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## Press Release

### **HYGEIA: Laparoscopic colorectal surgery seminars at the only Hybrid Operating Room in Greece**

The current trends in colorectal surgery, with the use of modern techniques and cutting-edge technology, will be the focus of the 1st round of the **CLASS 2014** (Colorectal Laparoscopic Surgical Skills) Educational Seminars, commencing on **Friday, March 28**. The Seminars will take place at HYGEIA Hospital's Hybrid Operating Room and will be broadcast live over the internet, through the following websites: [www.hygeia.gr](http://www.hygeia.gr) and [www.lapcolectomy.org](http://www.lapcolectomy.org).

This Seminar is the first in a series of 4 rounds of **Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery Educational Seminars for 2014**, jointly organized by HYGEIA Hospital's 6th Surgical Clinic and the European Surgical Institute (ESI) in Hamburg, Germany. They are aimed at surgeons with experience in laparoscopic surgery who wish to broaden the range of the laparoscopic procedures they perform. It will focus on minimally invasive surgery and on laparoscopic colorectal procedures performed live at the operating room, which will be broadcast in real time at the N. Louros Conference Centre, located within MITERA Hospital. Upon completion of the clinical labs, participants will receive a completion of training certificate, recognized by the ESI, as well as continuing graduation points from the Greek Medical Association, on behalf of the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education.

The **Director of the Educational Program & Director of HYGEIA Hospital's 6<sup>th</sup> Surgical Clinic, Dr Konstantinos Mavrantonis**, noted, "Many patients have benefited from the specialized knowledge and experience acquired by the surgeons because of these Seminars, which are being conducted for the 7th year running. We are particularly pleased to conduct the surgical procedures for these Seminars in conditions of maximum safety, speed and reliability, in HYGEIA Hospital's latest generation Hybrid Operating Room, the only one in Greece and one of the most sophisticated operating rooms in Europe. The 1st round of educational seminars will offer the 20 trainee surgeons selected this year the chance to gain valuable experience and expertise in the laparoscopic surgical treatment of colorectal diseases."

In 2014, the training provided in the context of the CLASS Seminars will run for 7 days. It includes 4 one-day events on different topics each time, as well as the chance to watch surgical procedures performed live. The training of participating physicians will conclude with a further 3 days at the Biomedical Research Foundation (BRFAA) of the Academy of Athens, where they will be performing laparoscopic colectomies on live specimens and special simulators.