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# WELCOME MESSAGE

The current three-day Course, "Emergency Global Surgery – Case Studies" is an international recognition of the efforts of the Greek Chapter of the American College of Surgeons (ACS). The Course is made possible by the Dr. Pon Fund, a competitive grant program of the International Relations Committee of ACS, which was awarded to the Greek Chapter of the ACS.

This is the first hands-on Course in Europe on a subject that now concerns all the countries around the world. The presence of Dr. Patricia Turner, Director of the Division of Member Services of ACS, of Professor George Velmahos, Chairman of the International Relations Committee of ACS and many other prominent leaders in surgery from U.S. and other countries attests the importance of this effort, which aims to better train surgeons on urgent challenges of our times, whether it concerns a terrorist attack, a natural disaster or an accident.

Dr. Jennifer Gurney, Trauma Surgeon and Trauma System Development Chief at the American Army's USAISR Joint Trauma System is also among the internationally renowned instructors who will train amongst others the Hellenic Army doctors participating in the Course.

On behalf of the Board of the ACS Greek Chapter, we would like to cordially thank Dr. Apostolos Papalois, Director of the Experimental Research Center ELPEN, Affiliate Member of the ACS, for his scientific and organizational support as a co-organizer of the Course, and MEDI PRINOY for its significant financial support.

We welcome all distinguished Faculty members and participating Greek trainees.  
We wish for a constructive and successful 2017 Emergency Global Surgery - Case Studies.

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## **Emergency Global Surgery - Case Studies**

**Dates: May 26 - 28, 2017**

**Venue: Experimental & Research Center ELPEN**

### **Description/Purpose of Activity**

Today, according to the WHO, approximately 2 billion people are lacking access to basic surgical care, leading to significant morbidity and mortality. If we consider that the training model in current surgical education has been increasingly towards specialization, given the increased amount and complexity of knowledge, we can see that there is a need to provide surgeons with a more "generalist" approach, in order for them to be more effective, especially in areas with overwhelmed medical systems.. The role of the general and emergency surgeon in the field of high-quality universal health care delivery is, nowadays, considered to be extremely important for the efficient functioning of every health system.

The goal of this workshop is to address the needs that young physicians have, in order to be able to function in a low-resource environment and treat basic general and emergency surgical problems. In under-developed and developing countries the surgical practitioner has to be a true "generalist", able to handle and effectively manage an array of surgical conditions.

Considering the current financial crisis, that affects almost every part of the world, the modern physician has to be fully able to quickly develop a therapeutic plan that is both patient-centered and cost-effective in its implementation. Furthermore, the humanitarian aspect of the doctor-patient relationship leads the medical community to the conclusion that equitable surgical care services should be universally available and affordable.

Particularly in Greece, such innovative courses are indispensable and believed to be especially fruitful for the next generation of medical doctors in the long term. The heavy financial austerity measures of the last years, as well as the large influx of war-driven refugees and migrants from the Middle East have developed the need to scale up the level and efficiency of all medical services provided, and especially the role of surgery in this regard.

### **Targeted Audience**

Our 3-day course will be addressed to physicians and residents, as well as senior medical students. It is going to provide skills training and theoretical education in a number of basic surgical procedures presented through case studies, and would be of interest to any health professional interested in humanitarian and emergency surgery.

According to the demand, the clinical skills training part of our course will be mostly available to physicians and final-year medical students, with the theoretical part being available to other health care professionals and younger medical students for observation.

Since many of the ACS faculty members that will participate as speakers and instructors in the course are also faculty members in academic university institutions, wide dissemination of the course is sure to raise the awareness of the need of universal high-quality health care among medical students throughout Greece. Thus, medical students will be strongly motivated to observe the course and even take part in the training practical cases, if they are in their final year of studies.

This course has the added advantage that it presents an educational tool (skills-based learning and case-based learning) which although it has been extensively validated in several international educational systems, it is still lacking from the Greek medical educational armamentarium.

## Learning Objectives

- Become acquainted with the procedural steps of basic surgical skills and operations, within different surgical subspecialties. By the end of the course, the participants will be expected to have understood the rationale behind the basic surgical approach to the patient, especially in the emergency setting.
- Refresh the basic knowledge of structured clinical approach and differential diagnosis in the emergency department and of basic imaging and laboratory procedures that are most often used as a primary helping tool in the diagnosis and management in low-resource settings.
- Develop awareness and sensitivity, regarding the aspect of humanitarian surgery in low-income countries and in situations with little resources. The need for global equality in surgical and anesthesia care regardless of a country's financial standing is also to be analyzed and explained.

