

ALEXANDER ABOUT THE CTO MISSION IN ATHENS, GREECE

Conversation with Dr. Alexander Passalidis | Pediatric Surgeon

[Point of view, pediatric surgeon, Alexander Passalidis]

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Here we are. I am Alexander Passalidis, pediatric surgeon, Director of the Second Pediatric Surgery Department of the Panagiotis & Aglaia Kyriakou Children's Hospital in Athens, Greece. I'm also the Director of the Surgical Sector of the hospital.

Here we are because we had organized a session, 2-day session with Professor Marc Levitt from Washington DC, Washington University. And we had to operate on babies and children with anorectal malformations. We have made operations for the first time, the so-called SARP [sagittal anorectoplasty], we also made some corrections of all the operations which have been failed, and also, we corrected some other difficult cases, complications, and we did a great job.

We are very grateful to Professor Levitt for his assistance and help, and we are very satisfied with the result, because all these children have suffered a lot, and probably, they had to undergo many operations for correction of their malformation, or they probably, they would have to go to a specialized center as in Washington for example, to correct their deficiencies. Now we have made more than 10 children, and we operated on them. I think we successfully corrected many of these deficiencies.

We are grateful to Professor Levitt and the CTO organization, and all the people coming, nurses, volunteers, and many others, who did a great job here in our hospital in operating the children and also painting walls, offering in many different ways. So very pleased and grateful to them all. We hope that we can continue doing these things as long as we can for the benefit of the seriously ill children. Thank you very much for that, and thanks for the offer they made to us all these days- being with us, working hard, doing difficult things, and teaching us some new methods of correcting these malformations. Thank you again!