ 5 days	5	0	5	9	1	3	5	2	3				33
Admissions < 5 days	429	414	461	471	475	468	523	536	526				4303
Total admissions	434	414	466	480	476	471	528	538	529				4336
Total days	741	513	722	821	779	770	868	872	873				6959
Ob / Gyn OCCUP %	56.91%	43.62%	55.45%	65.16%	59.83%	61.11%	66.67%	66.97%	69.29%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	45.39%

Lab activity													
TOTAL Activity	9809	9022	7576	8600	9575	10481	11119	9265	9741				85188

Anesthesia													
A. Générale	6	8	3	6	7	0	8	8	7				53
épidurale	47	39	39	50	55	58	50	49	54				441
Spinal	71	65	74	82	78	68	92	99	81				710
TOTAL Activity	124	112	116	138	140	126	150	156	142	0	0	0	1204

Neonatal Intensive Unit													
Length													
Total days L1	210	171	111	220	161	240	212	184	255				1764
Total days L2	62	37	159	50	68	103	52	100	78				709
Total days L3	143	182	100	108	132	102	165	167	93				1192
Total days	415	390	370	378	361	445	429	451	426	0	0	0	3665
Stay < 5 days	23	17	14	25	13	19	21	15	13				160
Stay ≥ 5 days	18	16	13	25	22	16	23	23	31				187
Stay ≥ 50 days	1	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	1				18
Admission													
adm L1	19	14	9	21	18	16	26	14	19				156
adm L2	9	5	8	6	3	7	5	7	11				61
adm L3	11	13	10	23	12	12	13	16	11				121
Total Adm	39	32	27	50	33	35	44	37	41	0	0	0	338
Nb Premature <3	2	4	1	4	5	1	4	5	6				32
PED. OCCUP %	74.37%	77.38%	66.31%	70.00%	64.70%	82.41%	79.44%	80.82%	78.89%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	55.78%

TOTAL T. OCCUP %	62.15%	53.75%	58.71%	66.61%	61.29%	67.50%	69.73%	71.13%	72.17%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	48.51%
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Poor Case Fund													
Mothers	51	53	55	56	58	58	72	64	63				530
Babies	11	8	23	4	5	12	10	8	10				91
Total cases Assisted	62	61	78	60	63	70	82	72	73	0	0	0	621

