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## Baby arrives seconds after 2009 begins

Markham Stouffville welcomes family's new addition, 10 pound 1 ounce Joshua

BY SIMONE JOSEPH  
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Joshua Parsa was born ten seconds after midnight at Markham Stouffville Hospital with a good amount of black hair, a quiet demeanor and parents shocked by his healthy ten pound one ounce size.

While the nurses and doctor were ecstatic at the baby's timely arrival, parents Galin and Sina Parsa just wanted to know one thing — was it a boy or a girl?

In the nurses' excitement over the birth of the "New Year's baby", no one identified the gender.

"The nurses were more excited than us," Mr. Parsa, 36, said Friday from the hospital.

"No one told us if it was a boy or a girl."

Joshua was the first baby born at Markham Stouffville Hospital in 2009.

Mrs. Parsa only began pushing ten minutes before midnight.

The fast delivery was quite a change from giving birth to their first child when Mrs. Parsa was pushing for 1-1/2 hours.

"I had no idea he would be born so close to midnight," said Mrs. Parsa, 27.

Joshua's arrival was both speedy and subdued.

"He was really quiet, Mrs. Parsa said. "I totally mistook him for a quiet baby and then today, he started crying. He showed his true colours."

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## NO SUPERBUG CASES AT HOSPITAL

BY KEELY GRASSER  
Staff Writer

Markham Stouffville Hospital is reporting no cases of two superbugs — hospital-associated infections that are resistant to some antibiotics.

The provincial government released hospitals' rates of methicil-

lin resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) and vandomycin resistant enterococcus (VRE) this week. The rates are part of the province's patient safety indicator release program.

Neither Markham Stouffville nor York Central Hospital and Southlake Regional Health Centre reported any of the infections during the

period of Sept. 1 to Nov. 30, 2008.

Provincewide, there were 61 cases of MRSA found and 10 cases of VRE.

MSRA is spread person to person, usually on the hands of caregivers, according to the province's health ministry. Enterococci are a type of bacteria normally found in the intestines and in the environ-

ment. These bacteria sometimes cause infections. VRE is also spread person to person, again often on the hands of caregivers.

Both can be killed by proper use of disinfectants and hand washing, according to the ministry.

Markham Stouffville has sev-

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## BUDDING ARTIST



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Gavin Tulk, 9, concentrates on making his transparent canvas painting during the New Year's Art Extravaganza event for kids at the Latham Gallery Art Bunker yesterday. The event through the week had kids making cartoons, puppets and posters.

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