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