

COMPANY PROFILE FORM	
Name	Research Diagnostics
Short profile	<p><i>Our battle against all kinds of diseases could not be realized without the immense investment in research on behalf of pharmaceutical companies. Research, which in turn, would not be feasible in the absence of clinical trials, conducted as well in Public or Academic as in Private Hospitals. One of the most important parameters for the success of a clinical study is the reliability of the laboratory analyses results of the volunteers that take part in it.</i></p> <p>The foundation of Research Diagnostics, a model center of biological parameters analyses – Spin-off Company of the University of Athens - creates an opportunity for Greece to become more active in the research activities of the National and International Pharmaceutical Companies, participating as a Central Laboratory in their clinical studies, in the frame of new drug development. Research Diagnostics counts only few months of operation, however, its people have long experience in research and academia. Dr. Nikolaos Drakoulis scientific director of the laboratory and Professor of Clinical Pharmacology of the University of Athens explained to us that the know-how acquired in all past years, has been incorporated henceforth in the operation of Research Diagnostics: "Our vision is to become a partner of the local and international pharmaceutical Industry for the successful conduct of clinical studies in the Balkans and South-Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Northern Africa".</p> <p>The business plan of Research Diagnostics, with a budget of 2 million €, is subsidised in 50% by European and national resources (the other 50% is covered by private investors) in the frame of Operational Program "Competitiveness" of the Ministry of Development. Research Diagnostics is not a common laboratory, in the way laboratories have been perceived so far. It is not a diagnostic center, such as the ones that we may come across the whole of the country. It constitutes a specialized lab exclusively for people taking part in clinical trials The facts that distinguish Research Diagnostics from the "usual" diagnostic centres are: the accreditation - according to the highest international specifications - in the all processes (it is the only central laboratory for clinical studies in Greece that is accredited with ISO17025/2005 from the Hellenic Accreditation System, ESYD), the use of advanced technologies in the all levels (complete automation and robotics technology) and, of course, the much larger number of analyses that can be simultaneously measured (Research Diagnostics is capable of conducting over 17,000 tests on any biological sample every day). The infrastructure of Research Diagnostics is of highest standard: series of "state of the art" analytical equipment for all kinds measurements, completely automated and robotic, ISO certified and connected in a complex system of computers with possibility of tele-control and information exchange via Internet, "are served" by experienced personnel and supported by a superb technological infrastructure that includes, among others, special electrical installation including central uninterruptible Power Supply and generator, autonomous air conditioning, advanced security systems and a facility that produces over 1 ton of ultra clean de-ionized water, which is essential for the smooth operation of the equipment. Prof. Drakoulis explained that reliable results of laboratory tests in clinical studies reassure that an active substance will continue its way to become medicine and to develop commercial.</p>
Research and Development Activity:	Research Diagnostics, in collaboration with the Greek and International Pharmaceutical Industry, the academic and private Hospitals and Regulatory authorities (EOF, EMEA), creates the conditions, in order to tune Greece into a center of attraction for the conduct of clinical trials on new drugs, new medicinal products
Partner search with activity in the following research areas:	Clinical trials on new drugs, new medicinal products
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