

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0156/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Improvement of the diagnosis and treatment of viral hepatitis in the EU

The review paper 'Surveillance and epidemiology data of hepatitis B and C - a review' published in May 2008 states that in Hepatitis B and C reporting, not all EU Member States use the EU case definition. The article also states that there are cases of significant under-reporting of hepatitis B and C infections.

Given that reliable epidemiological data is crucial to effective evidence-based policy-making, when do the European Commission and ECDC believe the data will be consistent enough for the European Commission to propose a way in which to improve the diagnosis and treatment of viral hepatitis in the EU?