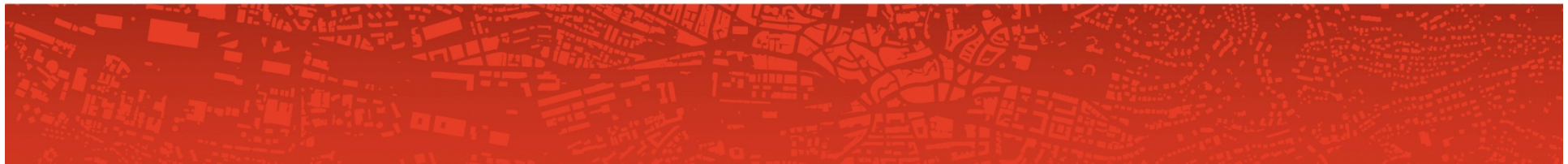


SPAM Program

SWISS PRIMARY HEALTH CARE ACTIVE MONITORING

**Explorer les performances et le fonctionnement
de la médecine de premier recours**

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Outline

- Need for monitoring Swiss Primary Care system
- Quality of available data in Switzerland
- Development of the SPAM program
- SPAM Network of family physicians
- Prevention in primary care (SPAM-prev)
- Conclusion
- Acknowledgments

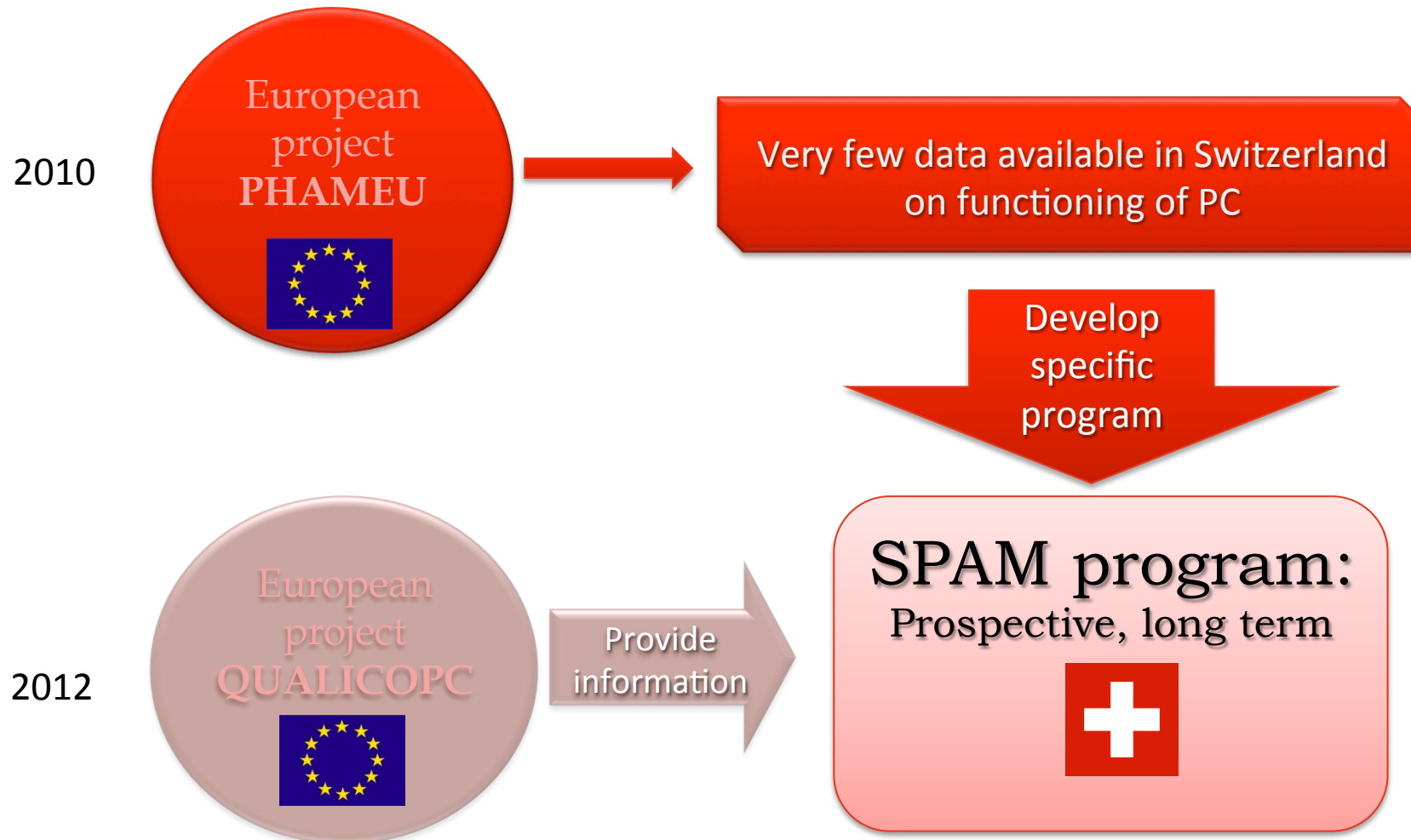
Quality of care in Switzerland

- Limited information on the performances of the Swiss Health System

quement fondée. Ainsi avons-nous en Suisse une situation paradoxale: la qualité des prestations médicales est souvent décrite dans l'ensemble comme excellente, mais on ne dispose pas d'études scientifiques fiables pour le démontrer de manière plus nuancée.

