



LEA REGIONAL
MEDICAL CENTER

MEDIA RELEASE

Contact: Shannon Bush
Director of Marketing
575.492.5102 (office)
575.441.7786 (cell)
575.492.5505 (fax)
Shannon.Bush@learegionalmedical.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

LEA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER ADDS GENERAL & ENDOCRINE SURGEON TO MEDICAL STAFF

HOBBS, NM (August 30, 2017) – Lea Regional Medical Center is pleased to welcome Agathoklis “Athos” Konstantinidis, M.D., specializing in general and endocrine surgery to Hobbs. Dr. Konstantinidis is the only physician in the State of New Mexico to have completed a fellowship in the specialized endocrine surgery field. He will be seeing patients at Southeastern New Mexico Surgery, part of the Lea Regional Medical Group.

Dr. Konstantinidis relocates to Hobbs with his wife, Kelly from Durham, NC where he was completing a fellowship at Duke University Medical Center in Endocrine Surgery. Originally from Greece, Konstantinidis served in the Greek Air Force before attending medical school at National and Kapodistrian University Medical School of Athens. He came to the United States in 2009 to complete a research fellowship at the University of Southern California Medical Center Department of Surgery.

Dr. Konstantinidis and his wife are expecting their first child later this year. “My wife and I are thrilled to be starting our family here in the great community of Hobbs,” Dr. Konstantinidis stated. “I’m excited to bring new, innovative treatments of thyroid diseases to the region.”

Endocrine Surgery is the discipline of surgical management of endocrine (e.g. thyroid, parathyroid, and adrenal glands) disorders. Specialists in this field study the disease process, and develop technical mastery of comprehensive care and surgical treatment of endocrine disease of the neck and abdomen.

“We’re delighted to have Dr. Konstantinidis join the network of healthcare providers employed by Lea Regional,” LRMC CEO Tim Thornell said. “In addition to being a general surgeon, Dr. Konstantinidis has completed a fellowship in endocrine surgery and will be the only surgeon in the State of New Mexico with the specialized training to perform surgeries on the thyroid, parathyroid, and adrenal glands. It is my belief that patients from all over New Mexico and West Texas will travel to Hobbs to see Dr. Konstantinidis.”

Dr. Konstantinidis will begin seeing patients on August 30, 2017. He will join Dr. Soon Kim, General Surgeon at the Southeastern New Mexico Surgery Clinic (soon to be Lea Regional Medical Group: Surgery) located at 5419 N. Lovington Highway, Building 1, Suite 4. You may schedule an appointment by calling, 575.392.3200 or go to www.myhobbsd.com.

Lea Regional Medical Center

Lea Regional Medical Center opened its doors in 1974 and has been providing quality care to the residents of Lea County for over 40 years. LRMC is licensed for more than 200 beds and offers: cardiac care, general and outpatient surgery, laboratory services, radiological services, emergency department services, a skilled nursing facility, behavioral health unit, and women's services (labor & delivery as well as gynecological care). In 2014 LRMC earned the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care Accreditation for Chest Pain Center; one of only eight hospitals in the State of New Mexico. In 2015 LRMC became the first and only hospital in the State of New Mexico to earn an accreditation in Heart Failure. LRMC became a certified Stroke Center in 2015 and was re-certified this year.

###