

Declaration

The Portuguese Society of Intensive Care (**SPCI**) is greatly indebted for the continuous support of the **ASDI** (*Österreichische Zentrum für Dokumentation und Qualitätssicherung in der Intensivmedizin*) on our quality initiatives.

In the last years ASDI and SPCI have collaborated on several initiatives, which included special conditions of participation in the **ICUdoc Program**, which has allowed us to participate in epidemiologic studies and in a European benchmarking project in intensive care medicine, both of great use and value.

As President of SPCI I want to highlight the important contribution of Professor Philipp Metnitz in the development of the partnership between ASDI and SPCI.

Apart from the obvious benefits to the Portuguese ICUs and their professionals, ASDI, has been in our opinion an important contributor to the development of Intensive Care Medicine in Portugal.

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