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<u>ANNOUNCEMENT</u> HYGEIA S.A.: A test free of charge for Parkinson Disease

April 11: World Parkinson's Day

HYGEIA hospital, on the occasion of the World Parkinson's Day on Sunday, April 11, offers the possibility of **a test free of charge for Parkinson's disease** or for a similar disease on **Monday**, **April 19th 2010** by physicians specializing in motor diseases.

The tests will be carried out in HYGEIA. Any interested party may call for an appointment at 210 686 7475 (08.00am - 15.00 pm) until Friday, April 16, 2010.

Parkinson's disease, named after the English physician James Parkinson who first described it as a disease, notwithstanding the progress registered in the pharmaceutical and surgical treatment potential, represents a challenge for experienced neurologists who deal with motor diseases.

Almost 5,000,000 individuals all over the world suffer from this idiopathic Parkinson's disease, while about 3,000 new patients every year in Greece manifest the first symptoms of the disease.

Prompt diagnosis and suitable treatment, both at the initial stage and afterwards, are critical for containing the disease progress and for improving patients' daily life.