



# 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*