Ref: rapport Suisse sur la santé 2008

The SPAM program



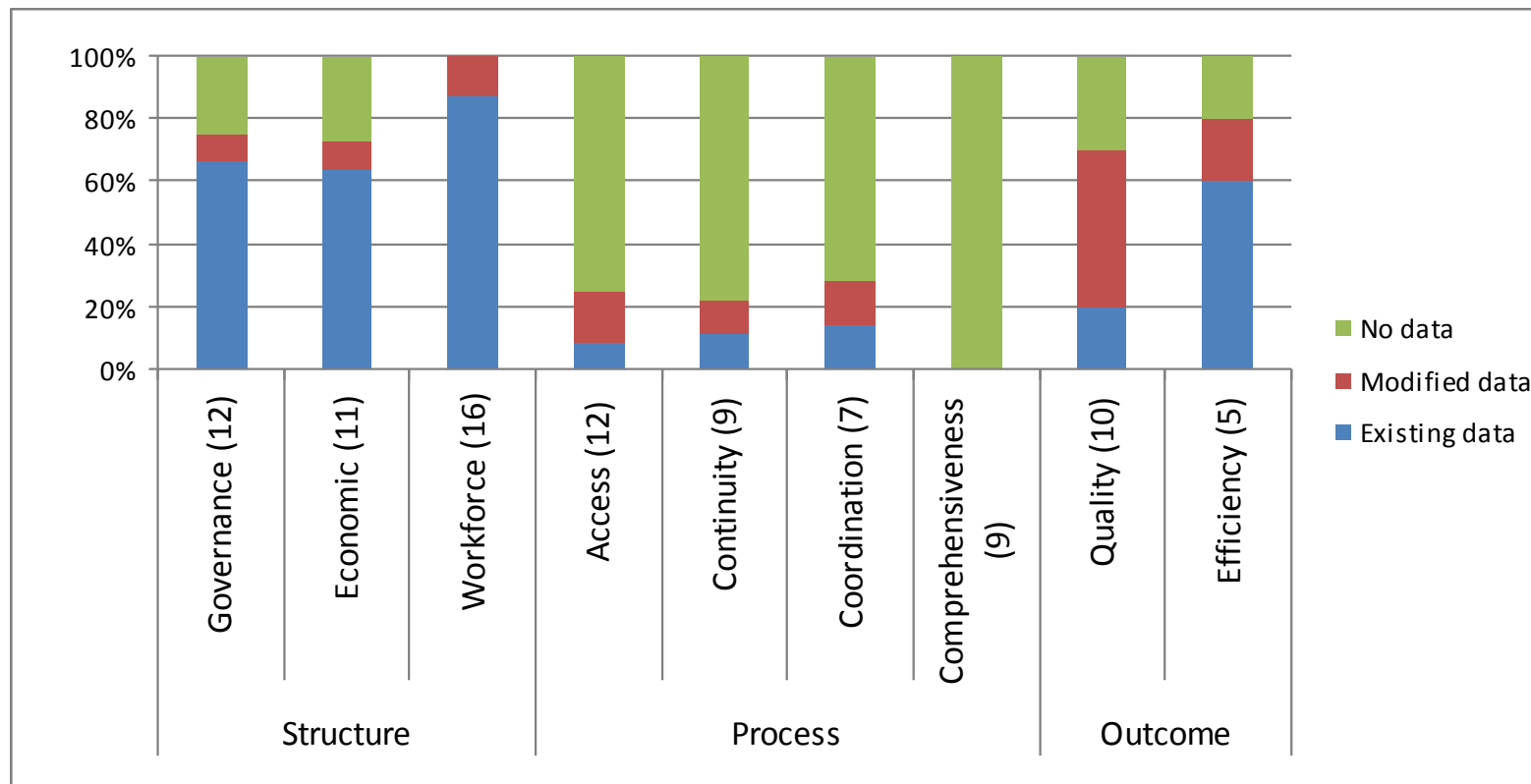
The PHAMEU collaboration (2010)

- European project initiated by the Nivel (Netherlands Institute for Health Services)
- **Objective:** To develop a standardized and validated tool for the monitoring of PC in Europe
- PMU coordinator for Switzerland
- 142 indicators and sub-indicators
- Use of existing data in each country (no prospective data collection)

