

# Curriculum Vitae



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**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
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**EDUCATION:**

**25/09/2006 – 09/07/2012**      **Degree (ptychio) in Medicine, Hellenic Republic, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Department of Medicine, Greece.**

04/2010 – 08/2010      Medical School of Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität, Bonn Germany with the ERASMUS program, (9th Semester).

26/07/2012      **Licence to practice Medicine**, Reg. Numb: 1059. Hellenic Republic, Region of Central Greece. General Directorate of Public Health and Social Care, Greece.

## **POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS EXPERIENCE:**

20/09/2018 – 30/08/2022	<b>Master's degree in Health Professions Education,</b> FAIMER/Keele University, UK
04/09/2021 – 31/08/2022	<b>Healthcare Leadership Academy Scholar</b> – ILM7 equivalent
02/08/2017 - 01/08/2025	<b>Specialty Trainee in Neurosurgery,</b> Northern Deanery, UK
04/04/2016 - 01/08/2017	<b>Trust Doctor in Neurosurgery (ST1/2 equivalent)</b> in Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals
02/03/2015 - 24/02/2016	<b>General Surgery and A&amp;E (FY2 equivalent)</b> at Lamia General Hospital, Lamia, Greece.
01/05/2014 - 01/10/2014	While I was waiting to be appointed For my FY2-equivalent post in General Surgery, I started working in a Private Medical Clinic, called "Polukliniki Lamias", as the on call doctor for 8 days every month for the Medical Ward. Lamia, Greece
18/02/2013 - 30/08/2013	<b>Trainee at the Department of Accident and Emergency</b> at General Hospital of Lamia, Greece.
10/07/2012 – 15/02/2013	Member of the Volunteering Committee of Fthiotida Medical Association that provided free medical care to Care Homes for the elderly in Fthiotida county.
09/07/2012	Completion of my Medical Studies in the Medical School of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

## **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- In 2004 I was selected to represent the people of my province, Fthiotida, in the **Hellenic Youth Parliament** after a PanHellenic essay competition, where 23.000 Greek students took part worldwide for 300 posts.

During the works of this group, I had the opportunity to address a speech in front of the Greek Prime Minister and the members of the Greek Parliament, regarding the low level of traffic safety along the National Highway, especially in the part along the province that I come from and made suggestions for improvement.

- For the years 2001-2006 I was awarded with "Praises of Excellence" by the Hellenic Ministry of Culture, Education and Religious Affairs for having the highest scores in my class.
- At the year 2006 I graduated High School ***summa cum laude*** (GPA: 19.6/20) and I was the Valedictorian of my class.
- During my final year of Medical School (2011-2012) I was the **only undergraduate student** awarded with the **Lifelong Learning Program /Erasmus Placements scholarship**, which gave me the opportunity to do an elective in a university hospital in Europe. My choice was to do an elective in the Department of General Surgery at Nottingham City Hospital, United Kingdom.

## **CLINICAL ELECTIVES DURING MEDICAL SCHOOL:**

26/03/2012 – 20/04/2012	1 month clinical clerkship in the Department of General Surgery in Massachusetts General Hospital, <b>Harvard Medical School</b> , Boston, USA.
13/02/2012 – 25/03/2012	6 weeks in the Department of General Surgery at “Nottingham City Hospital”, with the <b>LLP/Erasmus Placements Scholarship</b> . Nottingham, United Kingdom.
01/07/2011 – 31/07/2011	1 month in the Neurosurgical Department of “Hospital Belen de Trujillo”, with the IFMSA program. Trujillo, Peru.
01/2011 – 06/2011	6 months in the Neurosurgical Department of “University Hospital AHEPA of Thessaloniki”. Thessaloniki, Greece.
27/05/2010 – 27/06/2010	4 weeks in the Neurosurgical Department of “Universitaets Klinikum Bonn” Head of Department: <b>Prof. Johannes Schramm</b> . Bonn, Germany.
11/08/2010 – 31/08/2010	3 weeks in the Neurosurgical Department of “Universitaets Klinikum Bonn” Head of Department: <b>Prof. Johannes Schramm</b> . Bonn, Germany.
09/2009 – 02/2010	6 months in the Neurosurgical Department of “Lamia General Hospital”, Lamia, Greece.

