

Evaluation of interventions to improve vaccination promotion by healthcare professionals?

Which interventions? How to evaluate them?

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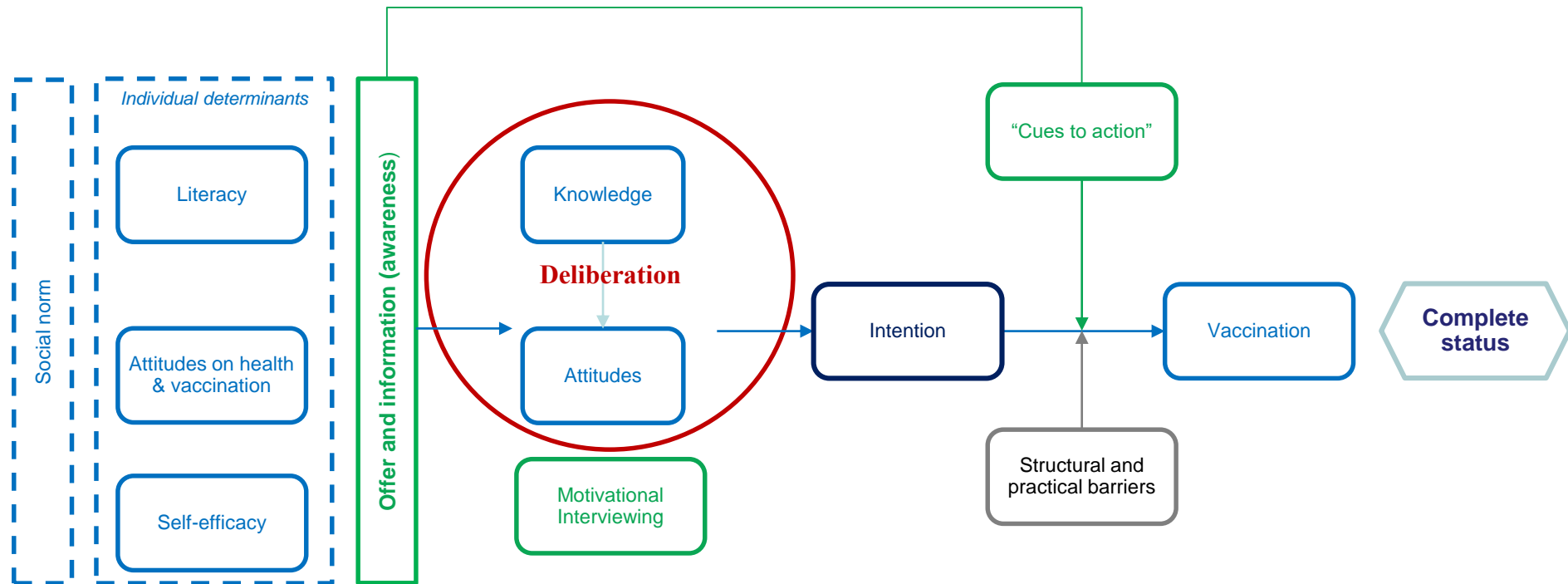
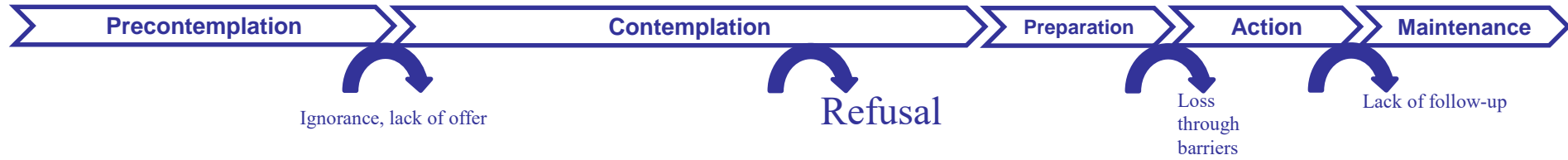
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Vaccine uptake, a dynamic process



Mesure of « vaccine hesitancy » (definition by WHO SAGE)

Prevalence of vaccine hesitancy according to the WHO SAGE definition in population sub-groups, Health Barometer, France 2016, (n = 6,356^a)