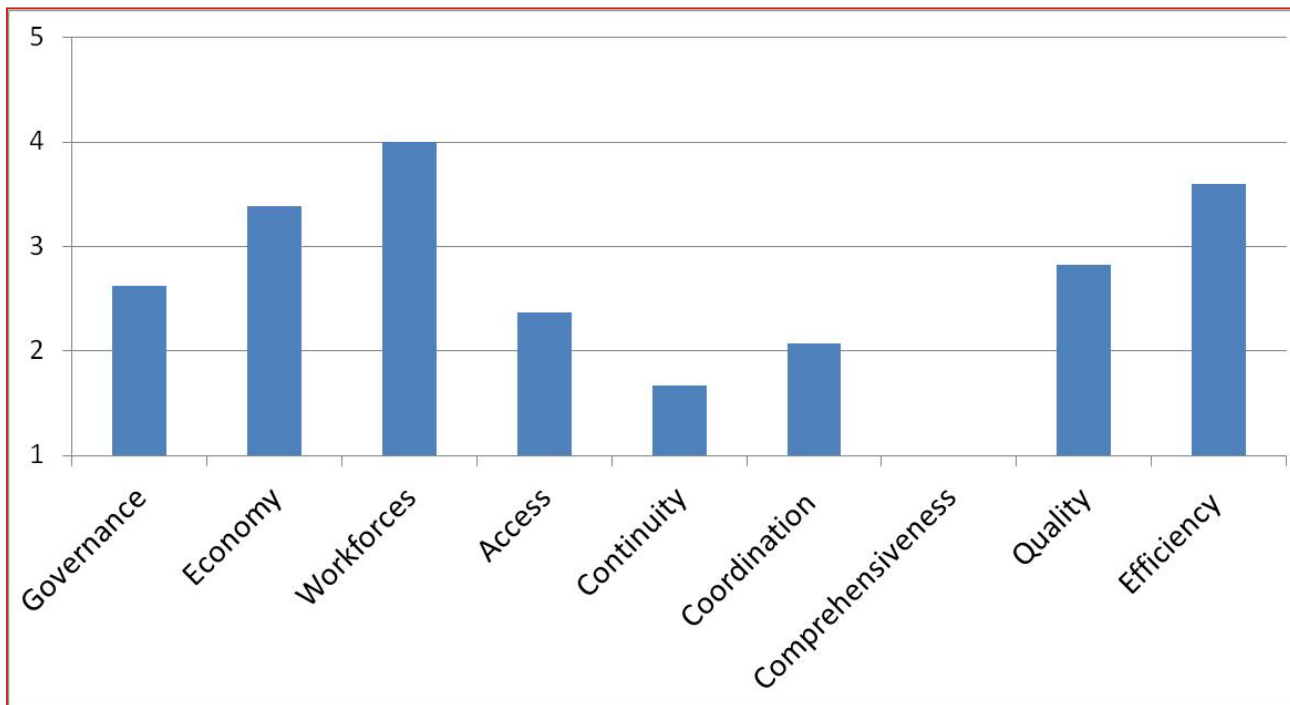


The situation of PC monitoring in Switzerland

Proportion of PHAMEU indicators (out of 91) that have available data in Switzerland according to the field of monitoring (in parenthesis: total number of indicators)



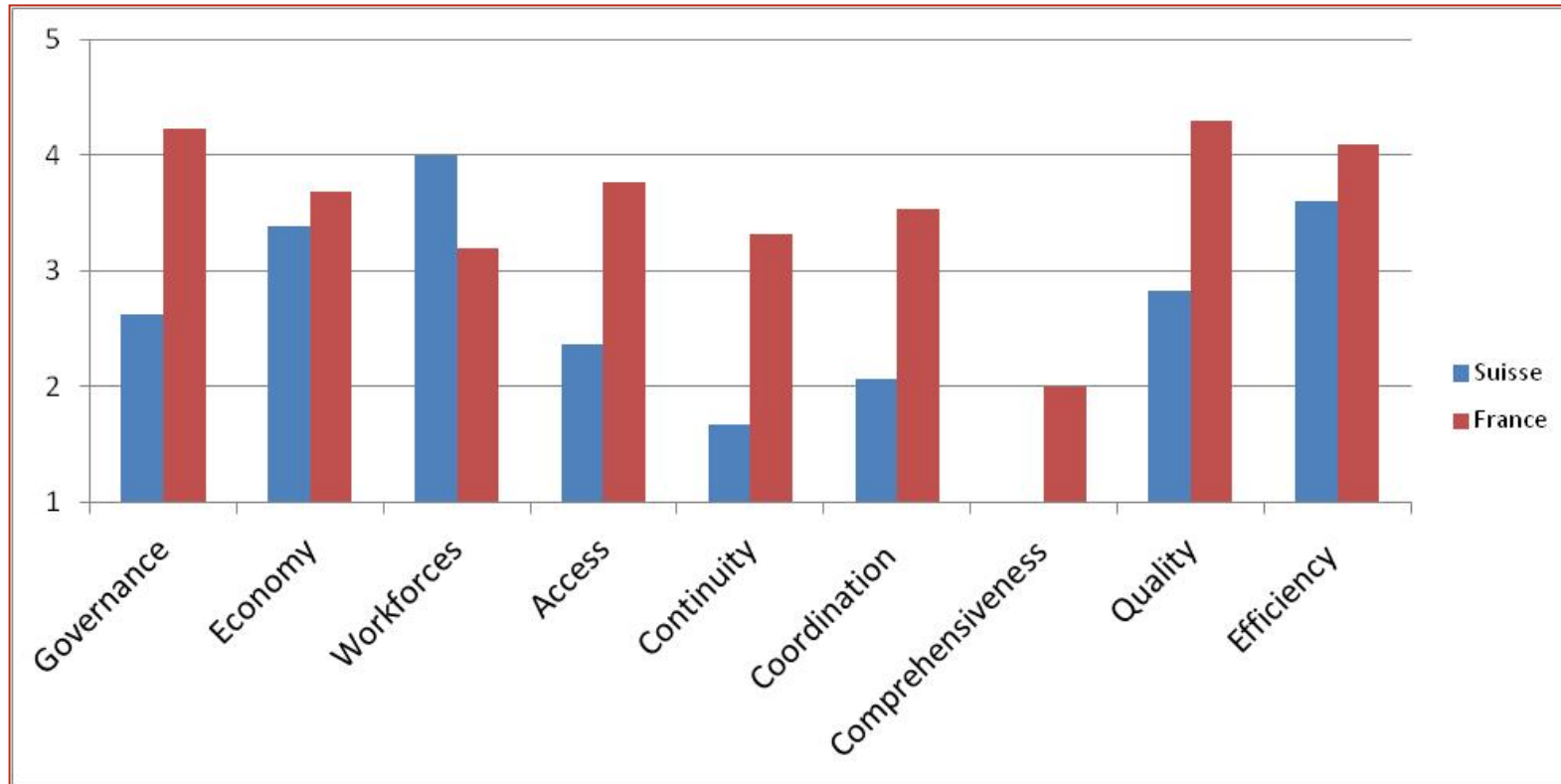
Average quality of data of PHAMEU indicators



