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**Home palliative care network
in PARIS France**



Ensemble

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A specific context in France

- A cultural evolution about end-of-life matters :
 - 1986 : first government decree about palliative care
 - 5/4/2005 : law about end-of-life (Leonetti)
- The health system's organization needs some changes : the ambulatory sector and the hospital are too compartmentalized.
 - 1990 : first health networks (AIDS) and particularly since 2000 .
 - 2007 : 70 networks in the Paris region for different themes

Definition of palliative Care (WHO 2005)

Palliative care is an approach that improves the **quality of life** of patients and their families facing the problem associated with life-threatening illness, through the prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification and impeccable assessment and treatment **of pain** and **other problems, physical, psychosocial and spiritual.**

What is an health care network in France ?

- It's an attempt to bring a better organization into the health system.
- It is based on the principle of subsidiarity : the task is carried out with the professionals already on duty, the network proposes a new professional only if he is lacking.
- A coordination-team runs the network. It is light, adaptable.
- The network relies on the confidence between the professionals and on their will to cooperate. No contract only an agreement.

“Ensemble” : a home palliative care network

- Project : help the terminal ill patients to **stay home as long as they wish** and as long it is feasible with quality and secure care
- Method : create a network of health care providers to **facilitate them work jointly, establish co-ordination with hospital and co-operation with social workers**
- Private organization funded by National Health Insurance
- Paris south east : 400 000 inhabitants (4 districts)
- Beginning february 2001

The patients (2006)

- 161 patients
- Life threatening diseases : cancer 85%, several illnesses in elderly 7%, neurologic disease (LAS etc) 4%
- Age : 73 (18 to 103),
- Women : 60%
- Proposed by homecare providers (42%), hospital (31%), family (27%)
- Today : 30 patients are at home, 6 new patients in preparation

The health care providers (2006)

- 286 professionals (patient's usual home care providers : 144 GPs, 86 nurses etc)
- Partners : hospitals, social workers, volunteers associations
- **Co-ordination team : 1,5 GPs, 2 nurses, 1 manager : initial assessment, home care and palliative expertise, counselling, maintain up-to-date information between actors, organize teaching. Its intervention is free of charge for the patient.**
- Out-of-hours care : 12 GPs

Out-of-hours care (2006)

- Specific organization (the doctor knows each patient's case, he mails a report to the coordination team)
- To maintain the therapeutic project 24/24
- 200 calls (16/month) for only 80 patients
- Phone answer 39%, home visit 61%
- Main causes : pain 20%, dyspnea 15%, neurologic symptoms 13%, death 8%

Results

- Duration : 51 days
- Survey : high level of family satisfaction with care
- Patients die at home : 48%
- Among those who do not die at home : 42% are hospitalized only in the 7 last days
- A quality improvement program about pain management is being developed
- Professional satisfaction