

Leonidas Trakolis

My name is Leonidas Trakolis and I was born in Thessaloniki. After a year in the Department of Biology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki I decided to study medicine. I studied in Comenius University of Bratislava in Slovakia where I graduated with grade “Excellent” (1,36) while I received my first degree (MUDr) for my dissertation in the Department of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care of St. Elizabeth Cancer Institute in Bratislava about “*Principles of hemodynamic monitoring with special reference to semi-invasive methods*”. After graduation I began with my residency in Neurosurgery in Germany where I received a high-quality education. I got my specialisation degree from the University Clinic of Tübingen receiving the best possible training next to the world-renowned neurosurgeon Professor Dr med Marcos Soares Tatagiba. Through his guidance I completed my second dissertation with Thema “Persistent tinnitus after vestibular schwannoma resection: clinical and imaging indications of neuroplasticity, this time in German language and received my second title (Dr med) with grade “Excellent – 1 Magna cum laude”. In the meantime, I made numerous publications in renowned medical journals, a brief list of it can be found in section: Publications. In addition, I was jointly responsible for the hydrocephalus outpatient consultation of the clinic. My surgical evolution continued in Marienhospital of Luenen, academic hospital of the University of Muenster, where I worked as a Consultant for Neurosurgery. There, I had the chance to get the necessary routine in the common neurosurgical operations and expand my surgical skills in spine surgery. In addition, I received the European Spinal Cord Certificate of Eurospine. I organised and guided the interdisciplinary neurovascular board and I was responsible for the neurosurgical patients of the Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

