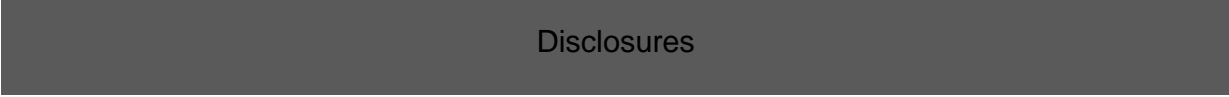




HEALTH PROTECTION DELEGATE : VISITING GENERAL PRACTITIONERS
AND PHARMACISTS IN THE PYRENEES ATLANTIQUES AREA (FRANCE)

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Background/aims

- In France, about 75 000 individuals were undiagnosed for chronic HCV infection in 2014.
- In May 2016, universal access to HCV treatments
- Very important role of GPs and pharmacists in the French health system
- Most cases of substance use disorders treated in private practice

Description of intervention

- Health Protection Delegate: visits each GP and pharmacist of the Pyrénées Atlantiques and South Landes area (approx. 880 000 inhab.)
- Information on drug use, addiction, harm reduction and infectious diseases
- Support GPs and pharmacists, collect their needs
- Special focus on HCV and its treatment since 2016.

Effectiveness

- ⦿ Since 2014, 996 visits done
- ⦿ 449 in GP's offices; 386 in pharmacies and 181 in other professionals
- ⦿ Visit duration between 10 minutes and 1 hour
- ⦿ Very well accepted

Conclusions/implications/next steps

- ⦿ Face to face visits are a precious tool to raise awareness in GPs and pharmacists
- ⦿ A major interest for HCV screening and DAA prescription by GPs (since june 2018)
- ⦿ Relevance for an implementation in the whole country

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