Questions adapted from the WHO SAGE group's definition of vaccine hesitancy	Parents of children aged 1–15 years (n = 3,938)		Parents of girls aged 11–15 years (n = 959)	65–75 year-olds (n = 2,418)
	1–9 years (n = 1,811) % (95% CI)	10–15 years (n = 2,127) % (95% CI)	% (95% CI)	% (95% CI)
Has refused a vaccine recommended by their physician they considered dangerous or useless (yes)	22.8 (20.8–24.7)	29.4 (27.5–31.4)	29.3 (26.4–32.1)	16.1 (14.7–17.6)
Has delayed a vaccine recommended by their physician because of doubts about it (yes)	15.3 (13.6–16.9)	18.1 (16.5–19.8)	18.9 (16.4–21.4)	15.9 (14.5–17.4)
Has had a vaccine despite doubts about its efficacy (yes)	26.7 (24.6–28.7)	27.0 (25.2–28.9)	26.9 (24.1–29.7)	19.1 (17.6–20.7)
Vaccine hesitancy (defined as a 'yes' response to at least one of these three questions)	42.9 (40.6–45.2)	48.5 (46.3–50.6)	48.2 (45.1–51.4)	34.5 (32.6–36.4)

Infant coverage
>78% thanks to HCP
PCV: >90%

HPV coverage
Could be >70%

Flu coverage
Could be >86%

But insufficient offer by HCP

PrevHPV trial baseline 2021-22



1889 parents of students aged 11-14 years

86.7% declare having had a recent visit at their GP

9.6% of those with a recent visit declare never having heard about HPV vaccination

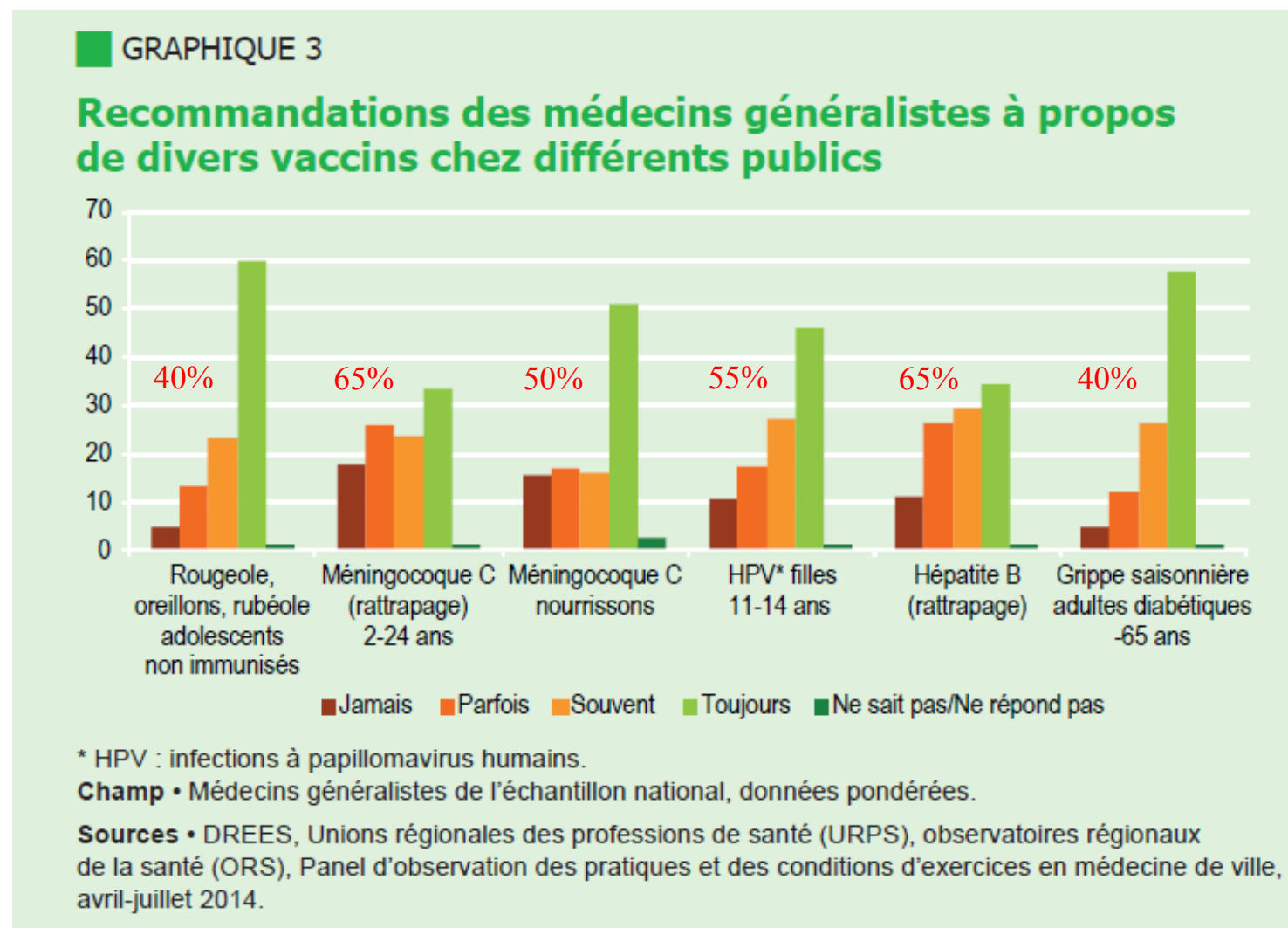
1049 parents of students 11-14 years who are not vaccinated against HPV

