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BACKGROUND

St. Luke's Hospital, Thessaloniki, Greece, Head of Cardiac Surgery (1999- today)

Clinical experience of more than 15.000 cardiac operations (as operating surgeon) and more than a thousand thoracic operations

PhD on Mechanical Circulatory Support, University of Thrace, Greece (2006)

Bristol Heart Institute, Bristol, UK, Cardiac Surgeon, Consultant Senior Lecturer (1998-1999)

University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, UK, Cardiothoracic Senior Registrar (1996-1998)

South Cleveland Hospital, UK, Cardiothoracic Registrar (1994-1996)

Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, UK, Cardiothoracic SHO (1993-1994)

University Hospital of Lund, Sweeden, Cardiothoracic Registrar (1992-1993)

University Hospital of Patras, Greece, General Surgery Residency (1990-1992)

Member of the study group on Advanced Heart Failure of the Heart Failure of ESC (2005- 2010)

INTERESTS

- totally endoscopic mitral and tricuspid surgery
- minimally invasive aortic surgery
- TAVI and TMVR
- endoscopically assisted and minimally invasive off-pump coronary artery bypass surgery
- surgical treatment of heart failure
- adult congenital cardiac surgery
- surgery for HCM
- pulmonary endarterectomy

RESEARCH:

Citations at 25/10/2018:

	<i>All</i>	<i>Since 2013</i>
Citations	2585	977
h-index	17	12
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