

11th March 2008

To Whom it May Concern,

Re: Mr Emmanouil Zacharakis son of Stavros, DOB: 22/03/1972

**FELLOWSHIP in ADVANCED LAPAROSCOPIC & UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL SURGERY
(1st May 2007 to 4th Nov 2007)**

Mr Emmanouil Zacharakis was employed as a Fellow/Senior Registrar in Advanced Laparoscopic & Upper Gastrointestinal (GI) Surgery at the Academic Surgical Unit, St Mary's Hospital, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, from 1st of May 2007 to 4th of November 2007 under the direction of Professor Lord Ara Darzi and Mr George Hanna.

This appointment is subject to the Terms and Conditions of Service of Hospital Medical and Dental Staff of England and Wales and General Medical Council conditions of service and it is pensionable in accordance with the NHS Pension regulations 1995. The post is whole time and attracts a salary that is in accordance with the current NHS scale. It also involves on-call commitment for General surgery at a Registrar level in a 1:8 rota. The above-mentioned post is recognised by the Royal College of Surgeons of England and is compliant with the Directive 93/16 of the EEC for sub-specialist training in General Surgery.

The Upper GI Team of the Academic Surgical Unit comprises 3 Consultant Surgeons and in accordance with the NHS Executive's Improving Outcomes Guidance for Upper GI cancer and the decision by the West London Cancer Network, provides centralised oesophago-gastric cancer surgery as a specialist centre. This includes referrals from Hammersmith Hospitals, Ealing, Hillingdon, Royal Brompton and Harefield and North West London Hospitals.

The above mentioned post had significant clinical commitment both in emergency and elective surgical work. During the term of the Fellowship in Advanced Laparoscopic & Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery, Mr Zacharakis ran the delivery of the clinical service as a Senior Registrar in the Department and coordinated care on the ward in conjunction with the junior staff and Consultants in the department. During this time Mr Zacharakis specialized in Advanced Laparoscopic and Upper GI surgery and acquired experience in General Surgery as described below.

Mr Zacharakis received training and gained significant experience, while in post, in radical oncological surgery for upper gastrointestinal cancer including: total and subtotal D2 gastrectomies, sub-total/two-stage oesophagectomies (Ivor-Lewis) and total/three-stage oesophagectomies. He was also trained in advanced laparoscopic procedures and specifically in: laparoscopic (Nissen) funduplications, laparoscopic (Heller) oesophagomyotomies, thoracoscopic oesophagectomies and thoracoscopic sympathectomies. He also performed a significant number of laparoscopic hernia repairs, laparoscopic cholecystectomies, staging laparoscopies and laparoscopic appendicectomies.

During this period Mr Zacharakis became an independent operator, performing regular operating lists without needing supervision. In addition to the operative workload, during this time Mr Zacharakis was involved in the delivery of service in three upper GI/ general surgery out-patients clinics per week, each with up to 40 patients attending.

As a Senior Registrar he had also been responsible for the running of surgical firms, supervision of senior and pre-registration house officers, and liaising effectively with other medical, paramedical and managerial staff at various levels in order to maintain the smooth running of the firm. He has undertaken various routine and more specialized administrative tasks as discharge summaries, junior staff rota, operating session planning, waiting list management and initiatives, implementing and running of clinical audit systems.

He also participated as a Senior Registrar in General Surgery for the point of view of surgical emergencies where he ran the emergency general surgery cover in a 1:8 rota and performed a wide variety of urgent surgical procedures independently. This offered him extensive exposure to the management of all acute surgical emergencies including surgical trauma, since St Mary's is one of the largest central London teaching hospitals accepting emergency admissions on a daily basis.

Mr Zacharakis is reliable, hard working, diligent and certainly a team player. Both medical and nursing staff rated him very highly and the patients fully trusted him. He has outstanding communication skills and natural leadership ability.



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