## Course Program

The 3-day course will include the theoretical part during the morning sessions and the skills lab in the afternoon. The presentations and the skills lab will take place at the "ELPEN" Experimental – Research and Simulation Center with the Director Professor Papalois, participating together with his team in the course.





| <b>1st Day</b> | <b>Topic</b>  | <b>Speaker</b>   |
|----------------|---|--|
| 08:00-08:30    | Registration  |  |
| 08:30-09:00    | A Systematic Approach to Patient Safety using a Safety triangle   | <b>Sideris Michael</b>                                 |
| 09:00-09:30    | Plastic Surgery: Burns  | <b>Lymperopoulos Nikolaos</b>                          |
| 09:30-10:00    | Break   |  |
| 10:00-10:30    | Emergency situations in neurosurgery  | <b>Tsitsopoulos Parmenion</b>                          |
| 10:30-11:00    | Emergency situations in OB/Gyn  | <b>Sideris Michael</b>                                 |
| 11:00-11:30    | Gunshot and blast emergencies in orthopaedics. Assessment and management  | <b>Ignatiadis Ioannis</b>                              |
| 11:30-12:00    | Military - Humanitarian Trauma  | <b>Kalogeropoulos Athanasios</b>                       |
| 12:00-12:30    | The future of Emergency Surgery in Greece   | <b>Tepetes Konstantinos</b>                            |
| 12:30-13:00    | The role of Laparoscopy in Emergency Surgery  | <b>Konstantinos Konstantinidis</b>                     |
| 13:00-13:30    | Surgical Decision Making in a Low Resource Environment - A Shift in Mindset   | <b>Litwin Demetrius</b>                                |
| 13:30-14:00    | Lunch Break   |  |
| 14:00-18:00    | Experimental Research Center- Skills Stations   |  |
| Station 1      | Wound Debridement   | <b>Faculty of the Research and Experimental Center</b> |
| Station 2      | Catheterization of the difficult bladder  | <b>Stravodimos Konstantinos</b>                        |
| Station 3      | Use of Video Laryngoscopes. How to formulate airway management plans.   | <b>Tzimas Athanasios</b><br><b>Papalois Apostolos</b>  |
| Station 4      | Case discussion   | <b>Walid Faraj, Ali Hallal, Gurney Jennifer</b>        |
| Station 5      | Laparoscopic surgery in an animal model (abdomen with ascetic fluid)<br>Trainers: <b>Sideris Michalis, Kalogeropoulos Athanasios, Athanasopoulos Panagiotis</b> |  |
| Station 6      | Management of thoracic trauma in an animal model<br>Trainers: <b>Degiannis Elias, Haytham Kaafarani</b>   |  |
| Station 7      | Emergency surgery in an animal model (laparotomy model)<br>Trainers: <b>Ntourakis Dimitrios, Plastiras Aris, Poullos Euthymios, Christodoulou Spyridon</b>      |  |
| Station 8      | Break   |  |
| 19:00          | Opening Reception - Iatriko Kentro  | Opening Ceremony                                       |
| 19:15-19:30    | The importance of a research-experimental center in surgical education - The Greek experience.  | <b>Apostolos E. Papalois</b>                           |
| 19:30          | The role of the ACS in International Surgical Education   | <b>Patricia Turner</b>                                 |

| 2nd Day | Topic | Speaker |
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| 08:00-08:30 | Overview of 1st Day and plan for the 2nd Day             |                          |
| 08:30-09:00 | Principles in the management of the multi-trauma patient | <b>Kaafarani Haytham</b> |
| 09:00-09:30 | Thoracic trauma and emergency surgery                    | <b>Degiannis Elias</b>   |
| 09:30-10:00 | Acute abdomen: obstruction                               | <b>Uranues Selman</b>    |
| 10:00-10:30 | Break  |                          |
| 10:30-11:00 | Acute abdomen: Bleeding                                  | <b>Haider Adil</b>       |
| 11:00-11:30 | Vascular Surgery Emergencies                             | <b>Hoballah Jamal</b>    |
| 11:30-12:00 | Emergency Surgery in the Intensive Care Unit             | <b>Hallal Ali</b>        |
| 12:00-12:30 | Emergency HPB Surgery                                    | <b>Schulick Richard</b>  |
| 12:30-13:30 | Great Cases to remember (or forget)!                     | <b>Velmahos George</b>   |
| 13:30-14:00 | Break and Family Photo                                   |                          |
| 14:00-18:00 | Experimental Research Center - Skills Stations           |                          |

Station 1 Management of vascular trauma  
Trainers: **Saratzis Nikolaos, Lazaridis Ioannis, Degermetzoglou Nikolaos**

Station 2 Open emergency surgical procedures in an animal model  
Trainers: **Sideris Michalis, Athanasopoulos Panagiotis, Christodoulou Spyridon**

Station 3 Plastic Surgery: Management of burn wounds in an animal model  
Trainer: **Lymperopoulos Nikolaos, Karmiris Nikolaos**

Station 4 Neurosurgical emergency procedures using simulation model  
Trainers: **Tsitsopoulos Parmenion, Bimpis Alexios**

