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Press Release

**MITERA CHILDREN' S HOSPITAL: Treatment of pulmonary diseases without thoracotomy in infancy age and childhood- For the first time in Greece**

MITERA CHILDREN' S HOSPITAL of HYGEIA Group successfully carried out a thoracoscopic lung lobectomy (TLL) in a 17- month old little girl.

It is already applied in specialized hospitals abroad, while it was realized in Greece for the first time by HYGEIA Group team of physicians consisting of messrs. Spyros Spyrakos, Pediatric Surgeon, Kosmas Iliadis, Thoracic Surgeon and Elpida Latoufi, anesthesiologist.

Minimally invasive surgery techniques were applied in the operation, i.e without thoracotomy. The young patient had a smooth post-operative progress and is expected to be discharged in the upcoming days.

The thoracoscopic lung lobectomy is applied in the treatment of congenital and acquired lung diseases. The method's advantages include low post-operative pain, shorter hospitalization time and improved aesthetic result. Moreover, a small degree of scoliosis, usually observed in infants or children after thoracotomy, can be avoided.

Thoracoscopic lobectomy is a safe intervention when realized by specially trained medical staff at a hospital with the appropriate infrastructure.