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Dr Starakis has a perennial educational work , both at undergraduate and postgraduate level. He has also participated in seminars to physicians and postgraduate programs in a number of regional hospitals. He also is a speaker at several local and nation-wide Medical Conferences and scientific events.

The research field of Dr. Starakis focuses on Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases. He is participating in the research activities of the Infectious Diseases Divison of Patras University hospital, and has also participated in many international polycentric research protocols / clinical trials.

From 01/09/1994 to 01/09/1995 he was trained in the prevention and control of nosocomial infections at Clatterbridge Hospital, Wirral, NHS Trust, England. He became familiar with the diagnostic techniques of the Microbiology department and also was fully integrated in the Hospital Infections Control Group and was also visiting the satellite hospital Arrow Head with particular focus on the Hematology - Oncology Unit and ICU.

He was trained in the design and implementation of all operational procedures and practices for identifying and controlling outbreaks of nosocomial infections. As a consequence of this engagement, he was participated in a multivariate planning of national scale to revise and upgrade existing clinical standards for the recognition, documentation and treatment of infections.

The result of Dr. Starakis research activity is the harvest of 79 publications in International Medical Journals and six publications in Greek Medical Journals.

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He is also the writer of two medical manuals and seven medical book chapters and he has several participations as a speaker in Greek and International Medical Conferences. Since 1995 he is a member of the Hellenic Infection Control Group and has been a member of Greek CDC in 2002 and 2003. Since 2010 and after an invitation, he is collaborating with the Netherlands Organisation for Health Research

and Development (ZonMw) as an external referee of research proposals within the scope of the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme. The aim of the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme is to promote innovation in the academic research field. All proposals received by ZonMw are evaluated by scholars of excellent reputation. Based on these assessments it is determined which proposals will receive funding. He is a member of the Editorial Board in three English Medical Journals, an invited Guest Editor in four English Medical Journals and reviewer in seventeen English Medical Journals.

Since 2008, I am collaborating with the **Health Information Research Unit at McMaster University**, British Columbia, Canada, as an independent reviewer of scientific articles and endeavours. My evaluations are used for the preparation of evidence-based journals and texts, including the following:

- *ACP Journal Club*, ACP Journal Club PLUS, and PIER for the American College of Physicians;
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- **Obesity** and Pre-**Obesity** for the Canadian Obesity Network

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