84.3% declare having had a recent visit at their GP

45.4% declare never having received a HPV vaccination offer

General practitioners

Percentage of GP who do not systematically recommend a given vaccine, despite NITAG recommendation + reimbursement



General practitioners

Mesures que les médecins généralistes trouveraient utiles dans leur pratique quotidienne de vaccination.
Enquête nationale auprès de médecins généralistes, France, 2014 (données pondérées*)

Mesure	Perçue comme utile % (N=1 582) [IC95%]	Rapport national où cette mesure est recommandée (référence)	Mesure déjà existante en France (référence)
Des campagnes d'information grand public sur les vaccins	80,6 [78,7-82,5]	[6-8]	Disponible pour la grippe saisonnière sur le site de l'Assurance maladie ¹⁵
Des argumentaires sur les bénéfices et les risques de chaque vaccin	79,1 [77,2-81,1]	–	Disponibles pour les vaccins : hépatite B, HPV, ROR, coqueluche, pneumocoque, grippe saisonnière et tuberculose ¹⁶
Des livrets d'information pour les patients sur les bénéfices et les risques de chaque vaccin	77,9 [75,9-79,9]	[6-8]	Disponibles pour les vaccins : hépatite B, HPV, méningocoque, ROR, coqueluche, pneumocoque et pour la vaccination en général ¹⁷
Un carnet de vaccination électronique intégré au logiciel métier	75,2 [73,1-77,2]	[6-8]	mesvaccins.net, mais payant dans sa version accessible aux professionnels de santé et non intégré au logiciel métier ¹⁸
Une lettre électronique gratuite informant des nouveautés sur les vaccins	66,8 [64,5-69,1]	–	Disponible sur Infovac ¹⁹ , mais payante, et gratuitement sur le site Vaccination Info Service ¹⁴
Une ligne gratuite de conseil téléphonique sur les vaccins pour les médecins	56,8 [54,5-59,2]	–	Certains services hospitaliers d'infectiologie proposent une ligne de conseil consacrée aux maladies infectieuses, dont la vaccination ²⁰
La mise à disposition de vaccins au cabinet	56,8 [54,5-59,2]	[7,8]	–
Un rappel automatique, par SMS, aux patients, de leurs dates de vaccination	54,9 [52,6-57,3]	–	–
Une cotation spécifique pour une consultation dédiée à la vaccination	30,3 [28,1-32,5]	[8]	–
Autres mesures existantes, mais non proposées dans notre enquête :			
Site Internet unique d'information sur la vaccination (pour le grand public et les professionnels de santé)		[7,8]	Site Internet Vaccination Info Service ¹⁴
Programmes de formation à l'école		[6,8]	Programme E-bug ²¹

