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## PRESS RELEASE

### **HYGEIA: Cutting edge laparoscopic colorectal surgery performed in the -unique in Greece- Hybrid Operating Room**

The current trends in colorectal surgery, with the use of modern techniques and cutting-edge technology, will be the focus of a Training Seminar entitled "Laparoscopic Colectomy", commencing on Friday, April 26. The Seminar will take place at HYGEIA Hospital's Hybrid Operating Room and will be broadcasted live over the internet on the following websites: [www.hygeia.gr](http://www.hygeia.gr), [www.iatronet.gr](http://www.iatronet.gr) and [www.lapcolectomy.org](http://www.lapcolectomy.org).

The Seminar forms part of a series of 4 rounds of Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery Educational Seminars for 2013, jointly organized by HYGEIA Hospital's 6<sup>th</sup> Surgical Clinic and the ELPEN Experimental Research Center. It has been fully endorsed by the European Surgical Institute (ESI - Hamburg, Germany) and is being organized under the auspices of the Hellenic Surgical Society and the Greek Medical Studies Society. Moreover, it is the formal educational body for laparoscopic colectomies of Ethicon - Johnson & Johnson. At the end of the Seminar, which is equivalent to a postgraduate clinical lab, participating physicians will receive a certificate of completion of training recognized by the ESI, along with Continuing Medical Education credits.

The Program Director & Chief of HYGEIA Hospital's 6<sup>th</sup> Surgical Clinic, Dr Constantinos Mavrantonis, noted, "Many patients have benefited from the specialized knowledge and experience acquired by surgeons because of these Seminars, which are being conducted for the sixth year running. This year, we are particularly pleased to conduct these seminars under maximum safety, speed and reliability conditions, in HYGEIA Hospital's latest generation Hybrid Operating Room, unique in Greece and one of the most technologically advanced operating rooms in Europe. Through the 1<sup>st</sup> round of educational seminars, the 21 trainee surgeons who were selected this year - among approximately 100 candidates - will have the opportunity to acquire significant experience and top level specialization in the laparoscopic treatment of conditions such as colorectal cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, diverticulitis and other related illnesses."