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PRESS RELEASE

MITERA Pediatric Cardiosurgical Clinic: New Certification for its Surgical Results

The European Association for Cardiothoracic Surgery has certified the excellent results achieved by the MITERA Children's Hospital Pediatric Cardiosurgery Department of HYGEIA Group, for the years 2009 and 2010. The procedures were performed on patients with congenital heart defects by the Director of the MITERA Pediatric Cardiosurgical Clinic, Mr Giorgos Sarris, and his team of associates, both at the MITERA Pediatric Cardiosurgical Clinic and at the HYGEIA Hospital.

This is a major success, unique for Greek standards, as it places the MITERA Pediatric Cardiosurgical Clinic **among the 9 pediatric cardiothoracic surgical units in Europe to have been certified for their surgical results.**

The inspectors of the European Association for Cardiothoracic Surgery praised the modern infrastructure, the efficient organization, the excellent surgical results, and the accuracy of the data submitted to the Association, which issued an official Data Verification Certificate.

The MITERA Pediatric Cardiosurgery Department was established by Mr Georgios Sarris, Director of the Pediatric Cardiosurgical Clinic, along with Mr Ioannis Papagiannis, Director of the Pediatric Cardiology Clinic, and Mr Georgios Kyrvasilis, Director of the Pediatric Cardiac Anesthesiology Unit and the Pediatric Cardiosurgery ICU. It has been staffed by experienced medical, nursing and technical personnel, and it started operating in April 2008. Right from its first year of operation, it succeeded in receiving its first certification from the European Association for Cardiothoracic Surgery, being one of the few pediatric cardiothoracic surgical units in Europe to do so.

The unceasing dedication of all of the Department's doctors, technicians and nurses, as well as the HYGEIA Group's Administration, to quality control and the ongoing improvement of the services offered to children with heart defects, providing the best healthcare services available worldwide, is verified yet again through the continuous certifications awarded to the Department for its pediatric surgical results.