### **DISTINCTIONS:**

I graduated ***magna cum laude*** from the Medical School of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in July 2012 after completing 6 years of Medical studies.

### **POSTGRADUATE AWARDS:**

1. **National Award** by the **Hellenic Red Cross** (International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies) for starting and leading an institution in my district, where doctors can volunteer to visit and offer their services free of charge to elderly care homes in Fthiotida.

2. **National Award** by the **Hellenic Orthodox Church, Iera Mitropoli of Fthiotida** for starting and leading an institution in my district, where doctors can volunteer to visit and offer their services free of charge to elderly care homes in Fthiotida.

### **WORK COMMENDATIONS:**

29/06/2013

I received a '**Commendation**' from the hospital's Administration for immediately responding and coming to work while being on vacation, due to a massive motor vehicle accident that caused many fatalities and a great number of injured patients that needed immediate care.

### **POSTGRADUATE EXAMINATIONS/ DIPLOMAS::**

04/2014    **USMLE STEP 1:** 236 (99)

09/2014    **USMLE STEP 2 CK:** 248 (99)

11/2014    **USMLE STEP 2 CS:** Passed at first attempt

09/2016    **MRCS PART A:** Passed at first attempt

09/2016    **Good Clinical Practice Certificate in Secondary Care**

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

- ‘Trial of Dexamethasone for Chronic Subdural Haematomas’, Hutchinson et al. *New England Journal of Medicine*, Dec 2020, collaborator status
  
- ‘Post-traumatic bifrontoparietal extradural hematoma with superior sagittal sinus detachment - a case report and review of the literature’ Giannakaki Venetia, Triantafyllou Triantafyllos, Drossos Dimitrios, Papapetrou Konstantinos. *World Neurosurgery Journal*, (Impact factor: 2.878)
  
- ‘Surgical management of Severe Constipation due to Slow Transit and Obstructed Defecation Syndrome.’ Giannakaki V, Bordeianou L. Seminars in Colon & Rectal Surgery. doi:10.1053/j.scrs.2015.12.002
  
- Affiliations: Center for Pelvic Floor Disorders at the **Massachusetts General Hospital** and **Harvard Medical School**
  
- ‘Novel antimicrobial agents against multi-drug-resistant gram-positive bacteria: an overview.’ Giannakaki V, Miyakis S. Recent Pat Antiinfect Drug Discov. 2012 Dec 1;7(3):182-8. Review
  
- Novel antimicrobial agents against multi-drug-resistant gram-negative bacteria: an overview.’ Karas G, Giannakaki V, Kotsis V., Miyakis S. Recent Pat Antiinfect Drug Discov. 2012 Dec 1;7(3):175-81. Review.
  
- Vaccination against 2009 pandemic H1N1 influenza among healthcare workers in a tertiary hospital: rates, reasoning, beliefs.’ Miyakis S, Giannakaki V, Moustakidis E, Trelopoulou A, Trakatelli C, Kotsis V, Sion M J Hosp Infect. 2011 May;78(1):75-6. Epub 2011 Mar 15. (Impact Factor: 3.221)



## **RESEARCH:**

09.2017 - present	<b>Trainee-Principal Investigator</b> for the RVI in <b>Long term survivors of GBM project</b>
07/2017 - present	<b>Co-Principal Investigator</b> for the RVI for the <b>ENTICE - Evaluation of National Treatment and Investigation of Cauda Equina</b> project.
11/1/2017 - present	<b>Co-Principal Investigator</b> for the RVI in <b>BASICS trial</b> , a study to determine whether antibiotic or silver impregnated VP shunts reduce early infection (within 6 months) compared to standard VP shunt in hydrocephalus following insertion of de novo shunt
27/10/2016 - present	<b>Trainee-Principal Investigator</b> for the <b>DEX-CSDH trial</b> , a randomised, double blind, placebo-controlled trial of a two-week course of dexamethasone for adult patients with symptomatic CSDH by the British Neurosurgical Trainee Research Collaborative (BNTRC) and the National Institute for Health Research
03/10/2016	Retrospective study on the effect of cranioplasty on the cerebral ventricular system. Department of Neurosurgery, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne

