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## MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DEAN

Medical School,  
University of Nicosia



### A Graduation and a Commencement

Today marks an important transition in your lives as qualified doctors and scientists and the completion of another successful landmark year in the life of your Medical School. Together, we celebrate your success and your transition from your academic studies to professional service.

In keeping with the rich history and cosmopolitan character of Cyprus, you have received an innovative and world-class education, and have gained important experiences in the delivery of healthcare in Cyprus, Israel and the USA, which we hope will inform and guide your future career. Your graduation marks the commencement of an exciting career in delivering competent and compassionate care, in undertaking research, and in finding new methods to extend and improve the lives of patients around the world.

Over the past four years, you have studied in an environment that promotes tolerance and diversity. After all, more than fifty nationalities and all major religions are represented in our student body. We hope that this collaborative learning environment has promoted the development of trust and lifelong friendships, and that these experiences will enable you to act as messengers for peace and to heal not only individuals, but whole communities, where this is needed.

*Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) Graduands,*

During your time with us, you have had the privilege of being supported by two universities.

As graduates now, both institutions and their affiliated partners take a keen interest in your future career and achievements, and so we encourage you to stay in close contact with us.

*Biomedicine Graduands,*

This year we mark your success in completing the first 4 years of the 6-Year Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree – an intermediate award, yet a rigorous and innovative programme. You have been equipped with the tools of scientific inquiry and the skills for clinical reasoning which provide a strong foundation as you progress towards the clinical phase of your education.

*Family Medicine Graduands,*

We hope that your tenure in the Department of Primary Care and Population Health will enable you to become leaders in family medicine and to be active in patient care, education, research, health policy and service in Cyprus and internationally.

*Graduands,*

On behalf of the Faculty and Staff, our warm congratulations to you on your achievement, and to your families and friends who have supported you through the many challenges of being a student.

**Professor Andreas Charalambous**

Executive Dean

Medical School, University of Nicosia

## MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

St George's,  
University of London



### To begin!

My sincere congratulations on behalf of St George's, University of London. We all share the delight and pride in your graduation.

Medicine remains one of the most varied and satisfying careers. You will be joining a profession that plays a central role in improving the human condition and meeting the ever-changing challenges to global health. Our understanding of disease continues to grow, leading to new advances in treatments and policies for prevention. And, as people live longer, we must adapt our care to support them to lead healthy and fulfilling lives into old age.

Your time at the University of Nicosia will have prepared you well for any challenges ahead. Through your education and training on the St George's MBBS programme, you will have gained up-to-date knowledge of medical sciences, practical clinical skills and a thorough understanding of medical ethics and law.

However, in the career you have chosen, your learning has only just begun. Every week as a doctor, your patients and colleagues will offer you new insights and experiences – my own patients continue to teach and provide valuable feedback to me to this day.

The qualification to practise as a doctor is a privilege that lasts a lifetime. It opens doors to a vast array of careers. You may choose to practise in a hospital or in the community, to advance medical

sciences research in the laboratory, or to set health policy. Whichever route you pursue, you will be required to lead by example and to demonstrate that the safety and compassion for those we care for is an absolute priority.

I wish you all the very best in your future. As students, your hard work and commitment led you to the success we recognise today at your graduation. From here you become alumni, retaining a lifelong connection to St George's and the University of Nicosia. I know you will continue to make us proud. Please do keep in touch.

**Professor Jenny Higham**

Principal

St George's, University of London

## MESSAGE FROM RECTOR

University of Nicosia



### Very proud of you!

Today's date marks an important milestone in your life. The academic award bestowed on you is an endorsement of your intellectual capabilities and a reward for your hard work during your studies at the Medical School. The University community, your family, your friends, your loved ones, and all those who have supported you during your studies, are all very proud of your achievement. Warm congratulations on your success.

The knowledge, skills and competences you have gained and the qualification you have earned, provide you with a solid basis for succeeding in your career and for pursuing further studies. I am confident that the University's stimulating multicultural environment, the innovative and patient-centred curriculum, as well as the numerous outreach activities, have helped to broaden your horizons, have led to a greater understanding and appreciation of different cultures, and have brought an ability to view and perceive things from diverse perspectives.

Please do remember that we live in a globalized knowledge-based society, dominated and transformed by the fourth industrial revolution. Changes happen at an accelerated pace and knowledge is no longer the sole core asset for professional success, as it becomes outdated at regular intervals. Be very proud of the academic degree you have earned. At the same time, do bear in mind that in such a fast-changing environment, you will need to embrace active

self-directed learning and life-long learning. Knowledge is not something that is passively transmitted but rather it is created through continuous inquiry, dispute and research.

