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Professor Michael (Miki) Halberthal is the General Director of Rambam Health Care Campus. Born in Tel Aviv in 1958, he is married and the father of four. Professor Halberthal earned his M.D. in 1986, from the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. His postgraduate training was completed at Rambam Health Care campus in Pediatrics and Pediatric Critical Care. As one of Rambam's leading postgraduate trainees, Professor Halberthal was chosen to pursue a further subspecialty fellowship in Pediatric Cardiac Clinical Care at the world-renowned Brompton & Harefield Institute in London, U.K. After returning to Israel, Professor Halberthal successfully established the Pediatric Cardiac Critical Care Service at Rambam, which continues to be one of the most active and successful services of its kind. In 1996, Professor Halberthal completed a combined advanced clinical and research fellowship at the University of Toronto and the Hospital for Sick Children in Canada.

In addition to numerous hospital activities, Professor Halberthal completed his M.H.A. in Health and Hospital Administration at Tel Aviv University's Recanati School of Business Administration (2012). Since 2001, Professor Halberthal has held various professional leadership positions at Rambam, including serving as the Director of Pediatric Cardiac Critical Care, Director of Hospital-wide Emergency Triage, and Senior Staff Physician in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit of Rambam. In 2009, he joined the Executive Leadership at Rambam and as the Director of Medical Operations. At the end of 2013 Professor Halberthal was appointed Deputy Director of Rambam, primarily responsible for medical human resources; allied medical services; safety, quality, and risk management; emergency preparedness, the international trauma school. He is Chairman of Rambam's Teaching Center for Trauma, Emergency, and Mass Casualty Situations (MCS) since 2014.

Professor Halberthal was appointed as Director General of Rambam in 2019. In that role he has been leading Northern Israel's only tertiary health care and Level 1 Trauma center through the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. He oversaw the opening of the Sammy Ofer Fortified Underground Emergency Hospital in 2020 to care for the overflow of COVID-19 patients – requiring a significant team and organizational effort at every level. He is a much-in-demand speaker on topics related to hospital organization and function in emergency situations, be they related to trauma or diseases such as COVID-19.

Professor Halberthal served for over 30 years in the Israel Defense Forces Airborne Rescue and Evacuation Unit. He was actively involved in the coordination of international civilian air rescue and transport of emergency care patients.

A Clinical Associate Professor in the Technion's Ruth & Bruce Rappaport Faculty of Medicine, Professor Halberthal is active in research and has published scholarly articles in the areas of hospital management, pediatric critical care, trauma and mass casualty preparedness, and airborne medicine. He is an active and highly regarded lecturer and teacher to medical students, residents and fellows, nursing staff and students, and allied health professionals in those domains of expertise.



Hany Bahouth, M.D.

*Director, Trauma and Emergency Surgery
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Dr. Bahouth earned his MD degree from the Hadassah Medical School, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem. He is a graduate of the General Surgery residency program at Rambam Health Care Campus and completed a fellowship in Trauma and Critical Care at Ryder Trauma Center, Miami, Florida. Dr. Bahouth is also Clinical Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Medicine of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. His clinical interests include non-operative treatment of splenic injury, antibiotic prophylaxis in trauma, venous thromboembolic events and prophylaxis in trauma. Dr. Bahouth was appointed as Chairman of the Israeli Trauma Society from 2015-2019.



Gila Hyams, R.N., M.A.
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Mrs. Gila Hyams is an Expert in Administration Policy, Nursing Administration of the Ministry of Health, and the Director of Nursing at Rambam Health Care Campus since 2015.

Mrs. Gila Hyams is also the Director of the Teaching Center for Trauma, Emergency and Mass Casualty Situations (MCS) at Rambam Health Care Campus since 1999 and the Head Trauma Coordinator of Rambam's Trauma Unit, she is also a member of Israel's COVID-19 MAGEN ISRAEL Committee – "The Medical Barometer" of the Israeli Ministry of Health.

Mrs. Hyams received her BA (RN) from the Hebrew University, Jerusalem and Assaf Harofeh Medical Center School of Nursing, Tzrifin, in 1990, followed by an MA in Nursing from Tel Aviv University (2002) and Diploma of expertise in policy and administration from the Ministry of Health (2018).

Mrs. Hyams has coordinated fifteen international courses on developing and organizing a trauma system and mass casualty situation (MCS) organization. In addition, she has organized and led workshops and courses to advance development of local emergency and trauma systems in Italy, Malta, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Portugal, Latvia, Estonia, Croatia, Puerto Rico, U.S.A., Chile, India, and Thailand.

In April 2005, Mrs. Hyams coordinated the NATO Advanced Research Workshop on Mass Casualty Situations held in Haifa, Israel. Since then, two other NATO courses have been held at Rambam, one in 2009 and another in 2014. The 2014 course focused on "Hospitals Under Fire—Operating Hospitals Under Extreme Circumstances."

Among her public activities, Mrs. Hyams is a member of the Israel National Trauma Council and has collaborated with the Israel Trauma Society in forming the Ten Definitive Surgical Trauma Care (DSTC) Courses. She also established and organized the Israeli Trauma Mass Casualty Nursing Courses.



Eyal Fruchter, M.D., M.H.A.
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Dr. Fruchter graduated his MD at the Technion medical faculty in Haifa. He studied medicine prior to the military mandatory service and served as a battalion and a brigade doctor in the field, gaining trauma treatments experience under fire. He then did his residence in psychiatry at Haemek hospital and went back to military service as a psychiatry.

Dr. Fruchter focused on both suicide and PTSD prevention and treatment, and contributed to significant research and practical achievements in both fields. He retired from the IDF after 23 years of service, after completing a roll as the chief psychiatry of the IDF and later head of the IDF mental health department (ranking colonel). He also participated as a psychiatrist in the IDF field hospital after the typhoon of 2013 in the Philippines.

After a year as a visiting scholar in the USC in Los Angeles, for mutual learning and teaching at the topic of military mental health and PTSD treatment, he came to Rambam and is for the last 5 years the head of the psychiatry division in the Rambam Health Campus. He is also the CEO of Maale Hacarmel mental health medical center.

Dr. Fruchter is an Assistant Professor of the Technion faculty of medicine and has published over 70 papers and trained many professionals and nonprofessionals on the field of early intervention in the immediate aftermath of a calamity- natural or men made.