01/05/2016 – 31/07/2016

**Principal Investigator** at the Neurosurgical Department of Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle upon Tyne for the **Residual Enhancing Disease in Glioblastoma (RED-GB)** National Service Evaluation & Long Term Survivors of GBM Project. The project was organised by the British Neurosurgical Trainee Research Collaborative.

01/03/2011 – 17/06/2011

I participated as a sub-Investigator in the International Research Project: **“Observation Study for the Assessment of Clinical Treatment Protocols in Hospitalized Patients with Community Acquired Pneumonia (CAP) or complicated Skin and Soft Tissue Infections (cSSTI) – REACH Study”**. Code Number NIS-IEU-DUM-2010, sponsored by ASTRAZENECA PHARMACEUTICALS.

### **ORAL PRESENTATIONS:**

04/12/2020 – 05/12/2020.

“Foramen Magnum Decompression for Chiari malformation, the Newcastle experience and review of the literature”

**Giannakaki V**

**British Syringomyelia-Chiari Group, Virtual Meeting, UK**

11/04/2018 – 13/04/2018

“Foramen Magnum Decompression for Chiari malformation. Is there a superior surgical technique? **Giannakaki V** et al.,

**Society of British Neurological Surgeons Meeting, Torquay, UK**

21/09/2016 – 23/09/2016.

**“Causation or coincidence? Glioma at the site of previous epilepsy surgery ”** **Giannakaki Venetia**, Solth Anna, Nicholson Claire, Joshi Abhit, Jenkins Alistair. Department of Neurosurgery, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.

**Society of British Neurological Surgeons Meeting, Stoke on Trent, UK** (also a Poster presentation)

09/06/2016 – 11/06/2016

**“Management of enteroatmospheric fistulas - a report of 2 cases”** **Giannakaki Venetia**, Mytis Georgios, Daskalopoulou Dimitra, Giannopoulos Ioannis, Papatriantafyllou Andreas, Mpaili Efstratia, Emmanouilidis Ioannis. Department of General Surgery, Lamia General Hospital, Lamia, Greece.

**“XX Conference of the European Society of Surgery (ESS 2016)”**, Naples, Italy

08/05/2015 – 10/05/2015

**“Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy under Spinal Anesthesia”** *Palialexi, L., **Giannakaki V.**, Daskalopoulou, D., Gewrgiou, X., Liakos, A., Giannopoulos, I., Zaxaris, K., Asour, A., Syka, E., Panagiwtakis, X., Emmanouilidis, I.* Department of General Surgery, Lamia General Hospital, Lamia, Greece.

**“11th Congress of Laparoscopic Surgery”**, Athens, Greece

05/2015

**“Fournier gangrene: emergency treatment - Our 5-year experience”**. *Mytis, G., Asour, A., **Giannakaki, V.**, Giannopoulos, I., Daskalopoulou, D., Zaxaris, K.,*

Gewrgiou, X., Katsimanis, K., Emmanouilidis, I.. (2015).  
Department of General Surgery, Lamia General Hospital, Lamia, Greece.

**“4th Panhellenic Congress for Surgical Infections”** Heraklion, Crete. Greece.

05/2015

**“Diabetic Foot: The role of the general surgeon and the importance of a multidisciplinary approach in a secondary hospital - Our 4-year experience”.** Mytis, G., Asour, A., Daskalopoulou, D., Giannopoulos, I., **Giannakaki, V.**, Zaxaris, K., Gewrgiou, X., Katsimanis, K., Emmanouilidis, I.. (2015). Department of General Surgery, Lamia General Hospital, Lamia, Greece.

