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Press Release

Hygeia Hospital Tirana: 100% survival rate for heart-surgery patients

Hygeia Hospital Tirana (HHT) guarantees comprehensive healthcare services for cardiovascular patients, ranging from prevention and diagnosis to treatment, while at the same time it provides its patients with the safest medical treatment possible. Within its first months of operation, a team of cardiovascular surgeons, cardiologists, anesthesiologists, intensivists and specialized nurses has performed **100 open-heart surgeries, achieving a 100% survival rate for heart-surgery patients**, an unprecedented rate for Albania.

These findings were announced at the 3rd Scientific Conference organized by HHT on Saturday 9 April 2011. During the conference, the 25-member scientific team of Greek and Albanian doctors of the HYGEIA Group outlined the latest developments in Cardiology and Cardiovascular Surgery globally.

The Chairman of the Scientific Committee and Honorary Director of the 2nd Cardiology Clinic of HYGEIA Athens, Dr Nikos Karatzas, noted, "Both the implementation of the latest techniques in Cardiology and Cardiovascular Surgery and the experience accumulated by the Group's doctors in the USA, Canada, Switzerland, the UK, Greece and Albania have contributed to this success. To date, **over 200 interventional cardiology procedures** have been performed with the use of HHT's state-of-the-art digital angiography equipment, while the application of innovative interventional cardiology methods is expected to commence soon and treat grave heart problems non-invasively."

On his part, Dr Edvin Prifti, cardiovascular surgeon at HHT, underlined that, "The new techniques in the field of cardiovascular surgery have created a new state of affairs in Albania's healthcare services, to the benefit of the lives and health of Albanian citizens. Even the largest, world-renowned European cardiovascular centers would envy the European-level services offered by the HHT's Anesthesiology Department and Intensive Care Unit: very high success and survival rates, and maximum heart-patient safety."

In his welcome address, the HHT's CEO, Mr Kyriakos Kopsidis, noted, "The HHT, with its large team of Greek and Albanian scientists, covers all the subspecialties in Cardiology and Cardiovascular Surgery. On account of its fully-equipped

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infrastructure, with up-to-date medical technology and the use of international protocols, it is in a position to offer comprehensive healthcare services for cardiovascular patients, ranging from prevention (stress tests, triplex Doppler scans) and diagnosis (myocardial scintigraphy, etc) to treatment (interventional and cardiovascular surgery). Our aim is to bring a new era in healthcare services in Albania. The first results have justified our efforts and have given us the strength to remain focused on our goal: quality in services offered and patient safety.”

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