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- 1) All protective measures (such as wearing masks,) against Covid-19 have been abolished in the means of transport, in the public spaces, except in the healthcare establishments.
- 2) A new Law has passed regarding the Primary Healthcare which enables public sector hospital doctors to open a private practice and cooperate with private clinics and hospitals under certain conditions. In addition, it enables hospitals to contract with private physicians who are not full-time.
- 3) The Panhellenic Medical Association achieved to put pressure to update a law to protect physicians from lawsuits during the Covid period.
- 4) Violence against doctors and healthcare professionals at their workplace is a widespread phenomenon, present in many countries all over the world. The Panhellenic Medical Association has launched a big awareness campaign with posters in every hospital and healthcare establishment and together with all the local Medical Associations of Greece have proposed to the Greek government, among others, the following measures:
- a) The main goal is to staff the healthcare services with sufficient and permanent medical, nursing, and other staff, who will be able to provide reliable services to citizens. This measure will drastically reduce the waiting time in the Emergency Units and the waiting list for surgeries and other medical procedures (eg radiotherapy), two problems which usually cause incidents of violence.
- b) Entering clinics and laboratories by typing a code at security doors.
- c) Emergency button at the Departments of Emergency Healthcare Services and entry gates, which will alert the nearest police station in case of emergency.



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- d) Sufficient staff for the Hospitals guarding with trained personnel, who will be regularly retrained.
- e) It is also of great importance the establishment of observation posts of violence incidents in healthcare units.
- 5) The Panhellenic Medical Association has pointed out the need for immediate recruitment of permanent medical staff to support the National Healthcare System and the harmonization of the physician's salary to the eurozone levels.

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