



Renovating and Upgrading the OB-GYN Department

About the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Galilee Medical Center (GMC) is the main hospital for treating women from all over the Western Galilee who suffer from a range of gynecological conditions. GMC's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB-GYN) boasts a highly skilled medical team that performs thousands of surgical procedures every year and provides a high level of care.

GMC's OB-GYN Department serves approximately 3,200 hospitalized women and an additional 2,000 ambulatory cases annually, at an average occupancy rate of 85%. The Department provides treatments for a wide range of women's health issues and treats women of all ages, including pregnant women up to the 24th week of pregnancy.

Approximately 1,800 surgical procedures are performed annually by GMC's OB-GYN team in the fields of general gynecology, gynecological oncology, pelvic pain and endometriosis, and urogynecology. In addition, the Department provides 24/7 service to the hospital's Emergency Room, general and ambulatory operating rooms and out-patient clinics.





The Department is old and rundown



Dr. Sharon Avishalom, head of GMC's OB-GYN Department

The Department is headed by Dr. Sharon Avishalom, a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology who is a senior gynecological surgeon with special expertise in pelvic pain, endometriosis, advanced laparoscopic surgery and gynecological oncology. His staff consists of seven senior doctors, three interns (in rotation), 18 nurses and an interdisciplinary support team that includes a social worker, physical therapist and dietician.

The Department includes six ambulatory clinics that treat patients before and after surgery in the following fields: general gynecology, cervix, hysteroscopy, pelvic pain and endometriosis, gynecological oncology, and pelvic floor. In addition to professional medical care, the Department's staff provides support and empathy, which is also very important to the patients.

Current Conditions

The OB-GYN Department is located in an old building, and its appearance is rundown: the lighting is dim, the floor tiles are broken and ugly, and the overall impression is unpleasant. Moreover, the wards are crowded, with 3-6 beds in each room and little privacy. The communal bathrooms and showers are old and unsanitary.

All in all, **patients report a huge disparity between the quality of the treatment they receive and the Department's inferior and depressing physical environment.**

The Planned Renovation

Galilee Medical Center plans to significantly upgrade the physical conditions of the OB-GYN Department in order to create a pleasant, comfortable and respectful environment, in line with expectations



The communal bathrooms are unsanitary



for a modern medical center. To this end, it will undergo a **massive renovation, during which the infrastructure and physical environment will be upgraded to meet current standards.**

The hospital rooms will be refurbished and redecorated, taking into account the patients' needs and their desire for privacy. In addition, the reception areas, examination room, dining room and staff room will also be renovated.

The project will include new flooring for the entire department, new ceilings and lighting, renovated bathrooms with new bathroom fixtures, the installation of safety and fire precautions according to the latest standards, and a new interior design to create an atmosphere conducive to healing.

The project is expected to take six months from the moment funding will be obtained.

Budget

Galilee Medical Center is seeking **\$1.8M** in funding to cover the cost of renovating the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.¹

A gift of this amount will enable the donor to name the Department.

This project is essential in order for GMC to provide a high level of healthcare to women who live in the Western Galilee.

¹A detailed budget is available upon request.



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