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Silver Award for the Hematology Clinic - Public CBBC of the University Hospital of Heraklion

Silver award for the **University Hospital of Heraklion (PAGNI)** - Hematology Clinic for the 'HLA Mapping of the Population of Crete and increasing donor diversity by enriching the **Public Cord Blood Bank of Crete (CBBC)** with rare HLAs' in the category 'Research Projects in Hospitals' at the **HealthCare Business Awards 2021**, on Monday, September 20, 2021.

The Awards brought together more than 300 representatives from academia, the research community and pharmaceutical industry, nonprofit organisations and associations. Chair of the Award Committee this year was former Prime Minister, Member of the Academy of Athens Prof Lukas Papademos. Present at the awards ceremony were Alternate Minister of Health and the General Secretaries of Primary HealthCare and Health Services respectively.

Deputy Executive Vice President of PAGNI, Surg Dr S. Kteniadakis commented: «Stem cells (that is HSCs extracted from the umbilical cord) can be used both by the donor himself or by anyone in need, for treatments and in many life-threatening diseases in children and adults.

The operation of the Public CBBC in a Public Hospital indicates the human-centric approach of the health system and that HSCTs save lives, especially among children. The aim and intention of the Ministry of Health is to actively support and highlight the work of the Public CBBC as well approach new donors and the further development of infrastructures.

We, particularly at the University Hospital of Heraklion, are proud and fully committed with the activities of the Hematology Department & Clinic - Public CBBC and those of Prof Dr Helen Papadaki and promise our immense support in the future plans of its development and expansion. »

Prof. Dr Helen Papadaki of the Hematology Department & Clinic - Public CBBC said: «the Management of the University Hospital of Heraklion supports the work of the Hematology Department – Public CBBC. The honorary distinction of Services and Research Projects of the Public Health system during difficult times, motivates us to continue our efforts. The project that was awarded refers to the HLA mapping of the population of Crete and under the continuous support of PAGNI and the University of Crete Medical School, was financed by the Region of Crete through the 7th Health Region of Crete (HRC). Equally important has been the contribution of FORTH Institute of Computer Science. The project highlights the important genetic diversity of the population of Crete and the need to attract HSCs donors and cord blood donors from Crete, to successfully enrich Registries with rare HLAs for patients with hematologic conditions of Cretan descent. We would like to request Government to support Public CBBC and provide permanent staff. Furthermore, we wish to thank PAGNI and the 7th HRC for the auxiliary staff provided».

Images from the award ceremony are available [here](#) and [here](#)

Banner PAGNI-CBBC available [here](#)

Video of the HealthCare Business Awards 2021 available [here](#)



Public Cord Blood Bank of Crete (CBBC)
Haematology Department of the University Hospital of Crete



News release and detailed info about the HealthCare Business Awards 2021:

<https://www.healthcareawards.gr/>

Significance of regional population HLA immunogenetic datasets in the efficacy of umbilical cord blood banks and marrow donor registries: a study of Cretan HLA genetic diversity <https://bit.ly/HLAefficacy>

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