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Press Release

HYGEIA: Conference on Transcatheter Treatments of Heart Valve Diseases *May 11-13, 2012*

Diseases of the aortic, mitral and pulmonary valves can now be treated percutaneously, without the need for major surgery. The latest developments in this field are impressive, making it now feasible to cure high risk patients with no treatment options in the past.

These are some of the topics that will be discussed during the **Conference** on Transcatheter Treatments of Heart Valve Diseases that will be held at the N. Louros Conference Center, located within the MITERA Hospital, on **May 11-13**. The Conference is under the auspices of the Hellenic Cardiological Society, the HYGEIA Scientific Board and the Scientific Union of HYGEIA Physicians.

The Chairmen of the Conference, Drs. Stratis Pattakos, Director of the 2nd Cardiac Surgery Clinic, and. Konstantinos Spargias, Director of the Transcatheter Heart Valve Department, noted: "The transcatheter treatments of several heart valve diseases can now offer valuable alternatives even for patients who could undergo conventional surgical treatment, but are considered high risk. After the commencement of the MitraClip program at HYGEIA Hospital, all the available transcatheter therapies are now performed successfully in Greece. Given our team's specialization in these techniques, we feel we ought to share our experiences through this conference. The dissemination of knowledge and training in these readily-available treatments should be shared by any means so that the proper patients with valve diseases can benefit"

During the Conference, there will be live broadcasts of aortic and mitral valve transcatheter procedures from HYGEIA Hospital, as well as lectures by distinguished Greek and foreign speakers, who will provide in-depth information on all the related topics.