Station 5 Intraosseous Bone infusion **Kalogeropoulos Athanasios**

Station 6 Trauma Laparotomy and Emergency Surgical Procedures in an animal model  
Trainers: **Plastiras Aris**

Station 7 Laparoscopic surgery in an animal model  
Trainers: **Ntourakis Dimitrios, Haytham Kaafarani, Euthymios Poulis**

Station 8 Break

| 3rd Day | Topic | Speaker |
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| 08:00-08:30 | Plan of the day                                       |                                  |
| 08:30-09:00 | Tactical trauma in urban conflict                     | <b>Kalogeropoulos Athanasios</b> |
| 09:00-09:30 | Multiple casualty trauma - The Boston Marathon attack | <b>Velmahos George</b>           |
| 09:30-10:00 | Military trauma                                       | <b>Gurney Jennifer</b>           |
| 10:00-10:30 | Break   |                                  |
| 10:30-13:30 | Hyper-realistic Simulation for multi-casualty trauma  | <b>Andersen Nikolai</b>          |



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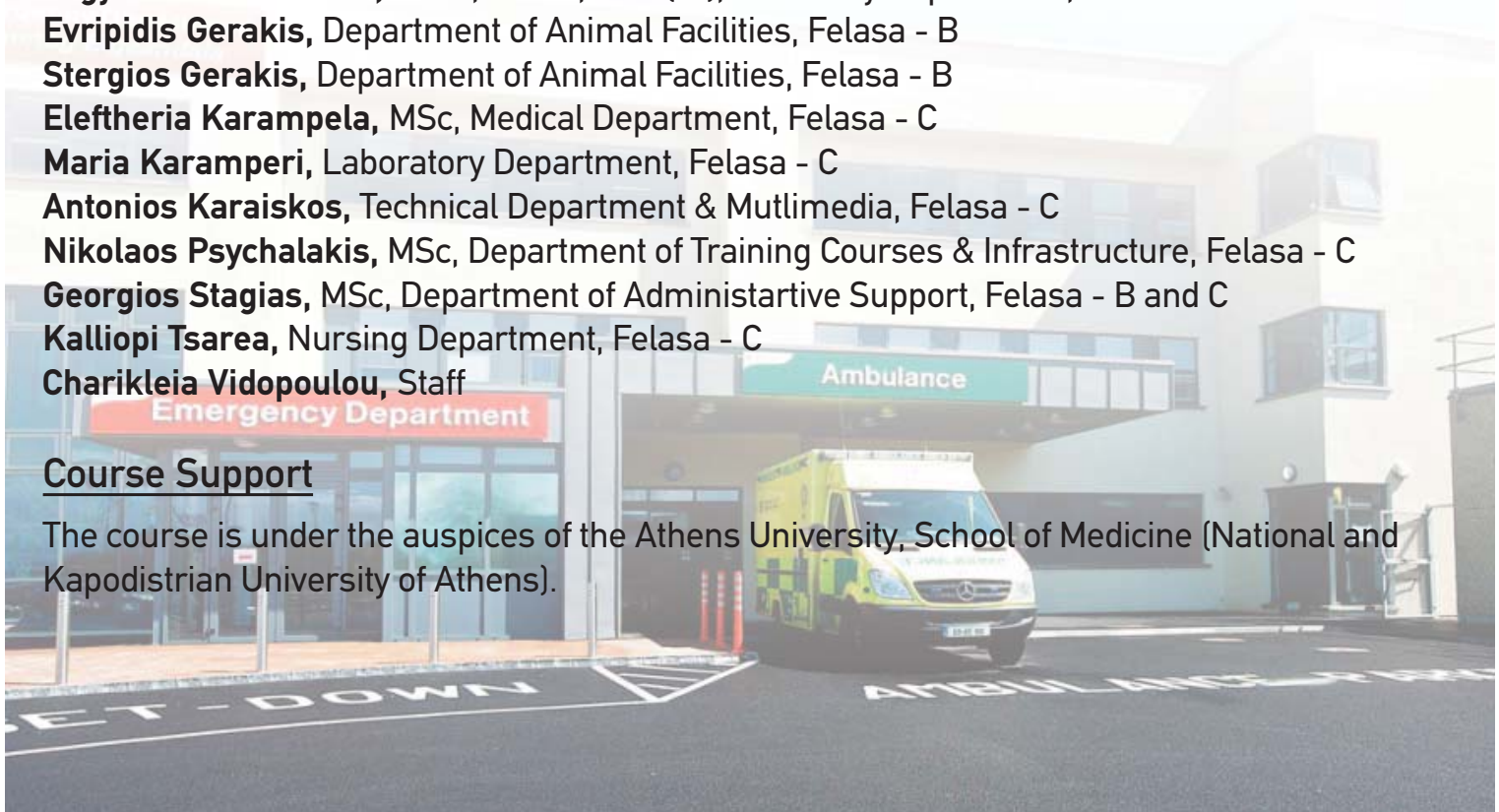
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