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Subject: Lungtransplantation of Bulgarian patients at the AKH Vienna

The department of Thoracic Surgery at the AKH Vienna has offered the possibility for Lung Transplantation to a few Bulgarian patients in the past. Few days ago, our last Bulgarian patient on our waiting list has been transplanted.

Unfortunately we are unable to accept any further patients for Transplantation, based on the limitation of our own capacity.

For this reason any other potential candidates must be admitted to any other institution within Eurotransplant, which is able to offer the necessary structure and capacity to the Bulgarian citizens.

Nevertheless the Allgemeine Krankenhaus/Medical University of Vienna is putting substantial effort into the support of the creation of an own Lungtransplantation program in Bulgaria. In this context, the start of the training of several Bulgarian physicians and nurses is scheduled for January 2020.

I hope that this statement clarifies the situation to the Bulgarian public and we very much regret that we are unable to continue the Transplantation of Bulgarian citizens.

Sincerely yours,

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