

On the Frontline of Health Care Services in Palestine

The Palestine Red Crescent Society Hospital



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he Palestine Red Crescent Society Hospital, established in 1953, is one of the leading providers of maternity care and gynecological services in the Palestinian territory. In addition to its maternity, gynecology, dentistry, and pediatric clinics, as well as the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), the hospital runs an emergency care station with ambulance services.

Our vision

Red Crescent Society Hospital in Jerusalem offers high-quality and easily accessible health services in the field of women's childbirth, surgery, and intensive care for preterm children of Jerusalem and the surrounding areas. During the past decade, the average number of patients admitted monthly has increased from 250 to more than 300 at peak times. With a total capacity of 40 beds and a staff of



A Palestine Red Crescent Society Hospital ambulance on standby on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.



A fleet of 15 ambulances is on standby at the Red Crescent Society Hospital to care for patients in Jerusalem.



275, the hospital has cared for more than 230,000 patients since 1953, mainly assisting pregnant women in their recovery after delivery.

Apart from its traditional function as a health care provider, the hospital also serves as the headquarters of the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS). It hosts the East Jerusalem Emergency Medical Services (EMS), which maintains a fleet of 15 ambulance vehicles and hosts the maternity clinic in the Old City, in addition to the clinics in Bab al-Sahira and Kufur Aqab.

The hospital has earned the following accreditations: ISO 9001/2008 certification, received for high-quality patient care; the Joint Commission International Accreditation (JCI); and the Red Crescent Society Hospital Residency Program in Obstetrics and Gynecology, approved by the Palestinian Medical Board.

Red Crescent Society Hospital Medical Services

- Labor and Delivery
- Surgery
- Neonatal care: Normal Care Unit, Intermediate Care Unit, Intensive Care Unit
- Postnatal care
- Outpatient Clinics:

Bab al Sahira Maternal Clinic – antenatal care for women, postnatal care for mother and child, family planning

Bab al-Sahira Child Clinic – examinations for newborns (one week and four weeks old), well-baby immunization program, well-baby developmental program

Aqbet al-Khalidya

Kufur Aqab

- Emergency and Ambulance Services: 15 ambulances, 1 motorcycle, 1 special ambulance for the Old City

Our Eye on the Future



A model of the new Red Crescent Society Hospital building planned for Al-Sowaneh neighborhood.

Red Crescent Society Future Hospital Project

The Palestine Red Crescent Hospital is planning and fundraising to build a new hospital in Al-Sowaneh Neighborhood near the existing hospital building.

Youth Volunteer Committee

The administrative committee of the society has made it a priority

to emphasize the role of youth volunteers. Therefore, during the holy month of Ramadan each year, the volunteers intensify their work. They make high-profile appearances throughout the courtyards of the Holy Aqsa Mosque, guiding the people to the designated areas of prayer and directing them to alternative routes during times of congestion at the bottlenecks of the city gates. They



A special motorcycle ambulance can reach patients easily.

move sick and impaired persons to first aid centers or ambulances. Furthermore, and in tandem with the Jerusalem schools administration, the youth volunteers engage in an annual drive to collect bookbags and distribute them to needy students at Jerusalem-area schools.

The hospital can be reached via phone at 02 584 8000 and the ambulance at

The Palestine Red Crescent Society's hospital is the center of the organization's activities in East Jerusalem.



This ambulance is designed to navigate the narrow alleys of Jerusalem's Old City.

02 584 8010. For general information or to inquire about making a contribution or offering other kinds of support, please contact us at info@rcsh.org, or visit our website at www.rcsh-jerusalem.org.

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