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## HYGEIA S.A.: THE FUTURE OF UROLOGY RESTS ON ROBOTIC SURGERY

Radical prostatectomy, partial nephrectomy, and renal plastic reconstruction for the treatment of obstruction are now performed in U.S.A. Reference Centers using robotic surgery only. "The future of urology belongs to robotic surgery", descriptively stated Dr. Vipul Patel, the acclaimed Professor of Urology at the University of Orlando in Florida, after he completed two robotic radical prostatectomies at the HYGEIA hospital in collaboration with Mr. Emmanuel Panagiotou, the Director of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Urology Clinic of HYGEIA.

Mr. Patel, who made his first visit to Greece, also added that "HYGEIA has cleared the way for establishing itself as a reliable reference center for such operations in Greece, as it has already carried out about 100 robotic urological operations."

Dr. Patel, a pioneer in Robotic Surgery for the treatment of prostate diseases to maintain erectile function and continence, has performed more than <u>3,500</u> robotic radical prostatectomies worldwide.

Mr. Panagiotou also highlighted that "The Da Vinci-S system allows us to perform the entire spectrum of urological operations, such as benign and malignant prostate diseases, nephrectomy, varicocele, urinary incontinence and stone excision, providing the benefits of minimal postoperative pain and rapid recovery."