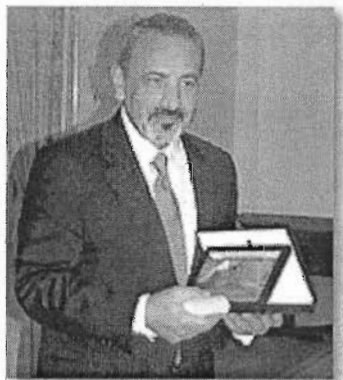


# Constantine Frantzides, MD, PhD, Receives Honorary Membership

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**7/27/2005** - Constantine Frantzides, MD, PhD, Director of Minimally Invasive Surgery at Evanston Northwestern Healthcare and Professor of Surgery at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, recently was awarded an honorary membership in the Greek Laparoscopic Society. This award is in recognition of his efforts to initiate and establish laparoscopic surgery in Greece.

In October 1991, Dr. Frantzides and a team of surgeons from the United States performed the first laparoscopic operation in Athens. Since then, he has traveled to Greece several times a year to teach more than 70 Greek surgeons a variety of advanced laparoscopic procedures through lectures, telecommunications and hands-on surgical experience.

Dr. Frantzides is a pioneer in laparoscopic procedures and specializes in a minimally invasive laparoscopic surgical approach to weight loss. Compared to traditional open surgery, minimally invasive techniques may result in minimal pain and scarring, shorter recovery time and fewer days in the hospital.