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Press Release – Inauguration of “Mesogeios” Dialysis Center in Kalamata



MESSAGE BY THE PATRIARCH AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE DIALYSIS CENTER “MESOGEIOS” IN KALAMATA

In a highly emotional climate, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew inaugurated the 5th Dialysis Center of “Mesogeios” Group, this past Tuesday afternoon in Kalamata. In his speech, Patriarch Bartholomew made a special reference to the importance of organ donation. “Don’t take your kidneys with you in heaven. Some people need them on earth!”, he said, urging people to voluntarily “donate life”.

He also said “Unfortunately, in Greece, we have many car accidents and a painfully large number of victims. The greatest commemoration for those who have left us is to donate their organs”. Referring to the creation of a new Dialysis Center “Mesogeios” in Kalamata, he emphasized on the importance of this unit for the southwestern Peloponnese, both for local and foreign patients who visit the area. He said: “We want for those who are sick to actively participate in the society, to enjoy the basics in life, even their vacations, which will mentally relax and strengthen them, and contribute to the improvement of their quality of life”.

The President of the Group, Nephrologist, Dr. Dimitris Dimitriadis, talked about the vision, philosophy and future of the Dialysis Centers “Mesogeios”, emphasizing that the provided services follow the strictest standards, without any deviation, flexibility or frivolity, and that knowledge and ethos are the power and asset this Group has so that its vision can become a reality. After the ceremony of Sanctification, the Patriarch visited the facilities of the Dialysis Center.

The inauguration was attended by the Bishop of Messinia, Chrysostom, the Bishop of Italy and Melity, Gennadius, the Bishop of Karpathos and Thasos Ambrose, deputies of the prefecture, the Prefect of Messinia, representatives of the local government authorities, and many others. The inauguration ceremony was moderated by the Public Television’s journalist, Aglaia Kyritsi. All these years, the main goal of the Dialysis Centers “Mesogeios” is to provide safe, high quality hemodialysis treatment, exceptional patient services, impeccable and continuing medical and nursing care, respect and psychological support to patients, as well as to maintain high standards in all services provided.

All hemodialysis sessions strictly follow international standards and specifications. There is continuous improvement of services by the highly qualified and trained personnel, so that Greek and foreign patients can safely enjoy high quality healthcare services, either during their vacation or in their permanent place of residence. The “Mesogeios” Dialysis Centers network is ISO 9001:2000 certified since the start of its operations, both for its medical and tourist services. The units operating today are:

“Mesogeios” Crete: Opening 2000. The first unit of the Group and the first year that hemodialysis treatment took place outside of a Hospital and private clinics, pursuant to PD 225/2000. It annually accommodates the needs of 100 Greek patients, and 500-600 foreign patients.

“Mesogeios” Kallithea: Opening September 2006. The unit accommodates the needs of 140 patients.

“Mesogeios” Pallini: The unit operates since May 2008 and accommodates 75 patients.

Medialyse in Serres: Opening November 2008.

“Mesogeios” Kalamata: The 5th and most recent unit of the Group. The 1,200 square meter building has a capacity of 100 patients, is located in a lush plot of 4,000 square meters, and is fully integrated in the natural environment. Since February 2009, it accommodates the needs of those living in the wider area, as well as of those visiting the southwestern Peloponnese. It is equipped with 17 new Fresenius Medical Care machines, has a team of 3 renowned nephrologists and a highly qualified nursing staff, and provides ongoing monitoring by a cardiologist and a vascular surgeon. It boasts a luxurious infrastructure, pleasant reception and accommodation areas for patients and their relatives, while giving them the opportunity to enjoy their holidays in one of the most idyllic places in Greece.

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