5= excellent	National surveys (statistics) and peer-reviewed scientific literature
4 = very good	National grey literature admin data
3 = good	Local grey literature, commented quantitative data admin data (re-building data)
2 = limited	Raw quantitative data, experts' estimates (economics)
1 = poor	Expert opinion or qualitative data

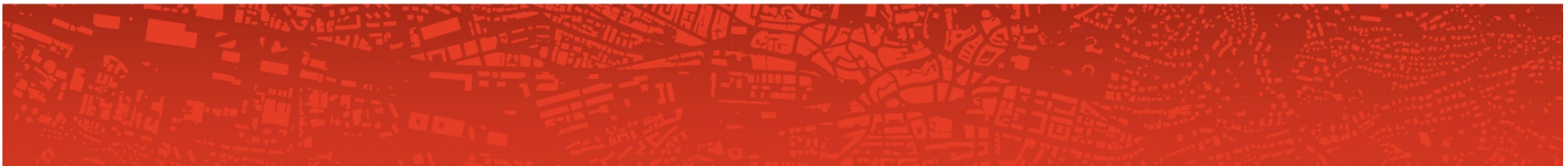
Ref: Senn et al., manuscript in preparation

... compared to France



Switzerland is missing good quality information on the functioning of primary care

Development of the SPAM Program



Why SPAM?



Just a name easy to remember !



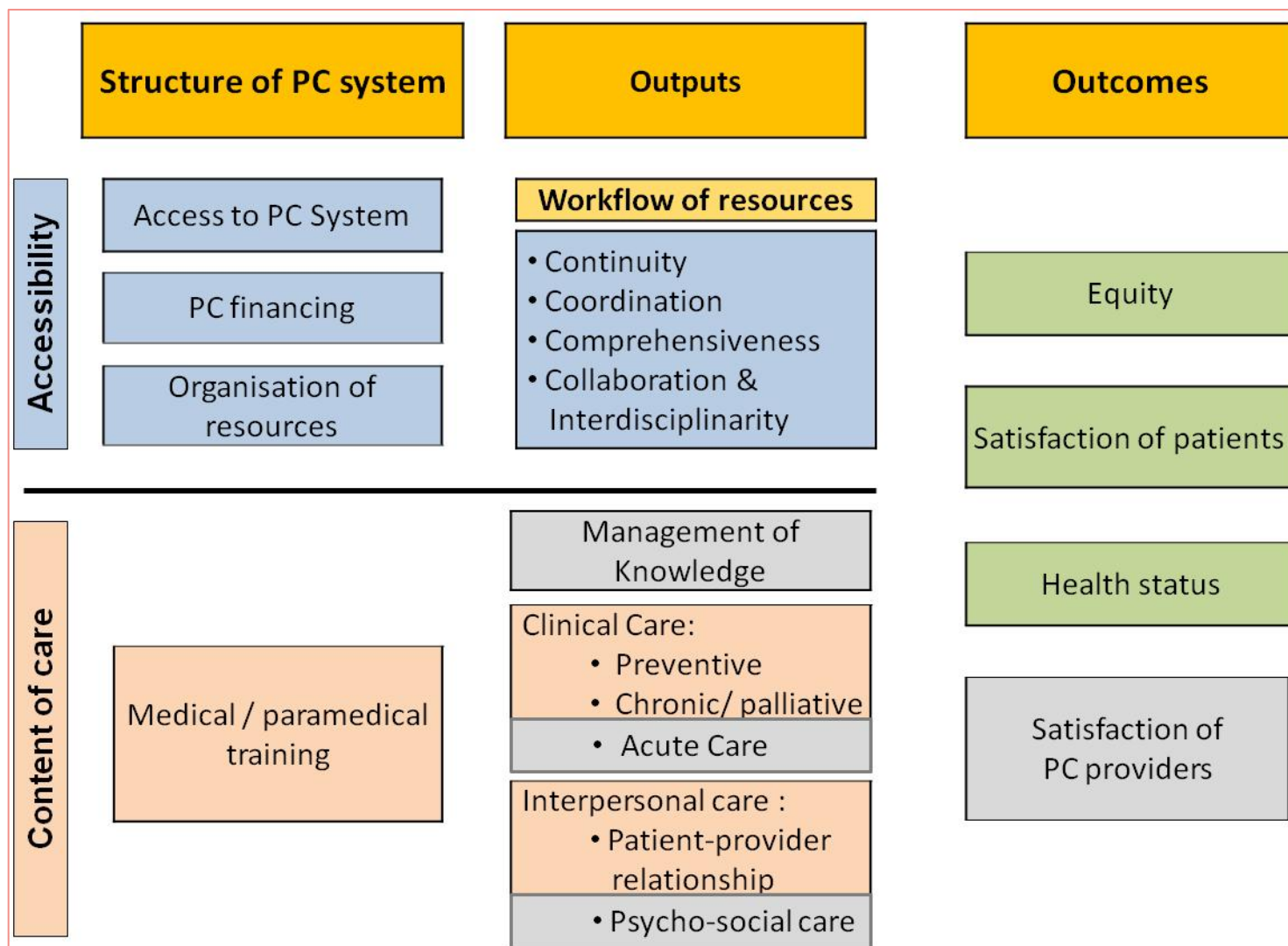
Objective of SPAM program (Swiss Primary Health Care Active Monitoring)

To develop a comprehensive monitoring tool aiming at better understanding the functioning of primary health care in Switzerland and identifying ways to improve quality of care

Steps of development of SPAM

- Development of a theoretical framework
- Selection of indicators
 - Based on the PHAMEU project (About 100 indicators)
 - Consensus process (RAND methodology) of all indicators by expert group
- Setting up data collection, mainly through the network of PC physicians
- Prospective data collection and analysis

