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PRESS RELEASE

<u>HYGEIA S.A.: The first obesity operation in Greece</u> <u>with the Robotic Surgical System Da Vinci ® S</u>

An obesity operation (Sleeve Gastrectomy) with the **latest Robotic Surgical System da Vinci** ® **S** was performed <u>for the first time in Greece</u> in the **Diagnostic and Therapeutic Center of Athens - HYGEIA.**

Until recently, Robotic Surgery had been successfully used in urology and general surgery. However, this was the first case of using it in <u>obesity surgery</u> and the results were quite satisfactory.

In **obesity surgery**, the minimally invasive method used by the Robotic System minimizes postoperative pain, reduces blood loss, minimizes trauma infections and ensures faster recovery, shorter hospitalization, better respiratory function and quick return to routine activities, combined with perfect aesthetic results.

Robotic surgery is the latest, revolutionary development in laparoscopy and minimally invasive surgery. The Da Vinci system provides surgeons with 3D imaging capabilities and a wider range of possible maneuvers, especially when performing surgery in small cavities.

HYGEIA surgeon **Mr. George Stavropoulos** pointed out: "Robotic technology could become a new access method for all obesity operations in the future."