The challenge to succeed professionally in a competitive and, oftentimes, antagonistic environment, while retaining professional and personal integrity and adhering to core ethical values, is a tough but essential task. I urge you not to forsake defending your principles and beliefs. Indeed, I encourage you to actively contribute to society, to help your fellow citizens in need, to protect the environment, to engage in philanthropic activities, and to promote culture and civilization.

Today, you are joining the ever-growing alumni family. The award bestowed on you ties you to the University, your fellow graduates and all other members of the University community. I would like to warmly welcome you to the family and encourage you to be an active member. Do keep in touch, share with us your thoughts and ideas and let us know of your professional success and endeavours.

Congratulations again, and my warmest wishes to you and your loved ones for personal and professional prosperity, health and happiness.

**Professor Philippos Pouyioutas**

Rector

University of Nicosia

## HONORARY DEGREE

Professor Shlomo Noy



Professor Shlomo Noy was born in 1953. He graduated from the Hebrew University Hadassah School of Medicine in Jerusalem (1978). After serving as a medical doctor in the Israeli Naval Forces, he received his MBA from INSEAD, Fontainebleau (1985), and his PhD in Health Care Management from Tel Aviv University (1997). He is Board certified in both Psychiatry and Health Care Management (1990).

Professor Noy has served as Director of the Chaim Sheba Medical Center Rehabilitation Hospital (1993–2016), and as Director of Research and Development and Academic Affairs (2000–2016). Professor Noy possesses 26 years' experience in health care management and is active in promoting research and education internationally. He has published over 80 articles in peer-reviewed medical journals, eight books and several book chapters. He has successfully raised significant funds for research and development for Sheba Medical Center.

Professor Noy has been a Professor at the Sackler School of Medicine Tel Aviv University since 1998, and was the Acting Director of the Sheba Medical Center in 2016. Sheba Medical Center was listed by Newsweek in March 2019 as being among the top ten best hospitals in the world. It is the largest hospital in the Middle East and a leader in medical science and biotechnology innovation, both in the Middle East and worldwide. More than 25 percent of all

Israeli medical clinical research takes place at its state-of-the-art facilities.

Professor Noy was instrumental in establishing the crucial link between the University of Nicosia (UNIC) Medical School, Tel Aviv University and Sheba Medical Center as a clinical site for the St George's, University of London MBBS programme delivered in Cyprus by the UNIC Medical School. Due to Professor Noy's hard work and perseverance, this collaborative partnership programme has recently received permanent approval and accreditation by the Israeli Council for Higher Education (MALAG). This is a major development for tertiary education, in the field of medicine, between Cyprus and Israel.

The Honorary doctorate to be awarded to Professor Shlomo Noy celebrates his distinguished career in the medical profession and research innovation, and his efforts in helping to establish the relationship between the University of Nicosia Medical School, Tel Aviv University and Sheba Medical Center. We wish to honour Professor Noy for all his achievements on behalf of the Medical School by awarding him the degree of Doctor of Science (Medicine) *honoris causa*.



# UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA MEDICAL SCHOOL

## 2019 Ceremonial Order

The State Theatre, Nicosia, Cyprus  
Thursday, 9 May 2019

All graduands and guests are requested to be seated in the Theatre Hall by 16:30

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16:30 Performance by the Cyprus Symphony Brass Ensemble

- 17:00 The audience is requested to stand as the Academic Procession enters the Theatre
- Welcome by Professor Andreas Charalambous, Executive Dean, Medical School
  - Address by Professor Jenny Higham, Principal, St George's, University of London
  - Address by Professor Philippos Pouyioutas, Rector, University of Nicosia
  - The Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences Graduands will be presented by Dr Persoulla Nicolaou, MD Course Director
  - Dr Constantina Constantinou will be awarded a Certificate of Achievement in Medical Education. Introduction by Dr Michael Murphy, Chief Operating Officer, Medical School
  - The MBBS Graduands will be presented by Dr Adonis Ioannides, MBBS Course Director
  - The Postgraduate Certificate in Healthcare and Biomedical Education Graduands will be presented by Peter McCrorie, Professor of Medical Education
  - The Postgraduate Diploma and Masters in Family Medicine Graduands will be presented by Dr Ourania Kolokotroni, MSc in Family Medicine Course Director
  - Keynote Speech by the Honourable Minister of Health, Mr Constantinos Ioannou
  - Professor Shlomo Noy will be awarded the Degree of Doctor of Science (Medicine) *honoris causa*. Introduction by Professor Andreas Charalambous
  - The Hippocratic Oath will be recited by the Graduates of the MBBS programme led by Professor Jenny Higham
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The audience is requested to stand as the Academic Procession leaves the Theatre

A Graduation reception will be held in -1 level of The State Theatre immediately after the ceremony