Theoretical Framework for SPAM



The RAND Method: Application to the development of SPAM indicators

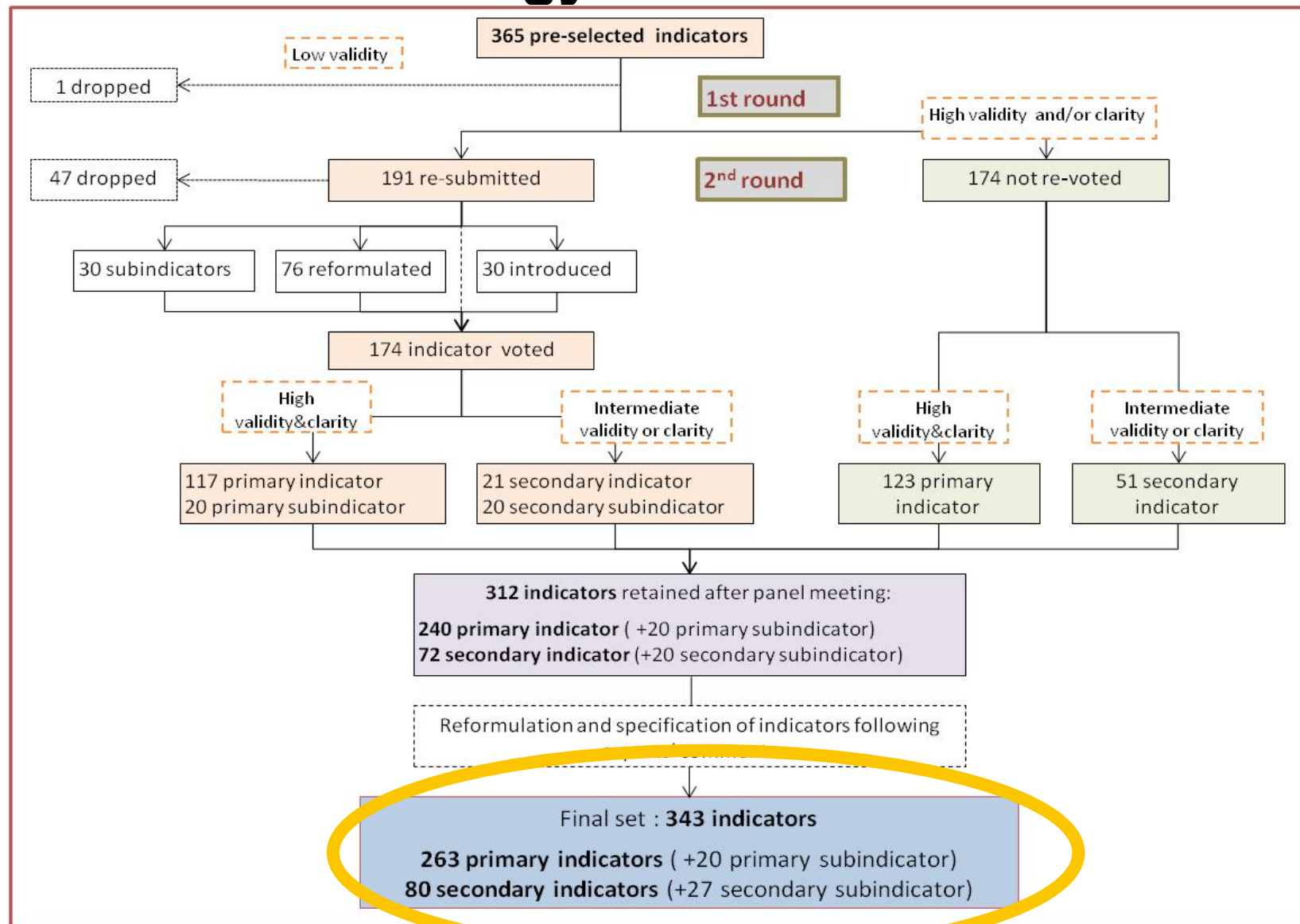
In collaboration with **IUMSP**

(Institute of social and preventive medicine, Lausanne)

The stages in the SPAM RAND process

- Pre-selection of indicators based on the PHAMEU collaboration
- Additional SPAM literature review for complementary indicators
- Set up of a representative panel of experts
- 1st rating round (vote by correspondence)
- 2nd rating round (panel meeting and revote)
- Criteria used in the RAND process for SPAM indicators:
 - **Validity:** The extent to which the indicator is an appropriate measurement of the functioning and performance of the PC system
 - **Clarity:** The extent to which the indicator is clearly stated

Process of selection of indicators based on the RAND methodology



Example of SPAM indicators

1.2.1 Total PC expenditure	
33	Ratio of total expenditure on PC / total expenditure on health
1.2.2 Expenditure on prevention and public health	
34	Ratio of total expenditure on prevention and public health / total expenditure on health
1.2.3 Total PC coverage	
35	% of the population fully covered or insured for costs and services
36	% of the population fully covered by social insurance for costs and services
37	% of cost and services of PC paid out-of-pocket as a ratio of the total expenditure for PC

