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I have been a Professor of Pediatrics-Adolescent Medicine in the U.S.A., Director and Chief of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine programs in the U.S.A. Also, I have been a Visiting Professor of Adolescent Medicine at your Institution, as I have been collaborating with your local key persons on developing the theme of Adolescent Medicine in your country. I have published extensively in this field that includes articles and books on adolescent medicine as well as books on related fields, such as Pediatric Endocrinology, Pediatric Cardiology, Pediatric Nephrology, Pediatric Gastroenterology and other areas. Thus, I have had considerable opportunity to study Adolescent Medicine and other specialties in the field of Pediatrics.

I provide this document to you to state that the medical subspecialty of *Adolescent Medicine* is unique and quite hard to obtain as well as practice, having to meet all physical, psychological, developmental, and social needs of the adolescent. The special needs of the adolescent population, the scientific progress in the field and the societal changes over the past century have each played a role in the genesis and growth of this new field.

As informed by the Board of G.S.A.M., I congratulate you on the first full professorship position in your institution: "*Pediatrics-Adolescent Medicine.*" Also, I strongly recommend you build a safety net for this field as ***there is a major hazard of having various specialties that may include this age range in their practice and scientific work to claim to be "Adolescent Medicine"***.

Based on the American Board of Pediatrics certification there are ***12 core domains that give 75% of the accreditation*** and one must have all these domains in training and education, in order to proceed with any Adolescent Care. These include training in:

- Mental Health and Behavioral Health
- Addictive disorders

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- Violence and abuse
- Parent counseling regarding high risk behaviors
- Disordered eating
- Developmental Health (e.g. school life challenges, bullying, ADHD and treatment, Learning difficulties, Autism spectrum, institutional stress and anxiety, panic attacks, others)

These areas are clearly *prerequisites and are mandatory for practicing Adolescent Medicine. These are basic core knowledge domains and all other somatic or general knowledge (25% of the accreditation) are well framed by the prior fields.*

Other specialties may cover core domains through multidisciplinary groups or settings; however, this does not - in any way - consist of an efficient way to practice and teach Adolescent Medicine in any University in my expert viewpoint.

Having put in this letter the main points that you have to insure on the election of the first position of Adolescent Medicine in Greece for full Professorship, I look forward to any future collaboration of additional aid. I include a partial list of the books I have edited in Pediatrics to support my views and expertise.

Sincerely yours



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