**“4th Panhellenic Congress for Surgical Infections”** Heraklion, Crete, Greece.

➤ Awarded as the Best Oral Presentation of the Congress

05/2015

**“Socio-economic analysis of skin and soft tissue infections - our 5 year experience”.** Mytis, G., Zaxaris, K., Asour, A., Daskalopoulou, D., Giannopoulos, I., **Giannakaki, V.**, Gewrgiou, X., Katsimanis, K., Emmanouilidis, I.. (2015). Department of General Surgery, Lamia General Hospital, Lamia, Greece.

**“4th Panhellenic Congress for Surgical Infections”**, Heraklion, Crete, Greece.

20/08/2011

**“Endoscopic Transnasal Transsphenoidal Resection of Pituitary Adenomas: Initial Results”** Giannakaki V., Foroglou N. 1<sup>st</sup> Department of Neurosurgery, Aristotle University, AHEPA Hospital, Thessaloniki, Greece.

**“International Academic and Research Conference”**, Manchester, UK.

27/10/2011 – 30/10/2011

**“Spontaneous Spinal Epidural Hematomas: The Importance of Immediate Diagnosis and Treatment. Presentation of 3 Cases”**. Giannakaki V., Papapetrou K. Neurosurgical Department, Lamia General Hospital

**“5<sup>th</sup> Panhellenic Spine Conference”**. Paphos, Cyprus.

23/06/2011 – 25/06/2011

**“Endoscopic Transnasal Transsphenoidal Resection of Pituitary Adenomas: Initial Results”**. Foroglou N., Paraskevopoulos D., Spiliotopoulos A., Patsalas I., Magras I., Giannakaki V., Mpalogiannis I., Polizoidis K., Selviaridis P. 1<sup>st</sup> Department of Neurosurgery, Aristotle University, AHEPA Hospital, Thessaloniki, Greece.

**“25<sup>th</sup> Panhellenic Neurosurgical Conference”**, Athens, Greece.

16/05/2011

**“Low Grade Gliomas, an overview”**. Giannakaki V., Foroglou N. **“Meeting of the Department of Neurosciences of AHEPA University Hospital”**. Thessaloniki, Greece.

17/12/2010 – 18/12/2010

**“Vaccination against 2009 pandemic H1N1 influenza among Healthcare workers in a Tertiary Hospital: rates, reasoning, beliefs”**. Trakatelli C., Giannakaki V., Moustakidis E., Trelopoulou A., Kotsis V., Sion M., Miyakis S.

**“3<sup>rd</sup> Panhellenic Conference of the Medical Science Society-What is new in Medicine”**, Athens, Greece.

02/04/2009 – 05/04/2009

**“Levels of B12, folic acid and homocysteine in patients with Mild Cognitive Impairment”**. Giannakaki V., Tsolaki M., 3<sup>rd</sup> Neurological Department, Aristotle University, Papanikolalou Hospital

**“5<sup>th</sup> Scientific Conference of Aristotle University Medical School”** Thessaloniki, Greece.

09/05/2008 – 11/05/2008

**“Rho Proteins as Therapeutic Targets for Cancer”**

Giannakaki V., Mioglou K. E., Laboratory of Biological Sciences, Medical School, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

**“2<sup>nd</sup> International Forum for Medical Students and Young Doctors & 14<sup>th</sup> Panhellenic Scientific Conference for Medical Students”**, Athens Greece

20/04/2007 – 22/04/2007

**“Molecular Guardians for Protein Toxicity: Chaperones and Ubiquitin–Proteasome System”** Giannakaki V., Moisidis M., Mioglou K. E. Laboratory of Biological Sciences, Medical School, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

**“1<sup>nd</sup> International Forum for Medical Students and Young Doctors- 13<sup>th</sup> Panhellenic Scientific Conference for Medical Students”, Athens, Greece.**

**POSTERS:**

01/12/2015 – 04/12/2015

**“Giant colonic diverticulum - a rare cause of acute abdomen”.** Daskalopoulou D., Gewrgiou C., Giannakaki V., Giannopoulos I., Zacharis K., Chados T., Asour A., Katsimanis K., Mytis G., Emmanouilidis I.

