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PRESS RELEASE

SIGNIFICANT ADVANTAGES FROM PET CT SCANS

INITIAL RESULTS FOR HYGEIA S.A.

The **Athens Diagnostic and Treatment Centre HYGEIA S.A.** began operating a **PET CT Scan** for the **first time in Greece in June 2004.**

A PET CT Scan combines Nuclear Medicine and Radiology providing an image **on one device.**

Experience reveals that the advantages of this technology are significant. More than **1,800 patients** have undergone a PET/CT examination and more than **2,100 examinations** have been conducted to this day.

The PET/CT is primarily applied to oncology. Its contribution to diagnosing, classifying and monitoring patients with cancer, as well as to evaluating the effectiveness of their therapy is considerable .

Approximately 20%-30% of all patients alter the method by which their disease is treated. Effective treatment of patients suffering from malignant diseases has financial benefits for the Health System.

It is, therefore, necessary to disseminate this technological achievement (PET/CT) to both public and private health organisations, whereas persons who have contracted cancer can access more easily, diagnose faster and treat more effectively the disease.