Appendix A2

Quality Policy for the Development and Improvement of the Joint Postgraduate Programme “Endovascular Techniques”

Quality Policy of the Academic Unit for the Development and Improvement of the Joint Postgraduate Programme "Endovascular Techniques" of the School of Medicine, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

The Quality Assurance Policy of the School of Medicine is fully aligned with the quality policy of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA). The School of Medicine is therefore firmly dedicated and committed to providing high-quality Greek- and foreign-language higher education to the students who choose it, by organising and delivering undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes of high academic standards and significant added value, in both Greek and English, in the principal disciplines and fields of medical science. Furthermore, the School of Medicine seeks to foster a creative environment for research, freedom of scientific expression and work for all its staff and members of its academic community. The School of Medicine undertakes to apply this quality policy also to the Joint Postgraduate Programme (JPP) "Endovascular Techniques", which it currently offers and will continue to offer, by implementing the quality procedures prescribed by the Institution's Internal Quality Assurance System (IQAS), with the ultimate aim of continuous improvement. This Quality Policy reinforces the academic identity and orientation of the postgraduate programme, advances its purpose and subject matter and the attainment of specific annual objectives, defines the means and methods for achieving these aims, and ensures the participation of stakeholders in its evaluation and redesign processes.

More specifically, in implementing this policy, the School of Medicine undertakes to apply to the JPP "Endovascular Techniques" the quality processes and procedures set out and analysed in the Institution's IQAS Quality Manual. These procedures are applied at the level of the School of Medicine's study programmes, with any specialisation or adaptation required for this particular JPP, and in close collaboration with the University's Quality Assurance Unit (MODIP). All quality assurance procedures of the School of Medicine's JPP "Endovascular Techniques" are subject to inspection, review and revision annually by the Internal Evaluation Group (OMEA), in cooperation with the Institution's MODIP. The processes and procedures implemented to monitor and continuously improve the quality of this postgraduate programme are as follows:

1) Implementation of a Quality Assurance Policy for the JPP "Endovascular Techniques", encompassing specific quality assurance actions aimed at establishing a framework within which this postgraduate programme must operate.

2) Allocation and management of resources for the School of Medicine's JPP "Endovascular Techniques", through procedures that support optimal decisions, thereby creating a suitable environment for attaining the Institution's objectives. These include ensuring the provision of the necessary human resources, funding, infrastructure and equipment, so that the JPP can operate effectively and continuously improve its performance in meeting its quality objectives.

3) Establishment of annual Quality Assurance Objectives for the School of Medicine's JPP "Endovascular Techniques". Following consultation and agreement between the management of the School and that of the JPP, specific, measurable and directly observable annual quantitative and qualitative objectives are selected and assessed through defined indicators. Achieving these objectives is considered crucial to improving the effectiveness of the postgraduate programme's internal operations (administrative, educational and research).

4) Annual Periodic Internal Evaluation and Monitoring of the School of Medicine's JPP "Endovascular Techniques", in cooperation with and with the support of the Institution's MODIP. The JPP undergoes internal evaluation and assessment of all procedures implemented within it. By identifying areas and issues requiring correction and introducing improvements jointly agreed with MODIP, the stated objectives can be achieved, ultimately improving the School of Medicine's JPP.

5) Collection of quality data: measurement, analysis and improvement of the School of Medicine's JPP "Endovascular Techniques". Effective procedures are applied for collecting and analysing information relating to postgraduate programmes (data concerning students, teaching staff, course structure and organisation, teaching, services provided to JPP students, etc.). Data are supplied to the information system of the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education (HAHE), as well as to the internal information systems of the School of Medicine and the Institution.

6) Publication of Information about the School of Medicine's JPP "Endovascular Techniques". This process ensures that all information concerning the JPP is readily accessible, up to date, objective and clearly presented. Checks are carried out to ensure that the School's website has a dedicated area promoting the JPP, that a dedicated bilingual page is available, and that procedures exist for reviewing and updating its content.

7) External Evaluation of the School of Medicine's JPP "Endovascular Techniques". Procedures are implemented for its periodic accreditation by HAHE, through external evaluations conducted by panels of independent experts.

Implementation of the above procedures will ensure: **(a)** the appropriateness of the structure and organisation of this School of Medicine postgraduate programme; **(b)** that the learning outcomes and the resulting qualifications of JPP graduates aim to correspond, to the greatest possible extent, to Level 7 of the European and National Qualifications Frameworks for Higher Education; **(c)** the promotion of the quality and effectiveness of the teaching delivered within the School of Medicine's JPP, through its monitoring by the JPP Curriculum Committee, OMEA, the School of Medicine's management and NKUA's MODIP;

(d) that the qualifications of the teaching staff, particularly external collaborators, are appropriate for educating postgraduate students; **(e)** the formulation, implementation and review of specific annual quality objectives for improving the JPP "Endovascular Techniques"; **(f)** the level of labour-market demand for the qualifications acquired by graduates, through regular investigation of labour-market needs and monitoring of the career paths of JPP graduates; **(g)** that the support services provided to postgraduate students, including students with disabilities and/or special educational needs, are of high quality and meet their needs for effective participation in the programme, such as readily accessible and available administrative and library services, online services, scholarships and student welfare services appropriate to the JPP; **(h)** the efficient use of the JPP's financial resources derived from tuition fees, so that the necessary services can be provided to postgraduate students and the programme can operate in the School of Medicine's facilities and in any other setting required, such as site visits outside the School for comprehensive training; and **(i)** the conduct of the annual internal evaluation and review of the quality assurance system for the JPP "Endovascular Techniques", with the cooperation of OMEA and the Institution's MODIP.

The Quality Policy Statement is posted on the website of the JPP "Endovascular Techniques" at the following link:

https://www.endovasculartechniques.gr/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/24/ΠΟΛΙΤΙΚΗ-ΠΟΙΟΤΗΤΑΣ.pdf

The Quality Policy followed by the JPP is communicated electronically (by email) at the beginning of each academic year to the teaching, administrative and technical staff working in the JPP, and at the beginning of each programme cycle to newly admitted students.