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GENERAL INFORMATION

Centre of Excellence in Haemoglobinopathies, Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Disease, (Patient Care Unit, Population Screening Unit, Genetic Lab) is unique in Greece and it provides healthcare services on all aspects of Hemoglobinopathies prevention and adult patients care in a single department.

Prevention strategies: population screening, couples at risk identification, molecular/prenatal diagnostics, genetic counseling.

Patients care: High quality medical care services are provided to patients with Haemoglobinopathies by qualified personnel: lab investigations, RBC/exchange transfusions, iron chelation therapies, complications management, patient tailored therapy.

Collaborations with: Blood Bank, Inpatient Departments, biological material Transfer Service, Emergency Assistance National Centre, Patients Associations.

Priorities: multidisciplinary approach, patient centered care, quality of life. Participation in international multicenter clinical trials, research activities.

As National Hemoglobinopathies prevention program Leader Center, scientifically coordinates a network of 14 peripheral Prevention Units which apply common diagnostic guidelines. The Units perform screening tests and refer samples for molecular diagnosis to the Centre, which is responsible for ongoing education, performance monitoring, seminars organization. This collaboration has achieved the decrease of new affected births to <10 annually.

Vision: - Public awareness - Novel non-invasive prenatal diagnosis and other methodologies development – Patient & families education – New treatments development, quality of life improvement, prolonged survival - Healthcare professionals (pre/postgraduate) education/training.