How to improve vaccine promotion by HCP? - Policies

- Mandatory systematic vaccine offer
 - Improved context for vaccine promotion (literacy, awareness in the general public)
 - Having vaccines in stock at consultation (not the case in France!)
 - Larger circle of HCP who can promote, prescribe and administer vaccination
- ⇒ Evaluation of policy changes => economics
- ⇒ « Expérimentations » in some admin. regions of France: pharmacists, school-based promotion, vaccination in hospitals
- ⇒ At best pre-post comparison
- ⇒ Rarely in the context of interventional research

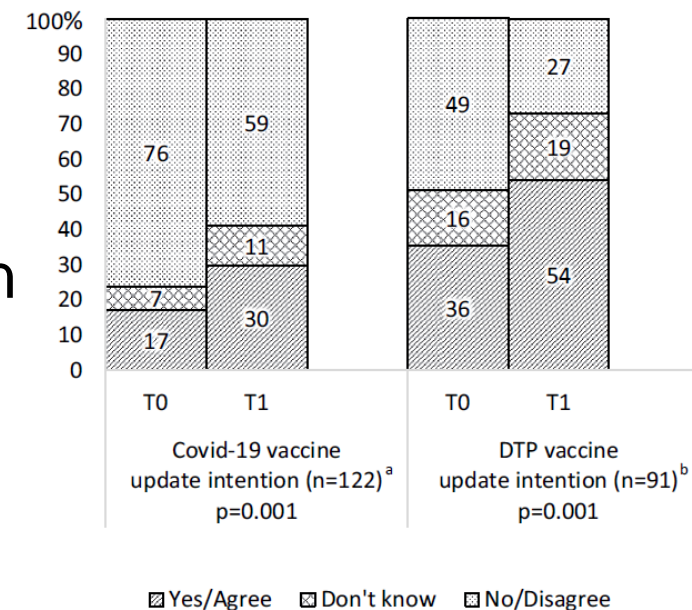
MI-trained health mediators

Disadvantaged population, Marseille

Table 1. Means and comparisons of the health mediators' pre- and post-training scores for motivational interviewing (MI) skills.

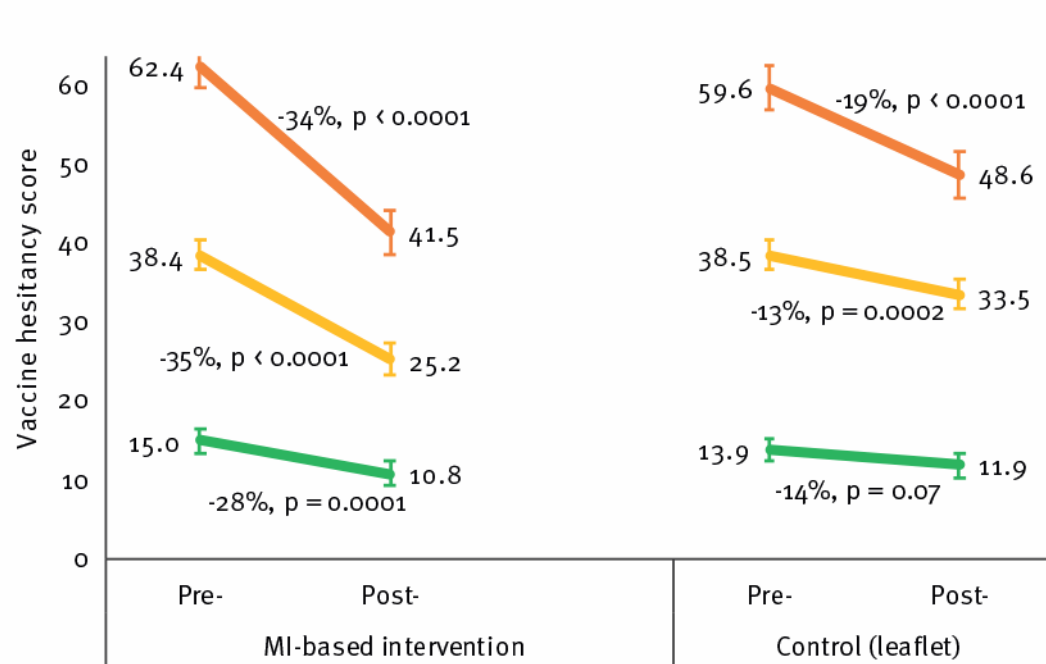
Section	n	Mean score before training	Mean score after training	Change	Before/After comparison* (p-value)
MI knowledge (Q1-Q6)/100	16	51.5 ± 19.5	76.0 ± 16.5	+48%	.001
Perceived application of MI skills (Q8)/100	15 ^a	53.6 ± 23.4	78.4 ± 15.5	+46%	.003
Self-confidence in using MI (Q9)/100	13 ^b	65.7 ± 10.9	77.8 ± 8.2	+18%	.011
Application of MI skills (open-response item) (Q7) ^c	16	3.3 ± 3.1	7.8 ± 3.5	+4.5 points	.006

