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PRESS RELEASE

MITERA PAEDIATRICS CLINIC: Revolutionary heart operation in a 3-month-old infant

A revolutionary – in Greece and extremely rare concerning the international standards – operation was very successfully performed in the Paediatric Cardiological Clinic of the MITERA Hospital.

A 3-month-old infant which suffered from sustained tachycardias, resistant to any drug combination, underwent an invasive treatment for arrhythmias following the method of radiofrequency catheter-based intracardiac ablation.

As the attendant doctor, Mr. Ioannis Papayannis, paediatric cardiologist, stated “The operation is performed using a special catheter which is introduced into the heart through a vein (non-invasively); after mapping the electrical system of the heart, the catheter is advanced to the point which causes the tachycardias and administers high-frequency current.”

The operation was very successful and the little patient, who faced an immediate life-threatening risk, is now in his parents’ arms and ready to go back home.

This operation is mainly performed in older children and adults, while it has been rarely performed in infants worldwide.

MITERA is the only private hospital in Greece having a specialized Paediatric, Haemodynamic, and Electrophysical Laboratory within its Paediatric Cardiological Clinic, directed by Mr Ioannis Papayannis, paediatric cardiologist. The hospital also includes a Paediatric Cardiosurgical Clinic, directed by Mr. Georgios Sarris, and an Paediatric Cardiosurgical Intensive Care Unit, directed by Mr. Georgios Kyrvassilis.