

**Question for written answer E-008142/2012  
to the Commission  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Treatment protocols and the European Medicines Agency

Treatment protocols are recommendations for pharmacotherapy for various diseases. These recommendations follow the approved indications for prescribing each drug, as determined by the European Medicines Agency (EMA).

In view of the above, will the Commission say

1. Is it aware of instances of treatment protocols in Member States failing to take into account the EMA indications?
2. If so, what action has it taken - or does it intend to take - to prevent this occurring?