**“9<sup>th</sup> European Colorectal Congress (ECC) 2015”** St. Gallen, Switzerland.

29/03/2012 – 01/04/2012

**“Post operative assessment of nasal wellbeing after trans-nasal endoscopic resection of pituitary adenomas”.** Venetia Giannakaki, Nicolas Foroglou, Iordanis Konstantinidis, Panagiotis Selviaridis, Ioannis Konstantinidis, Ioannis Patsalas .

**“5<sup>th</sup> World Congress for ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY of the brain, skull base and spine”** Vienna, Austria.

12/09/2010 – 15/09/2010

**“Vaccination against 2009 pandemic H1N1 influenza among Healthcare Workers in a Tertiary Hospital: rates, reasoning, beliefs”.** *Trakatelli C., Giannakaki V., Moustakidis E., Trelopoulou A., Kotsis V., Sion M., Miyakis S.*

**“50<sup>th</sup> Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy” – ICAAC 2010, Boston, USA.**

11/07/2009 – 16/07/2009

**“Demographic characteristics in Alzheimer’s Disease patients cannot predict the response in Cholinesterase Inhibitors Therapy”.** *Tsolaki M., Giannakaki V., Mihaelidou I., Siapera M., Vlaikidis N.*

**“International Conference on Alzheimer’s Disease”- ICAC 2009, Vienna, Austria.**

### **Experience with Teaching:**

My experience with teaching in Medicine started early on from my student years in Aristotle University Medical School, when I taught a group of my fellow students on Neuroanatomy models after lectures for the Neuroanatomy course during the 4th semester. I soon realized that my enthusiasm for the structure of the central nervous system and its possibilities had an amazing impact on them and helped them truly learn and not just memorize. I am proud to admit that our group had the highest scores in the oral examinations and the feedback I received from my peers was very enthusiastic. As a surgical trainee in Lamia General Hospital I was responsible to teach the medical students doing an elective in General Surgery in our hospital.



When I moved to the United Kingdom, I became **faculty at the Surgical Skills for Students Course** (SSS) organised by the **Royal College of Surgeons of England** and at the **Basic Surgical Skills course** held every 6 months in Greece, also organised by the **RCSEng** and the **University of Thessaly Medical School**. Furthermore, I taught medical students from Newcastle University how to perform neurological examination on patients, during the Neurosciences week. The responsible Consultant was Dr. Martin Duddy, Consultant Neurologist at the RVI.

Teaching is an integral part of medical training and the whole medical infrastructure relies on doctors helping to train and teach their junior colleagues, hence I hope in the future to be able to convey my knowledge and passion to both registrars and medical students alike.

### **Clinical audit**

- **“RED-GB National Service Evaluation & Long Term Survivors of GBM Project”**

*(Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals, United Kingdom, May-July 2016)*

There is growing evidence that residual enhancing disease (RED) on early post-operative MRI scans (within 72h of surgery) in glioblastoma patients is associated with decreased overall and progression free survival (Watts et al unpublished data, Stummer et al. 2012). Early re-operation (within one week of surgery) for residual enhancing disease has been shown to be feasible and safe (Schucht et al. 2013). The aims of this prospective multi-central audit are to identify current practices of neurosurgical oncology units in identifying and dealing with residual enhancing disease in glioblastoma patients intended for gross total resection (GTR) of their tumour.

- **“Do our operative notes follow the guidelines of the Royal College of Surgeons”**

*(Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals, United Kingdom, June 2016)*

As an SHO in the Neurosurgical Department of the Royal Victoria Infirmary, I come across operative notes on a daily basis and it soon became clear to me that there were elements that did not comply with the standard guidelines of the RCS. I, therefore, did an audit on the way the operative notes are filled and I presented the Curriculum Vitae, Dr Venetia Giannakaki, September 2017

results as well as made suggestions for improvement at the Audit Meeting of the Neurosurgical Department in July 2016. I closed the audit loop in October 2016.

