

# A methodological support to set up multidisciplinary group practices in Southeastern France

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## Conclusion : added values of public health territorial assessment

- Helps HPs to propose multidisciplinary group practices projects that match actual and future population health needs;
- Improves local dynamics and collective awareness of main public health issues ;
- Helps decision-makers to identify most vulnerable territories and prioritize support requests.

## Background

- Despite high medical densities in Southeastern France, access to care and prevention is difficult in some territories;
- Since 2011, the Regional Council supports multidisciplinary group practices (MGP) to improve access to and quality of primary care (Figure 1);
- Health professionals (HPs) have to propose a health project addressing population main health needs in the area.

## Objectives

- To provide tools and support to HPs during the main steps of creation of MGP.

## Methods

Collaboration between the Southeastern Regional Health Observatory and the Regional Committee for Health Education.



**Public health territorial assessment** based on quantitative indicators and discussion of the results with stakeholders (Figure 2);



**Identification of priorities** taking into account population and HPs' needs;



**Design of health project:** it defines how HPs will work together and which activities they will set to cover public health needs in their territory.

## Results

- Since 2011, 45 MGP projects have been supported : 19 were successful, 13 are still in progress and 13 were not completed ;
- Territorial assessments helped stakeholders to identify public health priorities territories and presented outlooks of the current and coming health needs of various areas.

## Lessons : levers and barriers to the MGP setting up

- 😊 Initiation of the MGP project by HPs and existence of local dynamics, support of the project by local authorities;
- 😞 HP's preconceived ideas about MGP projects, absence of HP's 'leader'.

Figure 1. What is a MGP project ?

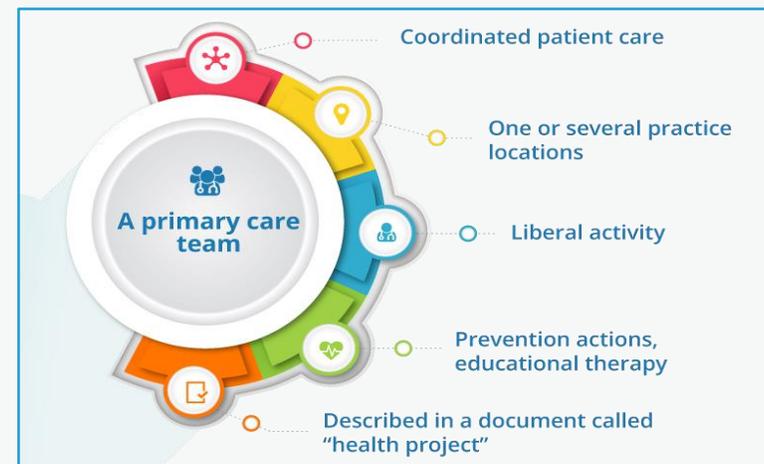


Figure 2. Territorial assessment main themes

