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HYGEIA S.A.: The largest investment in Radiotherapy in Greece

Recently equipped with three state-of-the-art robotic linear accelerators, which integrate the most advanced systems of image-guided radiotherapy (IGRT), the **Radiotherapy and Oncology Center of HYGEIA** has become a reference center in Greece and Europe for its technological equipment and its pioneering radiotherapy techniques.

"This is the largest investment in Radiotherapy in Greece, which almost reaches the amount of 7 million euros", stated Mr. Konstandinos Stavrou, Chairman of HYGEIA-MITERA BoD during his greeting speech at the Scientific Conference of HYGEIA on "Radiotherapy and Oncology: Redetermining the future...today", held on May 16th-17th at HILTON Hotel. "The new ELEKTA AXESSE, SYNERGY and PLATFORM linear accelerators", he added, "offer a superb opportunity not only to Greeks but also to those who live in neighbouring countries to have a best possible treatment for various types of cancer. Besides, the ELEKTA AXESSETM is one of the FIRST linear accelerators that was installed in Europe and abroad".

During the Press Conference, Mr. Philippos Angelakis, Radiotherapist – Oncologist, Scientific Director of Radiotherapy and Oncology Center of HYGEIA, also highlighted that "The aim of the new Radiotherapy Techniques using the three robotic linear accelerators is to get higher radiation doses with lower toxicity rate and thus to obtain radical treatment and save vital organs. The precision of robotic mechanisms allows for patients' radiotherapy and cure with a low rate of metastases".

"The equipment", Mr. Angelakis pointed out, "includes advanced imaging systems and systems equivalent to CT scanners and enables a patient's **real-time 3-dimensional volumentric imaging** on treatment site as well as **robotic** control **handling**, correction and precise positioning, ensuring that **the tumour is precisely targeted**".

Therefore, the Radiotherapy and Oncology Center of HYGEIA can apply the most advanced technique of 3-dimensional conformal radiotherapy, the Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT), the Volumetric Modulated Arc Therapy (VMAT) and the Stereotactic Radiotherapy – Radiosurgery for body and head.

Established scientists from Greece and abroad focused on radical radiotherapy for head, neck, lungs and prostate and on Radiotherapy – Chemotherapy combination along with innovative IMRT-VMAT-IGRT techniques.