4.1.7 Health education (group wise)	
158	% of GPs conducting a group wise health education to their patients
4.1.8 Preventive care	
159	% of GPs providing: SKIN SCREENING (FOR SKIN CANCER)
160	% of GPs providing: IMMUNIZATION FOR TETANUS
161	% of GPs providing: ALLERGY DESENSITIZATION
162	% of GPs providing: TESTING FOR SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES
163	% of GPs providing: SCREENING FOR HIV/AIDS
164	% of GPs providing: INFLUENZA VACCINATION FOR HIGH-RISK GROUPS
165	% of GPs providing: CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING
166	% of GPs assuring/ verifying the exam/follow-up of BREAST CANCER SCREENING (mammography)
167	% of GPs assuring/ verifying the exam/follow-up of CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING
168	% of GPs assuring/ verifying the exam/follow-up of COLON CANCER SCREENING
169	% of GPs providing: BLOOD SUGAR CONTROL

Last step: 3rd round of expert consensus (DELPHI)

- Validation of the present structure, formulation and selection of primary and secondary indicators
- Identification of 30-40 priority indicators that will be used for regular monitoring of Swiss PC. Every domain/ chapter/section should be represented
- Currently on going (October 2013)

Future developments of “global” SPAM

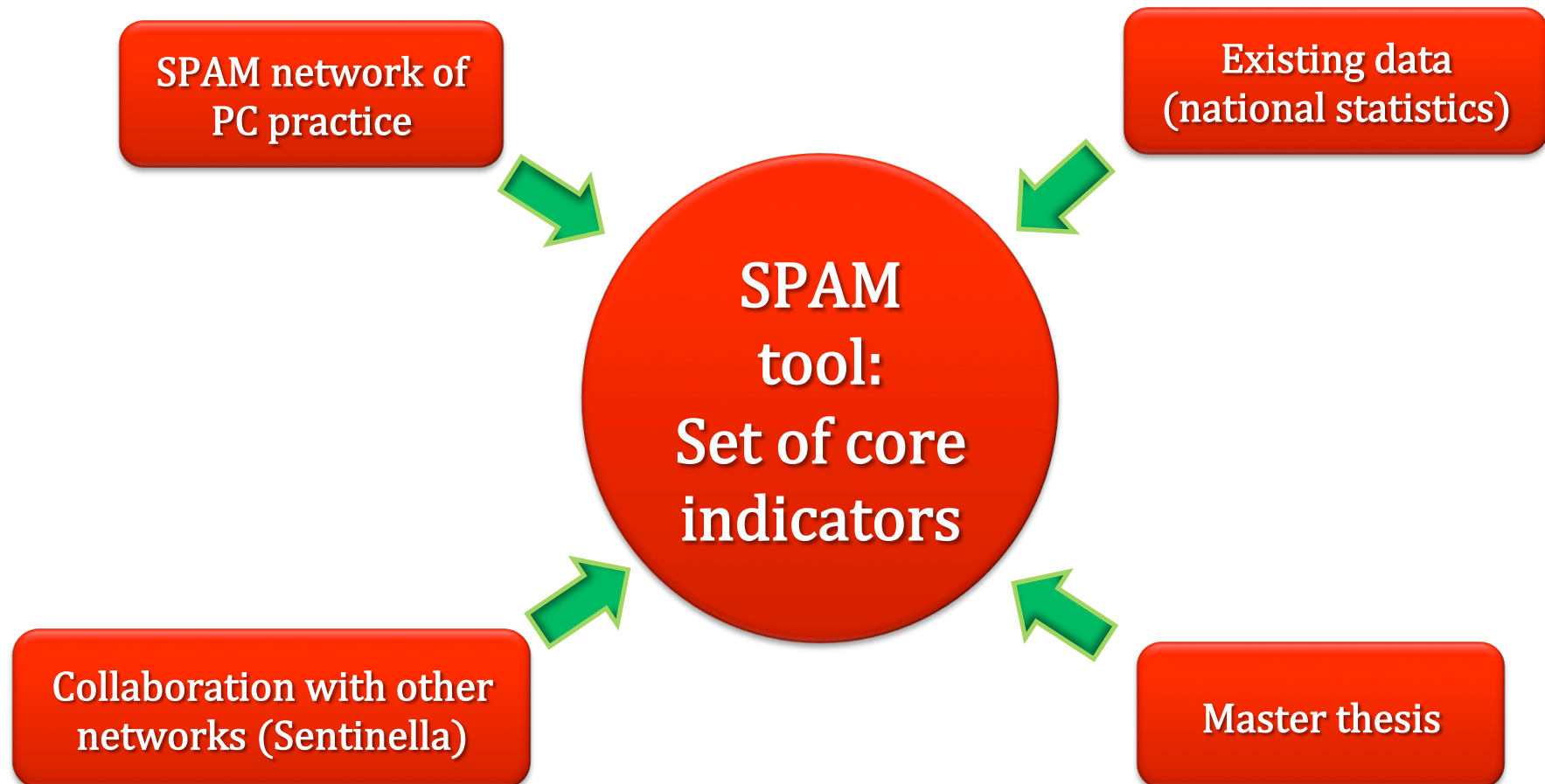
- A fact-sheet will be generated for each indicator.
- The priority indicators will be used for regular update (1-2 years) and monitoring of the Swiss PC system.
- A first report on the functioning of PC in Switzerland based on priority indicators will be issued in 2014