ABDALBARI Helmi \*

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ALEXANDER Katherine Annabel \*\*

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DURRANI Mohammad

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EL DAKROURY Nada

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KAUR Smonica Preet

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NAJEFY Alifyah \*

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NEL Jacomien \*

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OGUNDIPE Blessing Toluwani \*

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OJO Ifedayo Vivian

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ONGOLE Janice Ernestina Abeja

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PANCHOLI Shivam \*\*

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PATEL Nikhil Kirankumar

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PERIKLI Anastasia

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POPA Alexandra Christina \*

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PRODROMOU Christina Maria

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RAGNARSDOTTIR Sjöfn \*

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TSOUKALAS Dionysios

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VINJAMURI Rohit Hrishikesh

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VOURLITIS Ilias

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\* CUM LAUDE

\*\* SUMMA CUM LAUDE



## MBBS Graduands

Degree awarded by  
St George's, University of London

ABI RAAD Elissa

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ABOUL HOSSN Tamara

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ABRAHAM Lital

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ABU GHAZALEH Sharif Jeries Faiq

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ADINI Shir<sup>5,6,7,8</sup>

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ADLER Allon<sup>2,8</sup>

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AJZAJIAN Jirayr

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ALAMEDDINE Khaled Omar

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AMBROGETTI Robert Antonio<sup>3,4,5,6</sup>

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ASHARY Ahmed Abbas

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AVYATAR Eshel<sup>3</sup>

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BALANOS Ioannis<sup>3</sup>

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BEJAR Tamar<sup>6,7,8</sup>

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BERDUGO Elisabeth Yael

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BERNARDIS Liora

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BHALLA Arun John<sup>1,4,6</sup>

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BHALLA Harry Louis

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BODINOVSKY Igor

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BUBIS Golan<sup>4</sup>

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DALL' AMICO Giovanni Francesco

DAOU Rafi Fouad

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DE SOUZA Karine<sup>4</sup>

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DIBBLE Lua Bahhiyyih

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DONIN Yair Halevy<sup>3</sup>

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EL DAHDAH Salim

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EYAL Ori<sup>3,4</sup>

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FAGGIN Marco<sup>2</sup>

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FENDEL Gedalya Simcha<sup>3,4</sup>

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FISHER Joshua Jacob<sup>2,5,7,8</sup>

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FOX Tom Carey

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FRIST Mordechai Shmuel<sup>2</sup>

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GADOT Ohad

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GAJEK Adam Marek

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GELBART Mey Ester<sup>5,8</sup>

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GEORGIU Kleio

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GONZALES Victoria Elizabeth<sup>5,8</sup>

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GORODEISKY Tal

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GRACE Gary Michael

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GUO Qingzi

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HAJ Rami Basel<sup>3,4</sup>

HALEVY Tom<sup>6,7,8</sup>

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HANNUN Merhej

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HATAB Ralph

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HERMON Talya<sup>2</sup>

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IBRAHIM Amr Mamdouh Mohamed  
Salaheldin

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JAWAD Mustapha

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JOHN Rahama<sup>3,5,6</sup>

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KANAAN Nadim Salim

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KOLLIA Konstantina

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KOSMAN Alexander<sup>1,2</sup>

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KWONG Rebecca Sze-Wai

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KYEREMATEN Victoria Luvenia

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KYPRIANOU Demetra<sup>2,5,7,8</sup>

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LAMBERT Elisheva Alexandra

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LEE Jenna Renee

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LHENDUP Singey J<sup>2,4</sup>

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MADRAS Abhishek Jayakumar

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MAJHAIL Geetin Singh<sup>1,8</sup>

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MANIA-SHAPIRA Maayan

MCCRUDDEN Michael Christopher  
MacKay<sup>2,4</sup>

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MUMFORD Victoria Hannah<sup>6</sup>

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NAGA Yassin Shams Eldien<sup>1</sup>

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NAVEED Saarang

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NOUBANI Nur Emel

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NOVYTSKY Anastasia

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OPHEL Inbar Rumya

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PALMER Lewis Peter George

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POWER Alan Patrick

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RAAD Tarek

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RAHIMA M. Kenan

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SABER Carlos

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SAGIV Assi Asaf<sup>5</sup>

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SANDHU Afreshdeep

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SARSAM Sera<sup>1,2,3</sup>

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SAWAYA Christer<sup>1,4,6,7</sup>

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SEGSWORTH Blair Mackay<sup>1,6,8</sup>

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SHAFQAT Faiza

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SHAMI Noor M

SHPITALNI Gila Chaya

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SLEIMAN Stefan Chaaban

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TAUBE Jonathan David

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TAWIL Tima Fauz<sup>4</sup>

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TAWIL Tala Fauz

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THOMAS Daniel Patrick

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TUCKER Yisroel Meir<sup>2,3,8</sup>