- **“An audit on the appropriate procedure to receive blood cultures”** *(Lamia, September 2015)*

As a surgical trainee in the Department of General Surgery in Lamia General Hospital, I noticed that there was not a standard procedure in order to receive blood cultures from patients. To add more to it, we were informed by Microbiology that in two consecutive patients the blood cultures yielded more than 4 different bacteria and attributed it to possible contamination. Therefore, I proposed we did an audit on the way we were receiving blood cultures and compare it to the guidelines. It became clear that our lack of following the standard guidelines on the procedure resulted in more than the average false positive results and we implemented the appropriate changes. We would repeat the audit in 6 months to ensure that the standards are being met.

- **“Second Round of the audit on the appropriate procedure to receive blood cultures”**

*(Lamia, February 2016)*

In this second round of the audit the guidelines that we implemented on the previous audit were followed by the majority of the staff, the non-compliance rate was 8% and the results were already noticeable in the blood cultures results that we were receiving from Microbiology.

- **“What can we do to reduce our surgical turnover times?”** *(Nottingham, March 2012)*

While I was rotating at the Department of General Surgery in Nottingham City Hospital, I noticed that the time between two surgeries on a regular day was longer than the average of other hospitals. Furthermore, when I calculated the difference and multiplied it with the number of surgical days every year, it seemed that we were being counterproductive, losing a significant amount of what should have been surgical time to turnover. Therefore I received permission from my Consultant, Mr. Simon Parsons, to do an audit about what we were currently doing and what we should have been doing in order to become more efficient. I addressed every part of the procedure leading a patient from admission to the hospital to the operating table, spoke to the people involved in every step of the process and made a list of the problems I was presented with. Then, I

presented my findings to our weekly General Surgery Meeting and proposed solutions for improving our turn-over times

### **CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPE):**

#### **Courses – Workshops:**

25/07/17-27/07/17	<b>“Neurosurgical Spinal Cadaveric Course”</b> , a 3-day cadaveric course on open and minimally invasive approaches to the whole spine, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom
31/10/16-02/11/16	<b>“Operative Skills in Neurosurgery”</b> , this 3-day cadaveric course is organised by the Royal College of Surgeons of England, London, United Kingdom
31/10/16-02/11/16	<b>“Care for the Critically Ill Surgical Patient Course”</b> , organised by the Royal College of Surgeons, Wolverhampton, United Kingdom
15//9/2016	<b>“Cadaveric Pituitary Gland Surgery Course”</b> , organised at Newcastle Surgical Training Center, Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom
09/9/2016	<b>“ALERT course”</b> , organised at the Chelsey and Westminster Hospital, London, United Kingdom

14/04/2016	<b>“Functional Neurosurgery Study Day”</b> , by the Department of Neurosciences, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom
20/11/2015 – 21/11/2015	<b>“Basic Surgical Skills” (BSS)</b> , by the Royal College of Surgeons of England. This course took place at Iaso General Hospital by a collaboration of the Royal College of Surgeons of England with the University of Thessaly Medical School, Larissa, <i>Greece</i> .
27/02/2015 -01/03/2015	<b>“Advanced Trauma Life Support Course” (ATLS)</b> . I have completed the ATLS course and I am certified by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma. The certification is valid for 4 years Thessaloniki, <i>Greece</i> .
13/04/2011 – 15/04/2011	<b>“Neurosurgical Anatomy of the Skull and Brain. Advanced Neurosurgical Approaches Cadaveric Workshop”</b> organized by the Hellenic Neurosurgical Society and the Neurosurgical Department of “Evangelismos” General Hospital-University of Athens. 18 CMEs, Athens, <i>Greece</i> .
10/09/2011 – 11/09/2011	<b>“2<sup>nd</sup> International Cadaveric Workshop in Neuroendoscopy”</b> organized by International Federation of Neuroendoscopy (IFNE), Athens, <i>Greece</i> .

