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Press Release

HYGEIA: 2nd Transcatheter Heart Valve Therapy Conference

May 17-18, 2013

The latest developments in the innovative field of Interventional Cardiology/Cardiac Surgery will be discussed during the 2nd Annual Transcatheter Heart Valve Therapy Conference. The conference has been scheduled for May 17 & 18 at the N. Louros Conference Center, located within MITERA Hospital.

The Conference is being held under the hospices of the Hellenic Cardiac Society, the HYGEIA Scientific Council and the HYGEIA Medical Society.

HYGEIA Hospital's THV Department has developed a comprehensive full-scale program for all percutaneous heart valve repair treatments. It is the only program in Greece that uses all the available transcatheter aortic valves and all implantation routes, as well as the MitraClip system for mitral valve repair. In the 2.5 years since it has been established, the Department has performed 200 percutaneous valve procedures.

In statements they made, the Conference chairmen, Dr Stratis Pattakos, Director of the 2nd Cardiac Surgery Clinic at HYGEIA Hospital, and Dr Konstantinos Spargias, Director of the THV Department, noted, "Significant progress has been made in the last few years with regard to the concepts, tools, methods and choice of patients for valve repair treatment and non-invasive transcatheter techniques. These techniques have contributed in reducing the mortality rates and the cost of surgical replacement or repair of valves, while at the same time minimizing discomfort in patients and assisting in their speedier recovery. Percutaneous aortic valve replacement is performed on high-risk patients, while transcatheter mitral valve repair is used on selected patients. These practices are supported by clinical studies and guidelines. This year's conference will attract international participants, including distinguished cardiology and cardiac surgery professors from the USA, Germany, Italy, the UK and Canada."

A live broadcast of percutaneous aortic and mitral valve procedures from HYGEIA Hospital's - unique in Greece- Last Generation Multidisciplinary Hybrid Operating Room has also been scheduled as part of the Conference.