

**Question for written answer E-004732/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Early diagnosis and treatment of uterine fibroids in Europe

Although uterine fibroids are one of the most common conditions in women of reproductive age, very little is known about them. According to European data, between 9 % and 32.5 % of those affected take five years or more to seek medical advice on the symptoms because they get used to them, because they find it difficult to access healthcare, or because they are afraid of invasive procedures. While surgery is indeed one of the treatments available, there are also non-invasive, drug-based options.

A study by Downes et al. (2010) carried out in France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the UK found that 32.7% of the women surveyed said that the symptoms had caused them to miss work. The symptoms were also responsible for a 36.1 % reduction in overall labour productivity and a 37.7 % reduction in activity in general.

1. Has the Commission assessed the economic, employment, social and women's health impact of fibroids?
2. What action does the Commission intend to take to improve the diagnosis and treatment of fibroids?

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