



EPA in France: The Right Project at the Right Time ?

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The "Gouvernements"
© Capital of a "gouvernement"
The names and boundaries of the "gouvernements" were substantially those of the old provinces.
B-Bishopric; C-County.

French context for EPA

- Social changes
 - Medical demography
 - Workload acceptance
 - Consumers/citizens demands for transparency/quality
- Healthcare system changes
 - Not a Primary Health Care centred system
 - Quality proposed as a regulation instrument
 - Mandatory evaluation for GPs and all doctors, including ambulatory and hospital specialists

Medical Evaluation in France

- 1997 Hospital accreditation
 - Mostly management and organisation centred
- 2002 Ambulatory doctors practice assessment
 - Mostly clinical practice centred
- 2005 major changes:
 - Introduction of clinical practice evaluation in hospital accreditation procedures
 - Need for management and organisation tools in ambulatory care assessment

EPA in France

- A stimulating European cooperation
- Contribution to EPA tools development
 - EPA French partner organisation **SFTG**
 - Dept of GP University René Descartes Paris
 - Dept of GP University of Caen
 - Expert panel (for the Delphi and the pilot)
 - GP students (as investigators)
 - An important translation work
- Financial contribution from professional elected bodies (URML Ile de France, Basse Normandie)

A successful pilot study

- Excellent involvement of GPs
- 30 practices in a variety of settings
- Quantity and quality of data
- Interesting outcomes
- Feedback instruments

Implementation perspectives

- EPA provides the right instruments at the right time:
 - Need for quality indicators and assessment tools for specialist and general practice is more and more explicit
 - European validation is an important feature for indicators and tools
 - Professional bodies are getting involved in the project and are present here in Berlin

*And do not forget to
choose the right
instrument for what
you want to measure...*

Many thanks

