

**Neonatal Department**

**GIVING YOUR BABY THE BEST POSSIBLE START IN LIFE!**



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Every year more than 7000 babies are born at Laniado Hospital. We believe that every human life is precious! Therefore our experienced and dedicated staff makes every effort to ensure that every baby born at Laniado is given the best possible start in life!

The Neonatal Department was the first unit established at Laniado Hospital, together with the Maternity Department. As the hospital grew, it became essential to expand services for newborns and in 2009, an additional Neonatal Department was opened. The skilled staff of specialists includes neonatologists, neonatal nurses, a social worker, a hearing specialist, a communications therapist, a laboratory technician, and lactation consultants as well as volunteers and national service girls.

### What happens after your baby is born ?



Right after your baby is born, he or she will be placed on your chest or abdomen. This skin-to-skin contact not only warms the baby, but also reduces crying, improves mother-infant interaction, and helps mothers to breastfeed successfully.

The Apgar test, which evaluates the condition of the newborn, is administered while still in the delivery room (or operating room in the case of a Caesarian). It measures activity and muscle tone, pulse rate, grimace and reflex irritability, appearance and skin color, and respiration. Three plastic identification bracelets that are identical to the bracelet you will be given as well as an additional bracelet bearing the baby's national identity card number (which is given immediately after birth), are placed on him/her. Your baby will then be moved to the Neonatal Department, where various tests and procedures, some of which are required by law, are performed. You or your husband, wearing an identity bracelet, may be present during the treatment.

To ensure your baby's health, the following procedures will be administered:

- Eye drops - Your baby's eyes will be treated with medicated drops or ointment to protect

them from bacterial infections that can be contracted during delivery.

- Vitamin K shot - Babies, particularly those who are breastfeeding, tend to have low levels of vitamin K – which is essential for blood clotting - in their first months. The Vitamin K shot protects your baby from developing a rare, serious bleeding problem that can affect newborns.

- Hepatitis B shot - Your baby will receive the first hepatitis B vaccine shot, given at the recommendation of the Ministry of Health, to protect your baby against liver disease and liver cancer.

- Taking the baby's temperature.

- Bath and cleaning the umbilical cord stump

- Measuring the newborn's weight, length, and head circumference.

- General examination by a neonatologist

### **Routine procedures performed during the stay in the Neonatology Department:**

- Visit by neonatologist - On Mondays and Thursday, between 10:00 and 11:00, a neonatologist visits the Department, provides information about the baby's health, and answers parents' questions. You may make a personal appointment with the doctor on Mondays or Thursdays between 11:00 to 12:00.

- Weighing and bathing babies - Babies are weighed and bathed every morning (except Shabbat) and their weight is recorded on a paper



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