

14<sup>th</sup> March 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

**Ref: Mr Emmanouil Zacharakis**

I am pleased to be able to write the reference for Mr Emmanouil Zacharakis. In fact, he has been a consultant colleague of mine for over many years at Imperial College Healthcare Trust.

On the clinical front, he is a very skilful surgeon with an excellent reputation for general and upper gastrointestinal surgery. Based on the published national data on the outcome of surgery in gastric and oesophageal cancers, he has the lowest mortality and morbidity rates, and the best long-term survival rate. He is also very gifted in performing a large number of laparoscopic general and upper GI operations, and increasingly HPB cases, which is hardly ever undertaken by most of his peers due to technical challenges and difficulties related to gastro and oesophageal operations. He has published extensively in his field and lectured regularly at international conference.

On the academic front, he has built a strong research team in collaboration with some very eminent people in the field in upper GI cancer. He is invited regularly to give lectures nationally and internationally, and has a strong track record of excellent publications not only in surgical/medical but also scientific journals. For teaching, he is highly praised by surgical trainees and the training post with him is well sought after among general surgical trainees. He is also an active member of Royal College of Surgeons.

In addition to a first class achievement, Emmanouil Zacharakis has strong personal qualities to offer. He is courteous, friendly and highly conscientious, and is hugely popular among his peers. I recommend him with enthusiasm without any reservation.

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