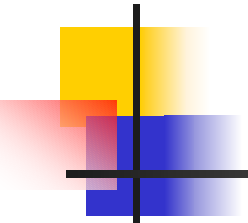


WHICH ASSESSMENT FOR WHICH NETWORKS ?



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Can tools designed for evaluating health-care establishments be adapted to new network arrangements so as to fit in a new conception of effectiveness combining equity and quality ?

- European countries are moving, by different routes, towards a network-based organization of their health-care systems
 - The same general movement is driven by different choices...
 - ... whose respective inputs are debatable...
 - ... and require stringent evaluation

- For this movement to achieve its objectives in terms of effectiveness, evaluation tools such as the PMSI in France need to be redesigned
 - We already have effective but focused on the health-care establishment resources...
 - ... which are partly adapted to the two facets of a “resource allocation” and a “resource creation” network...
 - ... but clearly need some adaptation



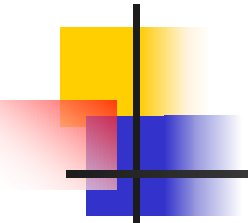
I.1. Common movement towards networks but by different routes

- The composition, shape and scope of the network are the result of a compromise between flexibility and control
- Determining a suitable means of funding : who pays and how ?
- Network management : a crucial choice between different potential operators



I.2. The results of the choices made are both variable and debatable

- The mixed track-record of national experiences of networks in terms of efficiency, equity and quality...
- ... highlights the importance of the choice of network operator and how much of a free-hand operator is allowed...



I.3. In this context, it is essential to have thorough evaluation of what networks really do contribute

- Evaluation is an indispensable practice in running any health system
- Consequently, evaluating networks is a major challenge in health economics today



II.1. We currently have effective evaluation tools but that are designed for the health-care establishment

- The PMSI has steadily found its place in France...
- ... first as an information-providing instrument ...
- ... and now as a medium for interpretation



II.2. Tools that are potentially right for the two facets of a coherent network

- The PMSI as an information-providing instrument and the “resource allocation” facet of the network
- The PMSI as a medium for interpretation and the “resource creation” facet of the network



II.3. Adapting the PMSI to networks : a judicious but problematic development

- Redesigning the PMSI in the perspective of a network-based organization
- Single-pathology networks and PMSI : towards the introduction of pathology-based accounts ?
- Re-centering the PMSI, as with networks, on the patient