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He was born in Athens in 1981 and graduated from the Medical School of the University of Rome "La Sapienza" (Italy) in 2005. He is board-certified as Thoracic Surgeon since 2010 from the Medical School of the University of Rome "La Sapienza" (Italy) after five years of training at the Thoracic Surgery Department of the "Policlinico Umberto I" University Hospital in Rome (Italy). He also obtained the PhD degree from University of Rome "Sapienza" in 2015 after discussion of his doctoral thesis on the subject of "Thoracic Trauma".

He underwent further training in adult and pediatric thoracic surgery—including lung transplantation—at the Department of Thoracic Surgery (Prof. Dr. T. Lerut) of the UZ Leuven Gasthuisberg University Hospital (Belgium, 07/2009 – 12/2009). He also participated in the experimental laboratory focused on lung transplantation, conducting research on "Ex-vivo lung perfusion – reconditioning of injured lungs" at UZ Leuven Gasthuisberg (Belgium) under Prof. D. Van Raemdonck (07/2009 – 12/2009). Furthermore, during his medical residency (10/2005 – 10/2010), he received additional training in Lung Transplantation at the Department of Thoracic Surgery and Lung Transplantation at the "Policlinico Umberto I" University Hospital in Rome (Italy).

He served as Consultant in Thoracic Surgery at the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery of the "Papanikolaou" General Hospital (Thessaloniki, 08/2013 – 08/2017). From 08/2017, he serves as **Consultant in Thoracic Surgery** in University Hospital "AHEPA" (Thessaloniki).

Since the academic year 2024–2025, he holds the position of **"Clinical Reader in Cardiothoracic Surgery"** within the English-language Undergraduate Medical Program at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH). His role involves teaching (including both didactic and clinical activities and the conduct of clinical practice) for the "Cardiothoracic Surgery" course during the 7th (winter) semester. Additionally, his teaching activities include delivering lectures for the following AUTH postgraduate program:

- **"Extracorporeal Circulation Techniques – Cardiac Surgery Device Technology"**, Academic years 2018–2019, 2019–2020, and 2020–2021.
- **"Advanced Cardiopulmonary Applications – Extracorporeal Circulation Techniques"**, Academic years 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026.

- Inter-institutional Postgraduate Program (AUTH School of Medicine and Democritus University of Thrace Department of Social Work) **"Management and Organization of Health and Social Care Services"**, Academic years 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024.

He also had a total of 60 scientific presentation in national (37) and international (23) conferences and served as a speaker at 50 conferences and symposia (national and international; he has also published in Greek (2) and international journals (23; I.F. 237.79, citation index 106, h-index 6, SCOPUS). Moreover, he serves as Chairman for the Innovation Working Group of the Hellenic Cardio-Thoracic Society (2024-2026).

His fields of interest include lung cancer, tracheal surgery, thoracoscopy/VATS, bronchoscopy, thoracic trauma, esophageal surgery, and lung transplantation.