6. Template of indicator fact sheet

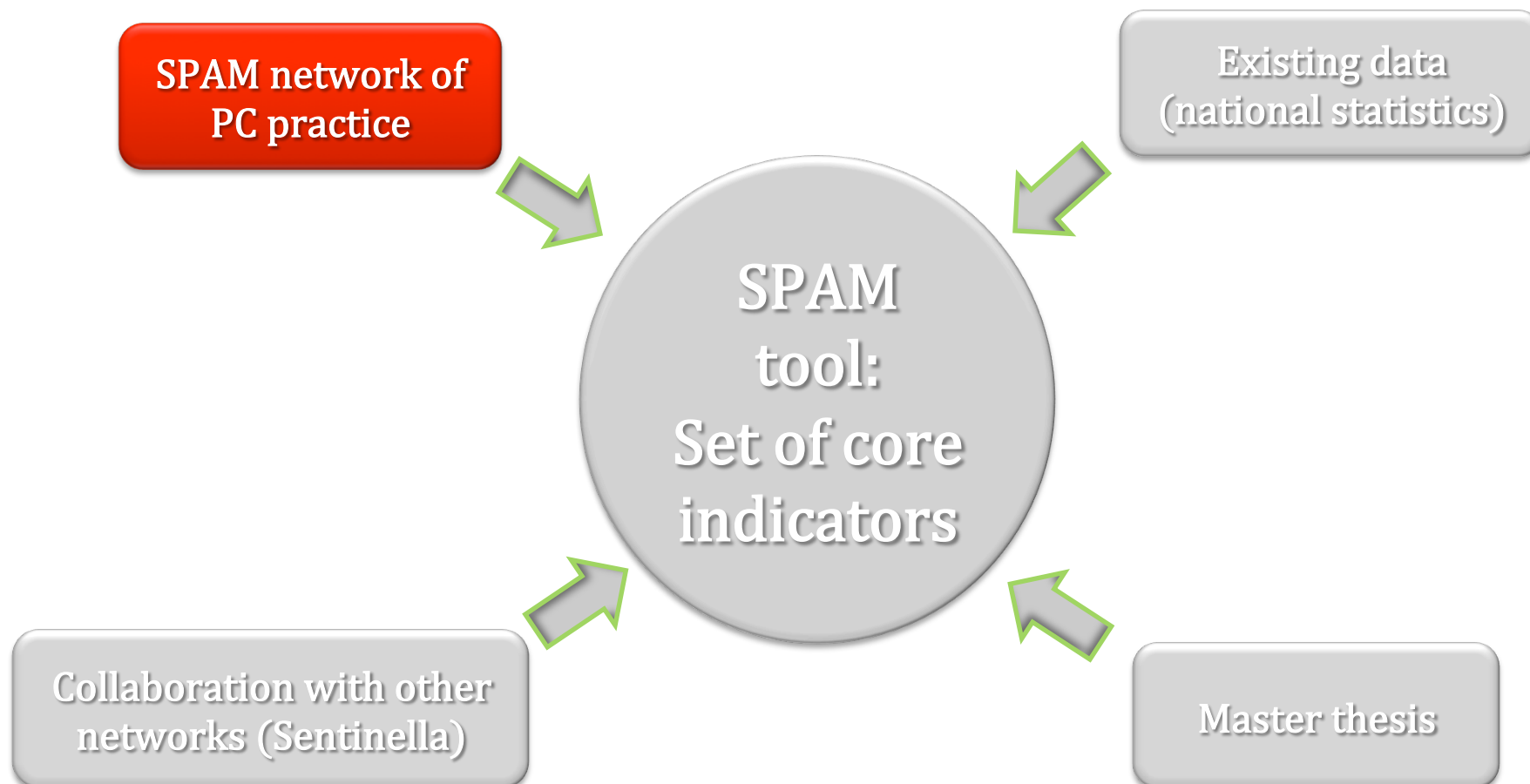
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Subsection:		
Indicator:		
Descriptive Definition		
Method of Calculation	Formula: .../.....X...	
	Numerator	Descriptive Definition
		Inclusions
		Exclusions
	Denominator	Descriptive Definition
		Inclusions
Exclusions		
Stratification		
Interpretation		Further Analysis
Indicator Rationale		
Results	Indicator	
	Indicator subcategories	
Graphic chart		
Data Source		
Notes	Definitions of Terms	
References		

Basis for collecting data: The SPAM network of PC physicians

COLLECTION OF DATA FOR SPAM



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Objective of the SPAM Network

- Develop a Network of **200 GP's** for data collection adapted to the needs and context of Switzerland
- Main required features:
 - Feasible
 - Representative of Swiss GP's
 - Allow prospective and regular data collection
 - Accepted
 - Research tool to explore the functioning of the health system.

Method: random sampling

- Opportunity: the QUALICOPC study
- **A random pre-selection of 2027 GP's** was drawn from more than 7000 members of the combined lists of the Swiss Family Physicians and Paediatricians Association (MFE) & Swiss General Internal Medicine Society (SSMI).
- The draws were stratified by canton.

Geographic distribution of the 200 GP's



Representativeness of the Network

	SPAM	Comparative group	P-value
Female	23 %	21 %	p = 0.63
Mean age (estimated on base of diploma- year)	53.8 years	53.4 years	p=0.68
-German	62%	76%	p=0.02
-French	35%	23%	
-Italian	4%	1%	

Specific developments: Prevention in primary care (SPAM – Prev)

- **Primary Study objective**
To conduct monitoring of preventive care in family medicine practices using SPAM key indicators and framework
- **Specific objectives**
 - To investigate the organizational aspects of primary practices that may impact on preventive activities
 - To investigate the processes of preventive care provided by family practitioners
 - To investigate the impact of preventive care activities on patients' outcomes
- Sponsored by a grant of the Bangerter Foundation (2013-15)

SPAM – prev: milestones

Finalize SPAM indicators for prevention + key indicators	2013 (completed)
Develop questionnaires in French for PC physicians & Patients	2013, completed (on going for patients)
Pilot study on prevention and organizational determinants	2013, on going
Translate and validate questionnaires in German and Italian	2014
Ethical committee	2014
Collect data in PC practices (+ data enter, by field workers or DOC-R)	2014 (partly achieved in 2013)
Analyze data	2015

SPAM – Prev: Pilot study

- Master thesis (S. Andrey, University of Lausanne) aiming at:
 - Test feasibility of using on-line survey for data collection through SPAM network (French part)
 - Collecting data for SPAM preventive indicators
 - Investigate the organizational aspects of primary practices that may impact on the conduct of preventive activities with a focus on smoking counseling
- Expected results: mid 2014

Conclusions

- SPAM is a comprehensive tool able to better understand the functioning of PC and identifying ways to improve quality of care
- SPAM has the potential to provide useful information to health professionals, public health authorities and researchers
- The SPAM program develops along 2 axes:
 - Global monitoring of PC in Switzerland
 - Assessment of specific domains of PC (prevention, organization,..)

