

**Question for written answer E-006198/2013  
to the Commission  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Acute heart failure

Acute heart failure is a life-threatening condition and permanently weakens the human body. Of those who suffer an acute attack, 20-30 % die within a year. Although this disease is not uncommon, only about 3 % of the population know how to interpret the symptoms of heart failure. Moreover, in the last 20 years there has been no scientific breakthrough in the search for new treatment methods.

Can the Commission answer the following questions in this respect?

1. What action has the Commission taken to inform citizens about the symptoms of this disease, so that rapid medical treatment can be ensured?
2. Has the Commission provided financial support for the development of new treatment methods?