

GENERAL HOSPITAL OF ATTICA “KAT”

INAUGURATION OF NEW CT SCANNER – RADIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, we would like to thank you for today’s event and express our joy for the completion of the new CT scanner’s installation in the Emergency Department of the General Hospital of Attica “KAT”.

Since 1996, the Stavros Niarchos Foundation has been making grants in the areas of arts and culture, education, health and sports, and social welfare, having committed a total of €1.8 billion, through 3,891 grants to nonprofit organizations in 113 nations around the world. Recently, the Foundation has been implementing grant initiatives totaling 300 million euros, in addition to its standard grantmaking activities, in order to contribute—to the best of our abilities—to addressing the adverse consequences of the crisis, which plagues our country. Specifically, in the field of Health, since 1996, the Foundation has committed almost 300 grants in Greece alone, totaling more than 120 million euros while, just last year, the SNF committed 41 grants, totaling 21 million euros.

Furthermore, as you may know, we are in collaboration with EKAV (National Center for Emergency Care) for the implementation of a large-scale grant that concerns the upgrading of the Attica Operations Center and the procurement of 143 new fast response vehicles (translating to the modernization of 22% of EKAV’s total ambulance fleet), which will be available in all regions of Greece, as well as in the islands of the Aegean and the Ionian. This grant also covers the vehicles’ full service and maintenance for a period of 8 years, which is their average life span.

With regards to the needs of public hospitals concerning diagnostic equipment, the SNF has already proceeded with the replacement of 3 CT (including KAT) and 2 MRI scanners in 5 hospitals across the country. Furthermore, the SNF is exclusively funding the entire Radiotherapy Program, totaling €20 million, entailing the replacement of 10 obsolete linear accelerators in seven public hospitals in Greece, with the goal of significantly improving the treatment of cancer patients throughout the country.

The grant to the General Hospital of Attica “KAT” was approved in June 2016, and concerned the replacement of one of the Hospital’s two installed CT scanners; specifically, of the decommissioned CT scanner in the Emergency Department. The new CT scanner has increased resolution and increases productivity due to its high-speed execution, low exposure to radiation for patients during examination, and capability for bloodless coronary catheterizations. At the same time, the installation of the CT scanner in the Emergency Department significantly improves the functionality of the space, without burdening the rest of the areas with the flow of the emergency department. Finally, the new CT scanner will significantly decongest the already installed CT scanner in Radiology, thus extending its lifespan. For our part, as a philanthropic institution, we try—to the full extent of our capabilities—to support the Greek society, while simultaneously contributing to setting the foundations for a better tomorrow.

It is our pleasure and a great honor that in our efforts we have such remarkable companions as the General Hospital of Attica “KAT” and its medical and nursing staff.

We are happy to be here today with you, and especially for the fact that we are able to contribute, in our own way, to the great work you are doing.

We thank you all very much and wish you the best in all the important tasks you are called upon to complete.