Partners

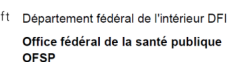
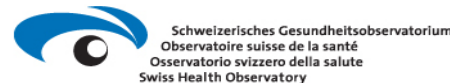


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- University Institute of Family Medicine (IUMG), Lausanne
- Swiss Health Observatory, Neuchâtel (Obsan)

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- Swiss Association of family physicians and pediatricians
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Aknowledgements

- PC physicians of the SPAM network
- Members of the SPAM experts' panel
- Members of the SPAM copil
- SPAM research team, PMU



Merci! 🎵



SPAM Expert Panel Members

OBSAN	OBSERVATOIRE SUISSE DE LA SANTÉ
OFS	OFFICE FÉDÉRAL DE LA STATISTIQUE
CMPR	COLLÈGE DE MÉDECINE DU PREMIER RECOURS
OFSP	OFFICE FÉDÉRAL DE LA SANTÉ PUBLIQUE
FMH	SWISS MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
MFE	MÉDECINS DE FAMILLE ET DE L'ENFANCE SUISSE
IUMSP	INSTITUT UNIVERSITAIRE DE MÉDECINE EN SANTÉ PUBLIQUE
SSMI	SOCIÉTÉ SUISSE DE MÉDECINE INTERNE GÉNÉRALE
IUFRS	INSTITUT UNIVERSITAIRE DE FORMATION ET DE RECHERCHE EN SOINS
CDS	CONFÉRENCE SUISSE DES DIRECTRICES ET DIRECTEURS CANTONAUX DE LA SANTÉ
SWISS TPH	SWISS TROPICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE
PARL	MEMBER OF THE SWISS PARLIAMENT
IUMG	INSTITUT UNIVERSITAIRE DE MÉDECINE GÉNÉRALE
IHAMB	INSTITUT FÜR HAUSARZTMEDIZIN BASEL
INSPQ	INSTITUT NATIONAL DE SANTÉ PUBLIQUE SU QUEBEC
OVS	OBSERVATOIRE VALAISAN DE LA SANTÉ

First results: sample

Patients of GP's in Switzerland	
Average number of Patients/GP	1808
Mean consultation time (min)	19.6
Number of patients' contacts /day	
face to face	24
telephone	6.4
Emails	1.5

Use of computers in GP practices	
% of GP with computer	100
Purpose	
Appointment	49.8
Billing	98
Writing prescriptions	55.3
Medical records	46.2
sending letters to specialists	87.9
Record test results	52.3
Web medical information	90.5
prescription to pharmacy	29.2

The QUALICOPC project

- **Objective:**
To evaluate PC systems in Europe against criteria of quality, equity and costs
- **Method: prospective survey in each country**
 1. Questionnaire for **200 GPs**
 2. Questionnaires for **2000 patients**
 3. Short **fieldworker survey**
- Took place in 2012 with SPAM Network



Example of questions

C. Votre pratique de la prévention contre le tabagisme

24. Dans votre cabinet, qui s'occupe des conseils donnés aux fumeurs? Plusieurs réponses sont possibles.

- Le médecin généraliste.
- L'assistante médicale.
- Une infirmière spécialisée.

Autre, veuillez préciser:

25. Dans votre cabinet, à quelle fréquence vous renseignez-vous sur le statut tabagique de vos patients ?

	(presque) Toujours	Souvent	Parfois	Rarement
I. Si c'est un nouveau patient qui vient pour une première consultation en ambulatoire.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
II a). Si c'est un patient suivi dans votre cabinet qui se présente pour une consultation en urgence concernant une pathologie respiratoire.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
II b). Si c'est un patient suivi dans votre cabinet qui se présente pour une consultation en urgence concernant une pathologie autre que respiratoire.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
III. Si c'est un patient suivi dans votre cabinet qui vient pour une consultation de suivi médical.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
IV a). Si c'est un patient pas suivi dans votre cabinet qui vient pour une urgence concernant une pathologie respiratoire.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
IV b). Si c'est un patient pas suivi dans votre cabinet qui vient pour une urgence concernant une pathologie autre que respiratoire.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

26. De quelle(s) façon(s) reportez-vous le statut tabagique de vos patients dans leur dossier médical? Plusieurs réponses sont possibles.

- Je le reporte dans une rubrique spécifique au tabagisme.
- Je le reporte dans une rubrique spécifique à la prévention.
- Je le reporte dans l'anamnèse générale du patient.
- Je le reporte, mais pas à un endroit spécifique (parfois dans l'anamnèse, parfois sous prévention, ...).
- Je ne le reporte habituellement pas.

Autre, veuillez préciser:

27. Que reportez-vous plus précisément dans le dossier médical de vos patients lorsque vous y reportez leur statut tabagique? Plusieurs réponses sont possibles.

- Je reporte le nombre d'Unité-Paquet-Année (UPA).
- Je reporte le nombre de cigarettes fumées par jour.