

More than just a hospital

MedicalClowns

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= 1 hour of clowning

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= 1 day of clowning

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Hadassah has set the professional criteria for medical clowning in Israel, since introducing them in 2002.

It was the first hospital to introduce them, and today every major hospital in Israel has them. Hadassah's clowns channel the healing power of humour, bringing laughter to sick children, easing their fear, and helping to transform their hospital experience. They remind young patients that they are more than just their illness and give sick children a sense of control.

"The hospital clowns have made an extraordinary impact... they forge a deep connection with the chronically sick youngsters... Once the clown reaches them, it opens the way for the medical staff to do so as well,"

Professor Eitan Kerem, Chairman,
Department of Paediatrics at Hadassah
Medical Organisation



"Laughter has psychological, physical and social benefits. It can increase a sense of wellbeing and help people feel less stressed," Ros Ben-Moshe, academic and one of Australia's leading Laughter Therapists.

Hadassah's Medical Clowns have also travelled with Israel's emergency response teams to

countries such as Nepal, Haiti and Ethiopia. The results have been astounding. Traumatized children were settled more easily than they might otherwise have been, allowing the medical team to deliver much-needed health care to a greater number of people.



"For all our youngsters, the clowns turn the hospital experience into something pleasurable. They create a joyous atmosphere in which everyone is smiling." Professor Dan Engelhard, Former Head of Paediatrics at Hadassah Hospital, Ein Kerem, Jerusalem

But this is no laughing matter. Professional clowning is serious. Research has shown that Medical Clowns help to:

- reduce anxiety in young children awaiting surgery
- act as a "distraction" during minor bedside procedures
- reduce the use of pain and anti-depressant medication
- reduce the overall length of stay in the hospital
- brighten the mood of nurses, doctors and other healthcare staff
- reduce staff absenteeism

Medical Clowns participate in over 35 medical procedures as an integral part of the medical care team, including:

- Taking blood for blood tests
- Physical examination by a doctor
- Accompanying a patient to a procedure
- Catheterisation
- Accompanying sexually abused children during examinations
- Burns treatment
- Chemotherapy
- Rehabilitation of patients with autism, cerebral palsy and other genetic diseases

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