Iron Dome anti-missile system deployed over Israel’s urban centers during missile attacks in December 2012.

Sammy Ofer fortified underground emergency hospital

www.rambam.org.il
A secure environment for medical care is the least anyone might expect, but the wounded are no safer than civilians in times of extreme conflict in Israel. Find out how Rambam has established a new paradigm for the safety of our patients.
Political instability in the region and missiles landing within Israel’s northern border demand assurance of safe medical care in wartime.

...within 72 hours!

2,000 beds are urgently needed.
Israeli hospitals are increasingly finding themselves under direct fire without proper shelter. The lives of patients and devoted medical staff are at risk. This new reality has forced Rambam—Northern Israel’s tertiary referral hospital, serving over two million civilians, soldiers, and peacekeepers—to make the Sammy Ofer Fortified Underground Emergency Hospital an urgent priority.

In July 2006, border clashes with the Hezbollah in Lebanon escalated into a 34-day war. It is a terrible irony that Rambam and the integrated city of Haifa, models of Arab-Jewish coexistence, were magnets for the destructive energies unleashed upon Northern Israel’s civilian population.

project progress

**Summer 2006**
Rambam Hospital and surroundings are bombarded by missiles for 34 days. 792 wounded are treated in ER. The urgent need for a sheltered facility becomes clear.

**May 2008**
Sammy Ofer lays the cornerstone for the new facility carrying his name.

**June 2012**
Construction of the shell is completed. The Sammy Ofer Fortified Underground Emergency Hospital stands!

**June 2012**
The 2,000-bed campaign is launched by Friends of Rambam organizations around the world.

**December 2012**
A complex ventilation and air filtration system is installed to protect against biological and chemical agents.

**Summer 2013**
Facility scheduled to open. In peace time, it will serve as a parking garage.
“I was wounded during the Second Lebanon War. Critically injured, I was flown to Rambam. They too were under attack. At great risk to themselves, the medical staff at Rambam saved my life. I will never forget that time.”

Tomer Bohadana
The largest structure of its kind in the world, the Sammy Ofer Fortified Underground Emergency Hospital sets a new standard for safe care in times of extreme emergency.

Made possible by the generosity of the late Mr. Sammy Ofer, the State of Israel and donors worldwide, this visionary structure converts from a 1,500-vehicle parking lot into a 2,000-bed emergency hospital fortified against conventional and non-conventional weapons.

The structure is self-sufficient, capable of generating its own power, and providing oxygen, drinking water, and other supplies for up to three full days without interruption. Extending 16.5 meters underground, the hospital can be physically sealed off from the outside world while maintaining all critical communications.
Help make this key facility operational

Contribute to the 2,000-bed campaign

With construction of the fortified hospital nearing completion, we need 2,000 standard and specialized beds to achieve full functionality and readiness. The region is prone to quick and unpredictable escalation of hostilities. Rambam must be prepared to safely provide the highest level of medical care, especially in times of extreme emergency.

And we cannot do it without your help.

Once operational, this unique facility will set a new standard of patient care in wartime. By providing full services to the acutely ill and wounded, including life-sustaining kidney and cancer therapies, the Sammy Ofer Fortified Underground Emergency Hospital will be the most powerful medical resource on Northern Israel’s home front.
This and other critical projects at Rambam need your support

With the generous support of our friends from around the world, we are reinforcing our leadership as Northern Israel’s health care expert. Ensuring the safety of our patients and their caregivers is imperative.

Find out how you can take part in bringing health and healing to Northern Israel.