





20.04.2012

Press Release

HYGEIA: Free-of-charge medical exams for patients with Parkinson's

On the occasion of the World Parkinson's Day, HYGEIA Hospital is offering a free-of-charge medical exam to all patients suffering from Parkinson's disease, on Tuesday April 24, from 9am to 5pm.

For further information or to book an appointment, interested parties may contact HYGEIA's Clinical Neurophysiology Department (T: +30 210 6867475, 08:30-16:00).

In Greece, over 20,000 people suffer from Parkinson's disease and related movement disorders. This incurs a significant social cost and poses a treatment challenge, both in the earlier and the later stages of the disease. Recent studies have demonstrated that early treatment slows down the development of the disease and reduces the side effects in later stages. As a result, early and proper diagnosis is considered imperative.

As Mr Ioannis Velentzas, Director of the Clinical Neurophysiology Department, noted, "In the later stages of the disease, when pharmaceutical treatment ceases to be effective, invasive methods are now used, such as deep brain stimulation and Duodopa infusion pumps, which significantly improve, and in some cases almost eliminate, the motor problems associated with the disease. HYGEIA Hospital implements and offers patients suffering from Parkinson's disease the latest methods available with the aim of treating the disorder as effectively as possible."