



## Renovating and Upgrading the Maternal Fetal Medicine Department

Galilee Medical Center's Maternal Fetal Medicine Department serves approximately 5,000 women every year who are experiencing highrisk pregnancies – treating both the women and their fetuses. The Department was established in the 1970s and has never been renovated.

Many of the women treated by the Department's staff face challenging physical and emotional conditions, including pre-existing diseases such as diabetes and high blood pressure, as well as complications such as multiple pregnancies, pre-eclampsia toxemia, fetal defects, etc. Typically, they must be hospitalized for extended periods of time during these high-risk pregnancies. The women, most of whom are young, find themselves in a frightening and stressful situation at a time when they are supposed to be relaxed and happy.

While the patients praise the Department's professionalism and excellent care, there is a great deal of frustration about its appearance and infrastructure. The facilities remain the same as they were 50 years ago and are not suitable for today's standards of treatment.

A pleasant and well-maintained environment would send a message of caring and impart a sense of a safe space – which is the type of atmosphere GMC aspires to provide.











## The Planned Renovation

The Department will undergo a massive renovation of its physical infrastructure so that it will be suitable for the 2020s, including a new examination room and a new intensive monitoring area. New state-of-the-art equipment will be purchased, and a new ambulatory unit will be added to the Department.

The wards will be completely renovated and fitted with modern beds and furniture, as well as new sinks, toilets and showers, according to modern standards. The new design will take into account the patients' needs and will endeavor to preserve their privacy.

In addition, the delivery room, reception area, nurse station, dining room and staff rooms will all be renovated as well. The idea is to create a warm and homey atmosphere and a supportive environment where women experiencing high-risk pregnancies will feel at ease.

Altogether, the renovation will cover 1,400 sq.m. (15,000 sq. ft.).

## **Budget**

The budget for the entire project is \$1,950,000, of which \$360,000 has already been raised. GMC is therefore seeking a donation of \$1,590,000. Donors will receive recognition for their generosity. A detailed budget is available upon request.

From the moment the donation is confirmed, the project will take approximately ten months to complete.



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