15/08/2011 – 19/08/2011	<b>“Future Excellence International Medical Summer School”</b> organized by Doctors Academy and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Manchester, <i>UK</i> .
17/08/2011	<b>“Essentials of Life Support Workshop”</b> organized by Doctors Academy, Manchester, <i>UK</i> .
17/08/2011	<b>“Essentials of Trauma Management”</b> organized by Doctors Academy, Manchester, <i>UK</i> .
17/08/2011	<b>“Laparoscopic Skills Workshop”</b> organized by Doctors Academy, Manchester, <i>UK</i> .
17/08/2011	<b>“Surgical Skills Workshop”</b> organized by Doctors Academy, Manchester, <i>UK</i> .
02/04/2011	<b>“Suturing Techniques and Management of Surgical Wounds and Lacerations”</b> organized by the Department of Plastic Surgery of “Papageorgiou General Hospital of Thessaloniki”-Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece.
08/04/2011	<b>“Basic Neurosurgical Skills - Cadaveric Workshop”</b> organized by the Neurosurgical Department of “Ippokrateio General Hospital”-Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece.

05/04/2011

**“BLS/AED Provider Course”** organized by the European Resuscitation Council in AHEPA University Hospital of Thessaloniki, Greece.

**Volunteer Experience:**

05/2012- 06/2012

In the month that I spent in Stylida Rural Health Care Center from May to June 2012 as part of my Medical School’s curriculum, I had the opportunity to visit many Romani people camps as well as other minorities that live below the poverty line and offer them free vaccinations for all children and physical examination for every child and adult. We also gave them free medication for common health care issues and packs of food and clothing supplies that the people of the province were kind enough to donate. *Supervisor, Dr. Nikolaos Diamantis. MD*

10/2007-05/2008

The medical students of Aristotle University issue 2 magazines every year, freely distributed to every student, that feature a wide variety of themes, such as the newest developments in Medicine, interviews from distinguished doctors of every specialty, day to day student issues and information, upcoming Medical Conferences, Culture columns and many more. I regularly wrote articles in the magazine but also, in the years 2007-2008 I was part of the Editorial Board.

11/2006- 02/2012

Member of HelMSIC, the Greek Medical Student Association, part of the International Federation of Medical Student Associations (IFMSA). Apart from the main role of these associations, that were created in order to enable exchange pro-

grams for medical students all around the world, we organized campaigns to educate other medical students and the citizens of Thessaloniki about medical issues such as: HIV/AIDS, breast and cervical cancer prevention, smoking cessation, mental disorders etc. These campaigns were held in public places, usually public squares, and included video projections, leaflets, speeches of specialists in each subject, talking and explaining key points to every interested individual and finally and most importantly, in association with our Professors, we would offer the opportunity for free Pap smears, HPV vaccination to appropriate candidates and smoking cessation counseling.

#### **HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:**

Apart from my dedication to Medicine my other passion is Photography. It is an art that I truly admired so far I have had many distinctions in international contests. I also love to travel in different parts of the world, experience different cultures and meet new people and I always find time to visit art exhibitions or go to the theatre and cinema. Furthermore, I play the drums, have a blue belt in Tae Kwon Do and I have attended ballet classes for 8 years. My favourite kind of music is jazz.

#### **LANGUAGES:**

- Greek (native)
  
- English (fluently)
  - *Certificate of Proficiency in English, University of Cambridge, ESOL 2003*
  - *IELTS score 8.5 (Reading: 9, Listening: 8.5, Writing: 7.5, Speaking: 8), Thessaloniki 31st October 2015*
  
- German (advanced)
  - *Mittelstufe Sprachdiplom, GOETHE INSTITUT 2003*
  
- Spanish (basic)

#### **IT SKILLS:**

- Excellent knowledge of Microsoft Office: Windows, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Internet navigation.

#### **REFEREES:**

1. Mr Alistair Jenkins, President of the Society of British Neurological Surgeons

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