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to the Commission**

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Subject: Standard operating procedures for nurses in the EU

The role of nursing has undergone a significant change over recent years; from being a supporting role, it has moved towards new areas of professional competence, including research and the indication of healthcare products which do not require medical prescription, which enables a speedier and more comfortable response to be offered to the public, thereby avoiding unnecessary trips to hospitals or health centres.

On the occasion of International Nurses Day, 12 May 2015, we should highlight the important work carried out by these professionals in Europe in areas such as care for dependency and high vulnerability patients, chronic illness or palliative care.

What kind of actions are being carried out at European level to coordinate nursing activity, in order to improve the health and quality of life of the population as a whole, through standard operating procedures in cooperation with medical teams for the follow-up, for example, of patients who have been prescribed certain pharmacological treatments?