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In the report we presented at the previous meeting we informed about the restructuring of the Ministry of Health in our country.

This is a question that is of immense concern to the general practitioners because of the declarations made by the Director General for Pharmacy in respect of implementing a pharmaceutical attention model at the pharmacy offices in Spain, giving these establishments more health capacity. He argued that the pharmacy office does not have waiting lists, is near the patient and could be a perfect complement for medical care, because the pharmacists are very well prepared.

The idea is for the pharmacy offices to have a small room to attend to patients and among other things to offer the following services:

Prepare monitoring files of the therapy treatment, supervise the efficiency of the drug prescribed and its possible adverse reactions, and give the patient instructions and advice about how to take the drug, informing him about what to do if there are counter-indications.

He has furthermore observed that the pharmaceutical attention shall never go against the medical collective, but will be done in co-ordination with the professionals at the health centres nearest the pharmacy offices.

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