ORGANISATION OF THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND FINANCEMENT IN GREECE

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Organization and financing of health services

Tountas et al. (2002)
Primary Health Services in Greece

- **ESY**
  - Primary Health Centers
  - Medical Dispensaries
  - Hospital's Outpatient Departments

- **Social Security**
  - Polyclinics (mainly IKA)
  - Contracted private physicians

- **Local Authority**
  - Polyclinics
  - Medical Dispensaries

- **Private Sector**
  - Private doctors
  - Diagnostic centers
  - Private hospital's outpatient departments

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## Hospital infrastructure in Greece (2004)

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<th>PUBLIC</th>
<th>PRIVATE</th>
<th>NON-PROFILE</th>
<th>TOTAL</th>
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<td>Number of hospitals</td>
<td>141</td>
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<td>Number of beds</td>
<td>35,805 (69%)</td>
<td>14,515 (28%)</td>
<td>1,548 (3%)</td>
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### Health expenditure in Greece as a percentage of GNP (1960-2005)

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Public and private expenditure in Greece (1980-2000)

OECD (2002)
Distribution of public expenditure according to different health sectors (2001)

Souliotis (2002)
Distribution of private expenditure according to different health sectors (2001)

Souliotis (2002)
Main problematic issues

- low levels of public expenditure
- inadequate personnel (mainly hospital)
- fragmented administrative framework
- insufficient management
- unorganized Primary Health Care
- lack of prevention
- poorly regulated private sector
- health inequalities