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VAKNIN Sahar

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VICKERS Jessica Mary<sup>2,4,7</sup>

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WALKER Catriona Anderson

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WALKER Ian Robert

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WARRAK Samantha Elias<sup>6,8</sup>

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WEHBE Jad<sup>2,3,5</sup>

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WESFIELD Joshua Ryan<sup>3,4</sup>

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WOOSTER Richard James Nicholas<sup>2,5</sup>

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YANG Cylene<sup>5,6</sup>

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YAU Jennifer Sumping<sup>1</sup>

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ZOUGGARI Sarah Louise<sup>6</sup>

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MBBS Merits in <sup>1</sup>Medical Sciences  
<sup>2</sup>Clinical Sciences  
<sup>3</sup>Clinical Specialties  
<sup>4</sup>Clinical Practice

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MBBS Distinctions in <sup>5</sup>Medical Sciences  
<sup>6</sup>Clinical Sciences  
<sup>7</sup>Clinical Specialties  
<sup>8</sup>Clinical Practice

**Postgraduate Certificate  
in Healthcare and  
Biomedical Education  
Graduands**

Awarded by  
St George's, University of London

ATHANATOS Theotokis

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**Postgraduate Diploma  
in Family Medicine  
Graduands**

Awarded by  
University of Nicosia and  
St George's, University of London

JAMIL Aus N. Jamil

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RAHEEM Sahar Kareem Raheem

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**Postgraduate Diploma  
in Family Medicine  
Graduands**

Awarded by  
University of Nicosia

DIAB Hassan

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HOMAYED Mohamad

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MILLER Anna Clare

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RAMMAL Mohammad

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RIZKALLAH Georges

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**MSc  
in Family Medicine  
Graduands**

Degree awarded by  
University of Nicosia and  
St George's, University of London

HADJICOSTAS Christos

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ITANI Mohamad

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St George's  
University of London



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of NICOSIA



## HIPPOCRATIC OATH / THE PLEDGE

To be recited by the Graduates of the Bachelor of  
Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery programme only

I pledge myself and promise:

I will respect the hard-won scientific gains of those health professionals  
in whose steps I walk, and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with  
those who are to follow.

I will apply, for the benefit of the sick, all measures which are required,  
avoiding those twin traps of overtreatment and therapeutic nihilism.

I will remember that there is art to health care as well as science, and  
that warmth, sympathy, and understanding may outweigh the surgeon's  
knife or the chemist's drug.

I will not be ashamed to say "I know not," nor will I fail to call in  
my colleagues when the skills of another are needed for a patient's  
recovery.

I will respect the privacy of my patients, for their problems are not  
disclosed to me that the world may know. Most especially must I tread  
with care in matters of life and death.

I will remember that I do not treat a fever chart, a cancerous growth,  
but a sick human being, whose illness may affect the person's family  
and economic stability.

I will remember that I remain a member of society, with special  
obligations to all my fellow human beings, those sound of mind and  
body as well as the infirm.

If I do not violate this pledge, may I enjoy life and art, respected while  
I live and remembered with affection thereafter.

## Congratulations and Welcome to Your Alumni Association!

Your graduation marks an important milestone in your life and career and is the culmination of all your hard work, dedication and persistence. Well done on this outstanding achievement!

All faculty and staff at the Medical School are very proud of your accomplishments and we celebrate with you on this memorable occasion. Now that you are embarking on the next chapter in your life, we want to help you to stay connected with the Medical School community. The University of Nicosia Medical School Alumni Association was founded to facilitate communication and to assure a lifelong affiliation with the Medical School.

As a member of the University of Nicosia Medical School Alumni Association, you will be receiving our news, and you will be informed of networking opportunities as well as enjoying the benefits and services offered to all alumni. By visiting our alumni website and Facebook page, you will receive the latest updates on your colleagues, and also on Medical School news, events, and reunions.

Those of you who are St George's, University of London Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery graduates will also enjoy the benefits and services of the St George's, University of London Alumni Association.

As our graduate, you will be entitled to various alumni benefits offered through our partnership with Alumni Union, a free, members-only club giving university alumni, their families and friends access to a range of carefully-curated offers, including unmissable travel and leisure experiences. You can join Alumni Union today by visiting <https://alumniunion.co>

You are an integral part of the Medical School's growing Alumni family, which is strong and well connected. For this reason, we hope that you will continue to stay in touch by becoming involved in the Alumni Association, and in opportunities to share your experience and expertise with current students and fellow alumni.

Please feel free to contact us at any time by emailing [alumni@med.unic.ac.cy](mailto:alumni@med.unic.ac.cy) or in person at the Student Service Centre at the Medical School Block A.

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