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Patient Safety & Healthcare Associated Infections

The EFN members have played an essential role in the development of the EU Communication and Council Recommendations on Patient Safety, including the prevention and control of Healthcare Associated Infections, now adopted by the European Council of Ministers.

The EFN members made it possible to make a reality check of this EU Policy and as a result, the EFN believes that the European Commission initiative reflects the nurses views on the safety of patients, staff and anyone entering the healthcare environment.

The EFN realises these recommendations are just a start, but they allow strengthening national efforts in making care safe and developing clinical practice to get the best patient outcomes.

The EFN will keep on focussing, together with the EU Member States and relevant EU Health Stakeholders, on Patient Safety, Quality Standards and Healthcare Associated Infections. Our journey is just starting, but together we can achieve concrete change!

European Commission Communication:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_systems/docs/patient_com2008_en.pdf

Council Recommendations:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_systems/docs/patient_rec2008_en.pdf

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