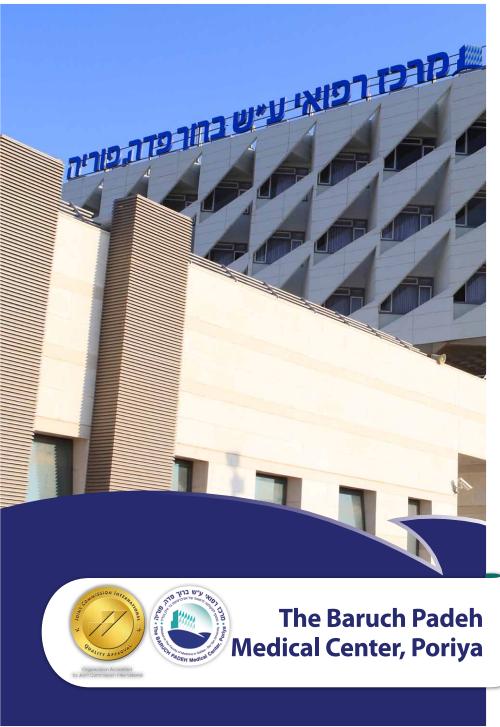


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The Baruch Padeh Medical Center, Poriya formerly known as Poriya Government Hospital, was established in 1955 replacing the "Schweitzer" Hospital and the Maternity Hospital in the Scottish Church in Tiberias. In March 2005, the hospital was renamed after Prof. Baruch Padeh-



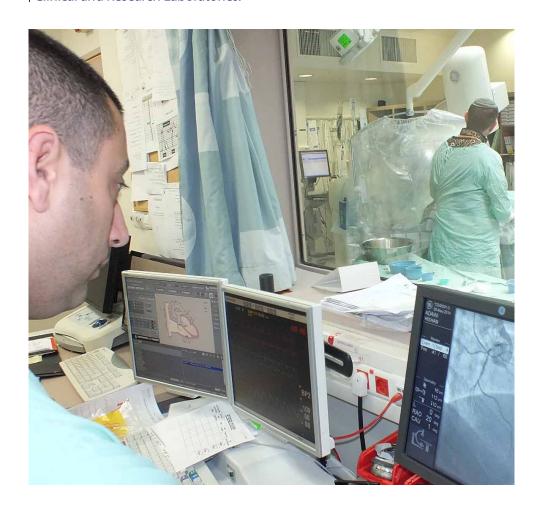






the seventh General Director of the Ministry of Health, who was also one of the general directors of the hospital. During the past decade the hospital transformed from a small local government hospital to an accredited 318 bed Medical Center located in the Eastern Galilee of Northern Israel.

Today The Baruch Padeh Medical Center offers services in almost every medical field, includes inpatient wards, ambulatory services, operating rooms, a Cardiac Catheterization Institute, an Emergency Medicine Department, an Imaging Institute as well as Clinical and Research Laboratories.





Padeh-Poriya MC serves a region of approximately 120,000 inhabitants from Tiberias, the Golan Heights, Jordan Valley, Lower Galilee and surrounding towns, villages, kibbutzim and settlements in the region. The diverse population includes Jews, Moslems, Christians, Druze and Circassians.

Annual hospitalizations reach approximately 24,000, with 67,000 referrals to the Emergency Department and 91,000 referrals to the Outpatient Clinics and ambulatory services. In addition, the Maternity Department has a steadily growing rate of over 3300 live births annually.







Padeh Poriya MC has almost 1,000 employees that include physicians, nurses, paramedics, administrative staff and specialized personnel with a diverse ethnic background similar to those of the patients it serves. Padeh-Poriya MC performs diverse and a wide range of academic and research activities. It is affiliated with the Medical School in the Galilee, educating and leading students promoting research in clinical medicine and basic research.