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The Ordem dos Enfermeiros (Portuguese Order of Nurses) is competent authority and representative of nursing and midwifery graduates who practice in Portugal, in compliance with the principles of their constitution and the applicable legislation. Our aim is to promote the defence of the quality of nursing care rendered to the population, as well as to develop, regulate and control the practice of nursing and midwifery, guaranteeing that ethical and professional deontology rules are respected.

The Ordem dos Enfermeiros is the competent authority to issue the professional titles related to nursing in Portugal – registered nurse and specialist nurse (which qualifies nurses to provide specialised care in six specialised areas, including the infant health nursing and paediatrics specialist).

About the institution, we would like to add that the main strategic directions pursued us are the quality standards in nursing care, the ethical aspects of professional practice, the development of the profession and the Nursing involvement in health policy.

Between the several duties of the Ordem dos Enfermeiros we underline the definition of the level of professional qualification of nurses; the registration of all nurses and the professional practice regulation; the award of the professional titles of nurse and specialist nurse; the protection of the qualification and the profession of nurse; and the pronouncement on the training models and on the general structure of nursing programs.

You can find more information about this institution in the following link:
<http://www.ordemenfermeiros.pt/english/Paginas/default.aspx>.

After shortly explaining who the Ordem dos Enfermeiros is, we would like (in collaboration with its Specialty Professional College of Infant health and paediatrics nursing) to participate in the Public Consultation on the Paediatric Investigation Plans (PIP).



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After reading the Concept Paper submitted for public Consultation available in (http://ec.europa.eu/health/files/paediatrics/2013-10_pip_guideline.pdf), we would like to pronounce ourselves about the consultation item No 4. We think it would be more appropriated that the guidelines should present the list of the main elements that each investigation should have and don't leave this question only to the agents that plan the research studies.

Regarding to the other questions included in the document we don't have any question/remark to add.

Best regards,

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