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The technology, once again, the health service. In the university hospital Gregorio Maranon de **Madrid** has released a "**helper**": a robot designed to prepare **high-risk drugs and high cost**, considered the safest in Europe. What will become operational within four or five weeks.

The robot will increase tenfold the drugs currently in the hospital prepared manually. These are drugs that have **poor stability**, since otherwise the industry would be marketed and sold in pharmacies.

The robot-named IV identifies the user STATION photographically, works in a sterile environment and waterproof with a filtered air circuit, and uses ultraviolet lights to enhance sterility.

The new machine, as responsible for the Pharmacy Service of this hospital, "**will result in safety and quality** in patient care and efficiency in the mix of medication."

The new robot will also ensure one hundred percent, "the drug that comes out is the proper, stable and, for the patient, **complete and under doctor's prescription**."

