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Several years ago we noticed that a lot of our patients came from different countries, not only from our own country, but also from abroad, just coming for their cures to Europe. Then we noticed it was different, and not a little bit different, but quite different. We got some problems and thought what are those problems. Then we formed just an ordinary working group. Nurses always form working groups.

Within that working group we thought we had to do it more adequate and we have made a protocol. That was the start of everything. Then you are growing and rolling around.

We have done a lot of work within our groups together. It's a very tough matter, and therefore it was necessary to make the Declaration clear, not only for others, but also for ourselves, because when you want to have something done within the whole of Europe, it's very difficult, as the differences are not only within patients, but also within hospitals within Europe as well. To make the Amsterdam Declaration more important for every European country, I think it's very wise to do it this way. A bit global, everyone can find something in it, and I think it's very important to have this document. I think every hospital is in it, that's about the personal part, because we have all done it together. I specially thank Dilshad Khan from England, she has done a lot of work within this piece, to get it written, to get all ideas on one point.