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**Press Release**

**MITERA: Comprehensive Internship Programs for Doctors**

MITERA Hospital is making a strong entry into the field of education, offering comprehensive Internship Programs for doctors.

During a press conference held in view of the upcoming 1<sup>st</sup> Internship Training Program, MITERA Hospital's CEO, Mr Andreas Kartapanis, stated, "This is the first time ever that a private gynecological healthcare provider is offering internship programs to broaden the academic knowledge of doctors. MITERA - the largest private hospital in Greece, with 501 beds, and the experience of 450,000 births and 500,000 gynecological surgical procedures in the over 35 years it has been operating - is able to transfer this experience and technical know-how to the new generation of doctors, assisted by its highly-acclaimed medical staff and its state-of-the-art equipment. Each trainee doctor will receive an attendance certificate, which constitutes documented proof of ongoing medical training and a significant asset for their professional careers."

The 1<sup>st</sup> Program focuses on "Endoscopic Gynecology and Urogynecology" and aims at transferring clinical experience and technical know-how to the new doctors, as well as introducing them to the latest minimally invasive surgical techniques available. It is a non-profit Program that runs for 4 months (commencing in November 2012) and it caters for medical degree holders.

Mr Georgios Kallipolitis, Director of the Internship Program, Associate Professor of Obstetrics-Gynecology at the University of Athens and President of the MITERA Scientific Board, noted, "The Program aspires to complement the academic programs offered in public Greek hospitals, following on the footsteps of major US hospitals (Johns Hopkins, Mayo Clinic, etc). It is the 1<sup>st</sup> of a series of comprehensive programs, which will combine specialization for new doctors with hands-on training in simulators and live surgery observation. The Program is organized under the auspices of the Union of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Greece and the Greek Society for Gynecological Endoscopy, and is supported by the ELPEN Research and Experimental Center."

On his part, Mr Stefanos Chandakas, Supervisor of the Program, obstetrician/endoscopic surgeon/gynecologist and scientific associate of HYGEIA Group, underlined, "In the last 20 years, laparoscopic surgery and hysteroscopy have changed the state of affairs in gynecology. Medical science is moving all the more often towards minimally invasive methods to treat the majority of gynecological conditions that previously required invasive surgical procedures. Unfortunately in



Greece, only 10% of gynecologic surgeries are performed endoscopically, as opposed to 35% at European level, a fact that highlights the need to provide training and specialization in this field to new doctors. This Program provides in-depth knowledge into the use of new technologies in the fields of laparoscopic and hysteroscopic surgery, further enhanced by our affiliation with Princess Royal University Hospital, London, UK.”

***Applications must be submitted by 19 October.  
For further information, candidates may contact  
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Starting date: November 2012***