Before-after change in intention



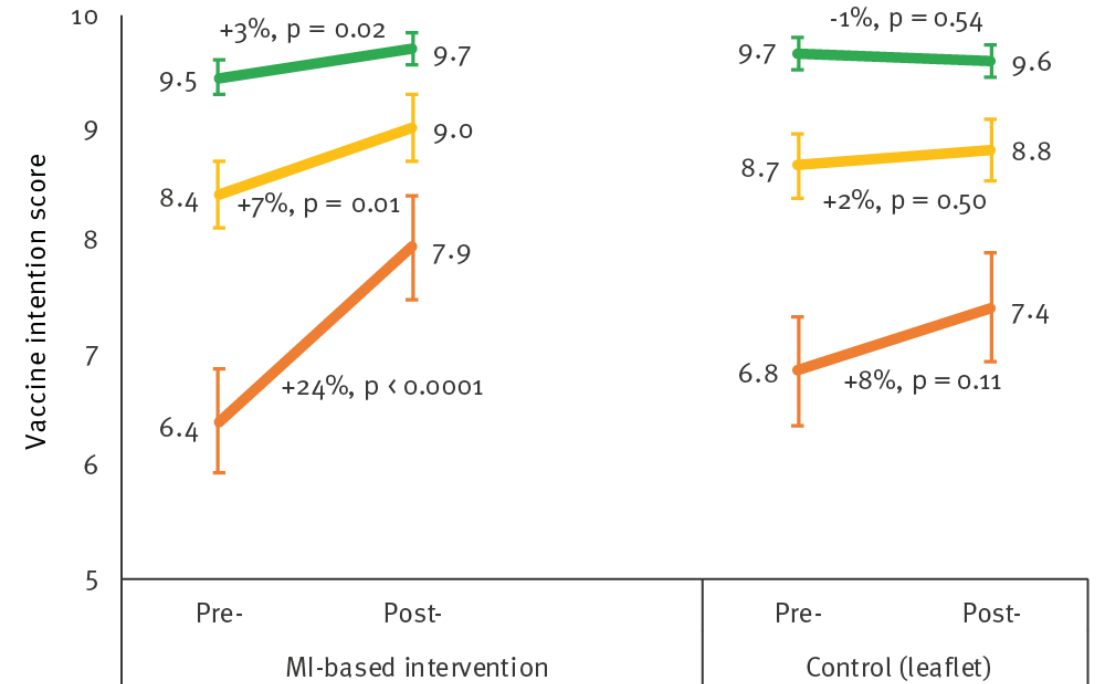
MI-trained midwives in maternity wards

RCT, MI by midwife vs. leaflet



Initial level of VH

Low (< 30) - n = 315 Moderate (30-50) - n = 229 High (> 50) - n = 189



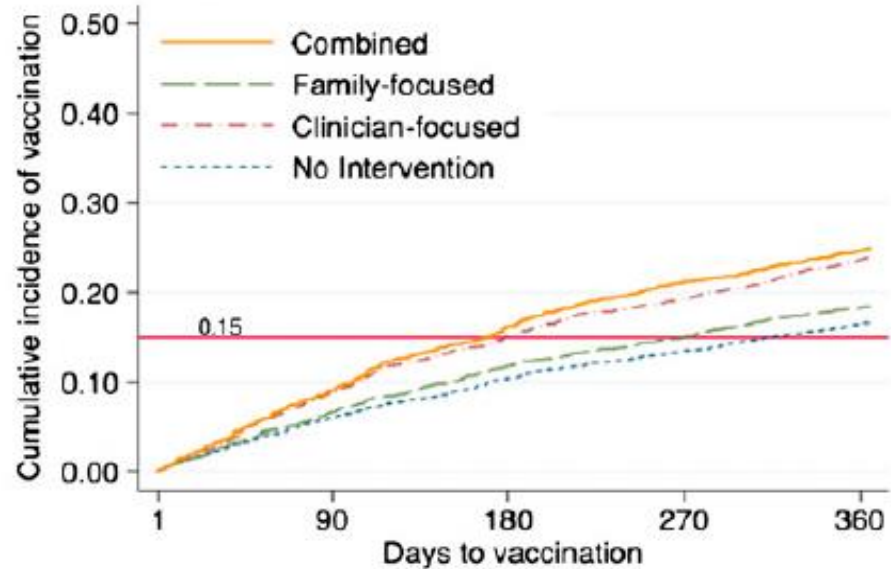
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See also PromoVaq RCT, Canada

Alerts, training, rate feedback for clinicians

A, HPV #1 $n = 17\ 658$



Number eligible	1	90	180	270	360
Combined	4369	3708	3193	2731	2274
Family-focused	4440	3877	3440	2974	2476
Clinician-focused	4413	3746	3221	2765	2268
No Intervention	4436	3898	3442	2983	2489

TABLE 2 Hazard Ratios of Vaccine Receipt During the 12-Month Study Period

Intervention Arm	HPV #1 ^a ($n = 17\ 658$)	
	Hazard Ratio ^b (95% CI)	<i>P</i>
