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Press Release -Speech of the President of “Mesogeios” Group



“Mesogeios” Group operates since the year 2000 and enjoys a powerful presence in the healthcare sector. We are proud of our work so far and we feel obliged to act with an even greater professional competence in the future. Our services meet the latest and strictest standard requirements, without any deviation, flexibility or frivolity.

Knowledge and ethics are our stronger suits. Both constitute our power and asset, giving us strength to continue our work. Our vision is to continuously upgrade the quality of life of our patients. This has been our vision since the opening of our first center in Herakleio Crete in 2000. Crete was our first choice, due to the large number of patients that had to relocate to Athens to systematically follow treatment. Moreover, the island was our first choice due to the high tourist interest.

Over 4,500 foreign renal patients have visited our center in Crete, accompanied by their families. They have enjoyed their vacations in a wonderful location, and underwent treatment in a pleasant and elegant facility. From then on, our vision for the creation of an extended network of dialysis centers became a reality, with our units in Kallithea, Pallini, Serres, Kalamata and Chalkida.

This network serves the needs of the local communities that until now were using the facilities of the increasingly crowded public hospitals, and also enables Greek and foreign patients visit these areas safely. Our Group is the result of our dream to create state-of-the-art Renal Centers, after serious research and study, and based on our experience and know-how, that provide the best possible healthcare services to our patients. Aiming to provide safe and high quality hemodialysis treatment, and with respect to the mental health of its patients, “Mesogeios” created the conditions for a truly outstanding Renal Center that enjoys high aesthetics, environmental conscience, state-of-the-art technologies and know-how, as well as prestigious medical and nursing staff. Every patient is a priority for us and we welcome everyone as a special member of the “Mesogeios” family. We only have one goal. To support and care for our patients’ everyday problems.

The same applies for our administrative and support staff, who assists the patients' everyday life, handling affairs with all departments involved. At this point I would like to emphasize that "Mesogeios" Group does not replace the public healthcare provider, but supplements it. We need the State on our side, because we have the same goal and a joint purpose. Our relationship with the public healthcare system is characterized by mutual respect and cooperation, and in no case by competition.

The State and the public insurance funds provide coverage to our patients, who enjoy the service of a private healthcare organization, without paying anything. Not even one euro. I would also like to emphasize that the Hospital of Kalamata is a valuable partner to our efforts, together with all its doctors and staff. Thus, today, we have the pleasure to inaugurate our unit in Kalamata, which was constructed by local workers and engineers and is staffed by Messinian residents.

The unit provided solutions to a series of serious problems, such as the treatment of final stage patients and relocation of the local renal patients that couldn't find a place in the units of the area's public healthcare system. It is worth mentioning that in 2009, during the first 10 months of operation, more than 100 Greek and foreign patients of the prefecture of Messinia were accommodated in the unit, which means at least 300 additional visitors for the entire prefecture, with the respective overnight stays, since patients usually travel with their families. Finally, I would like to thank everyone who helped make this unit a reality. And they are not few. I am talking about all the employees of the prefecture and the local government bodies, the government officials, the administration and doctors of the Hospital of Kalamata, as well as the entire staff of "Mesogeios" who daily support and realize our dream with ethos, responsibility and great sensitivity.

Ladies and gentlemen, allow me to make a special reference to our Patriarch, who has blessed our event with his presence. With much love, respect and endless admiration, I would like to express my gratitude. Your Holiness, Your presence here in Messini and your blessing for our new facilities fills me with joy, honor and happiness. For me, this is a Holy Gift. Your presence reinforces our sense of social responsibility that pervades me and my entire family.

I would like to thank You from the bottom of my heart for the immense honor of Your presence here today, and the fact that You empower me, both morally and mentally, to continue my work with kindness and ethos in the healthcare sector.

This is how we were brought up in our common birthplace, our beloved Imbros.

Your Holiness, I am requesting Your blessing

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