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Despite economic growth, priority concerns remain with the budget deficit, to the detriment of public service reforms. The impact on the National Health Service (NHS) is very worrying and has been denounced at all levels.

In October 2018 the Minister of Health, Adalberto Campos Fernandes, a physician, was dismissed and Marta Temido, a non-physician hospital manager was appointed.

Among the various measures proposed by the new minister, the so called enlargement of nurse tasks, which was interpreted by the Portuguese Medical Association as task shifting. Fortunately a hard strike by nurses led to the deterioration of relations between nurses and the ministry of health and no measures were implemented on this matter.

The relationship between the Portuguese Medical Association (PMA) and the health minister has become increasingly complicated as the proposals agreed with the former health minister have not been implemented. This situation led to a dead-end with almost cut off relations between the two institutions.

One of the main problems, still in discussion, has to do with the specialized training of young doctors: the Portuguese Medical Association believes that the training capacities are already in their limit, so it is inevitable that not everyone can access to have training in the different specialties, and the government wants to force PMA to authorize more posts.

The Portuguese Medical Association and the two Unions (FNAM and SIM) continue with converging actions in key aspects of defending the interests of doctors.

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