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The 1947's Newborns Emergency Transportation in Greece, a Forethought in Baby Caring, Stepping into the Future

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In the second half of the 1940's, in our devastated and at the times languished from the World War II country, one of the most important moments occurs in the history of premature infants transportation in Greece, a world premiere. During 1947 "Marika Heliadi Institution Donated by Helena E. Venizelou" department of midwives, under the guidance of the former head midwife Chara Vogiatzaki and midwife Chrisoula Misirli-Vatakoglou assuming the transportation of sick or premature newborns as their higher duty towards a nation that suffer a plethora of detrimental hardships under the Nazi's occupation, started the initial attempt to "Transfer Neonates" for hospitalization. This is supposed to be the first organized transportation of newborns in the recent world history, a care model of incomparable offer. The present research suggests that Athenian midwives were among the first known pioneers who deeply cared for the babies of the common people in a listless world.

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