Combined versus none	1.6 (1.2–2.1)	.001
Clinician only versus none	1.5 (1.2–2.0)	.003
Family only versus none	1.1 (1.0–1.2)	.03
Combined versus clinician only	1.1 (0.9–1.2)	.2
Combined versus family only	1.4 (1.2–1.8)	.001
Family only versus clinician only	0.7 (0.6–0.9)	.007

How to improve vaccine promotion by HCP? - Training

Syllabi for initial and continued training

- On vaccination
 - Shared decision making tools
- On vaccine hesitancy
- On motivational interviewing techniques

HPV: Complex intervention, RCT, uptake outcome (Dempsey)

5-component intervention on HCP Communication

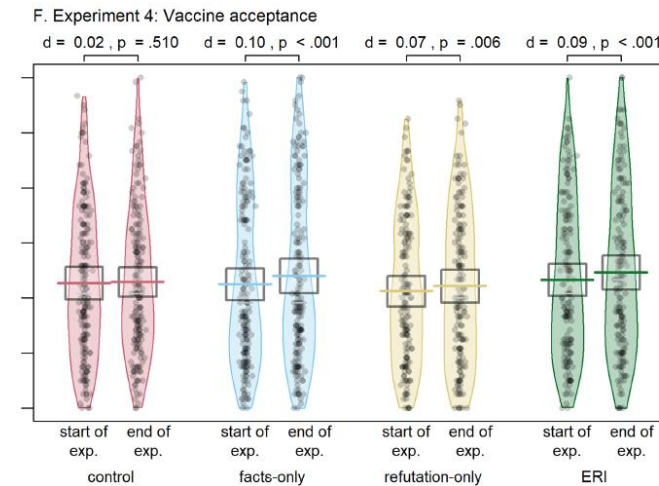
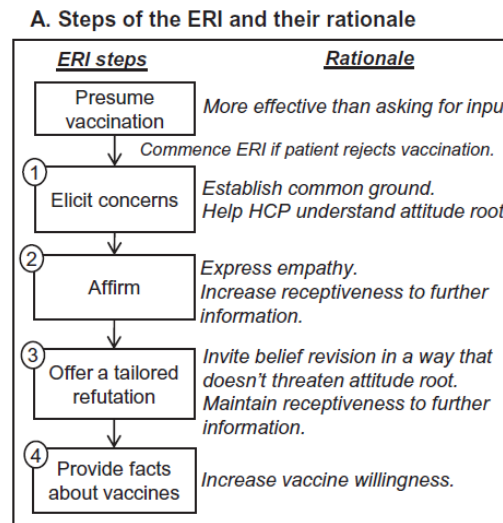
- Fact sheet library
- Disease images
- Decision aid tool
- Communication training for HCP (presumptive approach+MI)
- Parent education website

Variable	Study Period	Control		Intervention		Difference in Differences ^b	
		No. Eligible for HPV Dose	% Of Eligible Who Received HPV Dose	No. Eligible for HPV Dose	% Of Eligible Who Received HPV Dose	Unadjusted	Adjusted ^c
Medical Specialty^c							
Family medicine	Baseline	290	14.1	401	24.7	0.58 (0.17-1.95)	0.58 (0.17-1.94)
	Postintervention	268	22.0	381	24.9		
Pediatrics	Baseline	7956	37.9	7356	32.0	1.53 (1.37-1.72)	1.53 (1.37-1.72)
	Postintervention	7027	39.6	7782	43.8		
Practice Type^d							
Public	Baseline	1337	52.8	2333	46.5	0.92 (0.69-1.23)	0.99 (0.73-1.36)
	Postintervention	972	56.2	2482	48.7		
Private	Baseline	6909	34.0	5424	25.2	1.77 (1.54-2.02)	1.82 (1.59-2.08)
	Postintervention	6323	36.2	5681	40.3		
Encounter Type							
Routine checkup	Baseline	6079	44.2	5415	38.3	1.58 (1.40-1.78)	1.61 (1.43-1.82)
	Postintervention	5557	45.2	6043	51.5		
Sick visit	Baseline	4848	7.0	4626	7.5	1.16 (0.90-1.50)	1.18 (0.92-1.53)
	Postintervention	4053	7.3	4098	8.5		

Studies on lay volunteers
not involving HCP

Content of MI ?

Empathetic refutational interview: randomized lab experiments



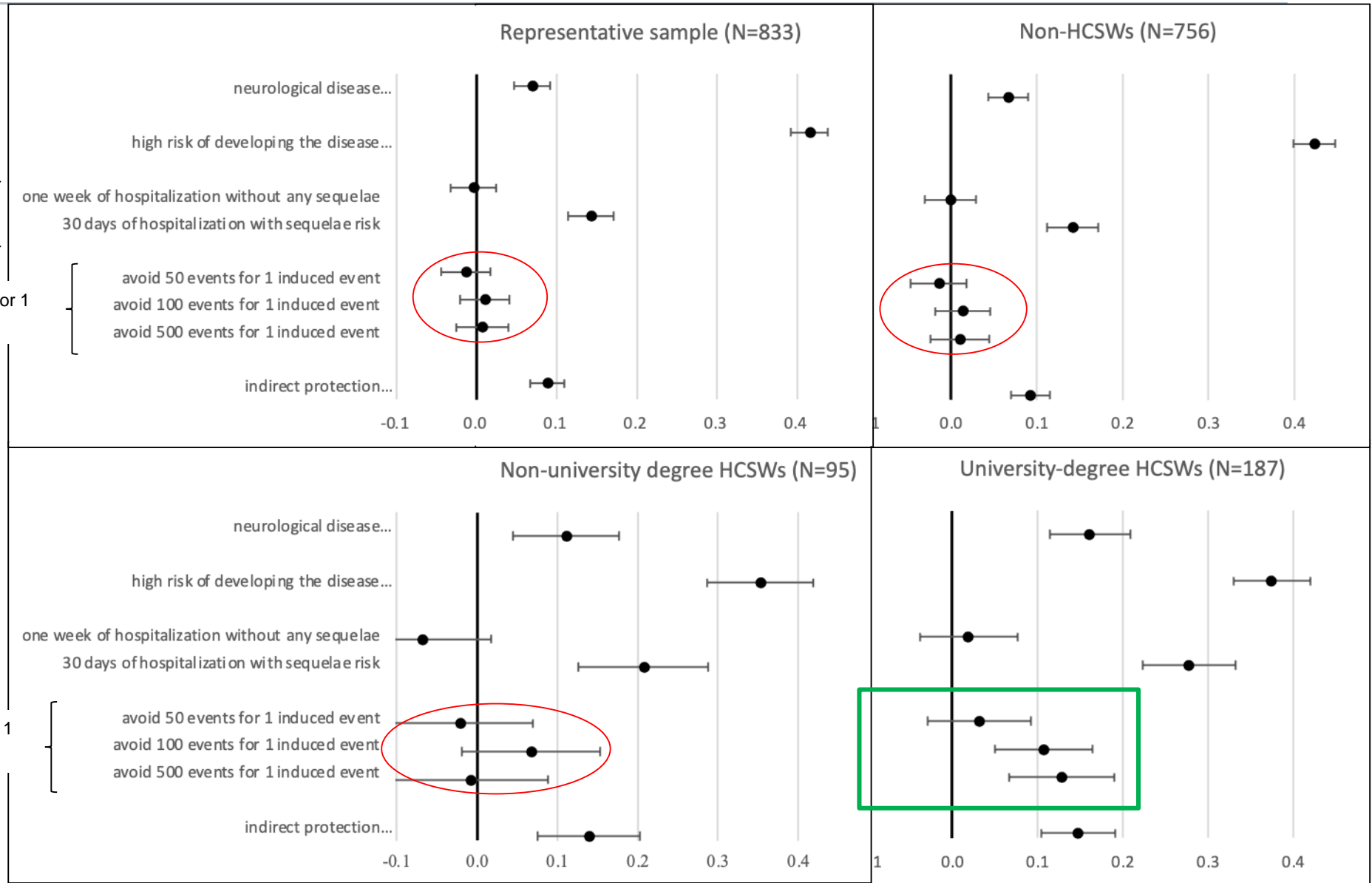
Identifying *Don't* s in communication

scenario-based studies: vignettes, discrete-choice experiments

Changes in probability of acceptance of a hypothetical vaccination against an emergent disease, in relation to increases of the vaccine's benefit-risk ratio

vs. one week of
immobilization at home

vs. avoids 10 events for 1
induced event



HCSW: Healthcare sector worker

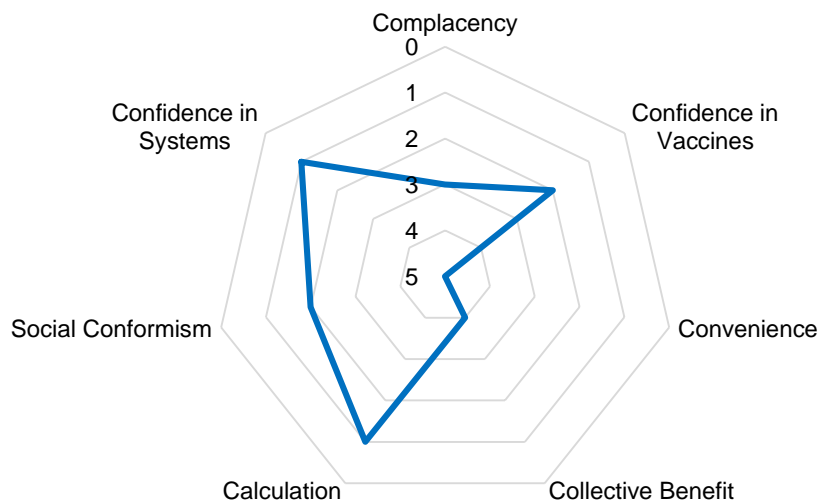
A tool for Pre-Consultation Positioning and Reflexivity?

Short **M**otivational **I**nterviewing **T**raining (**MINT**)
Short **M**apping **A**nd **R**eflexivity **T**ool (**SMART**)

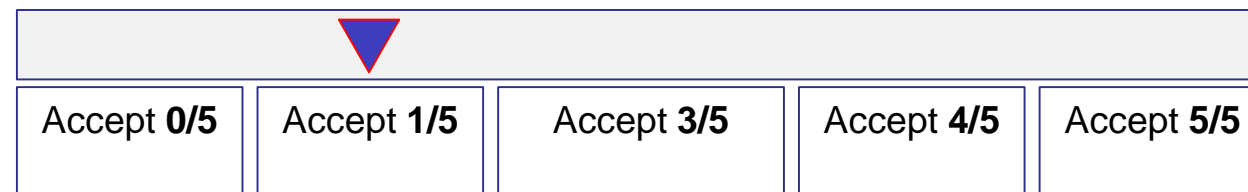
- Questionnaire for 7C profile
- Scenario-based acceptance profile



Questionnaire to establish a 7C profile

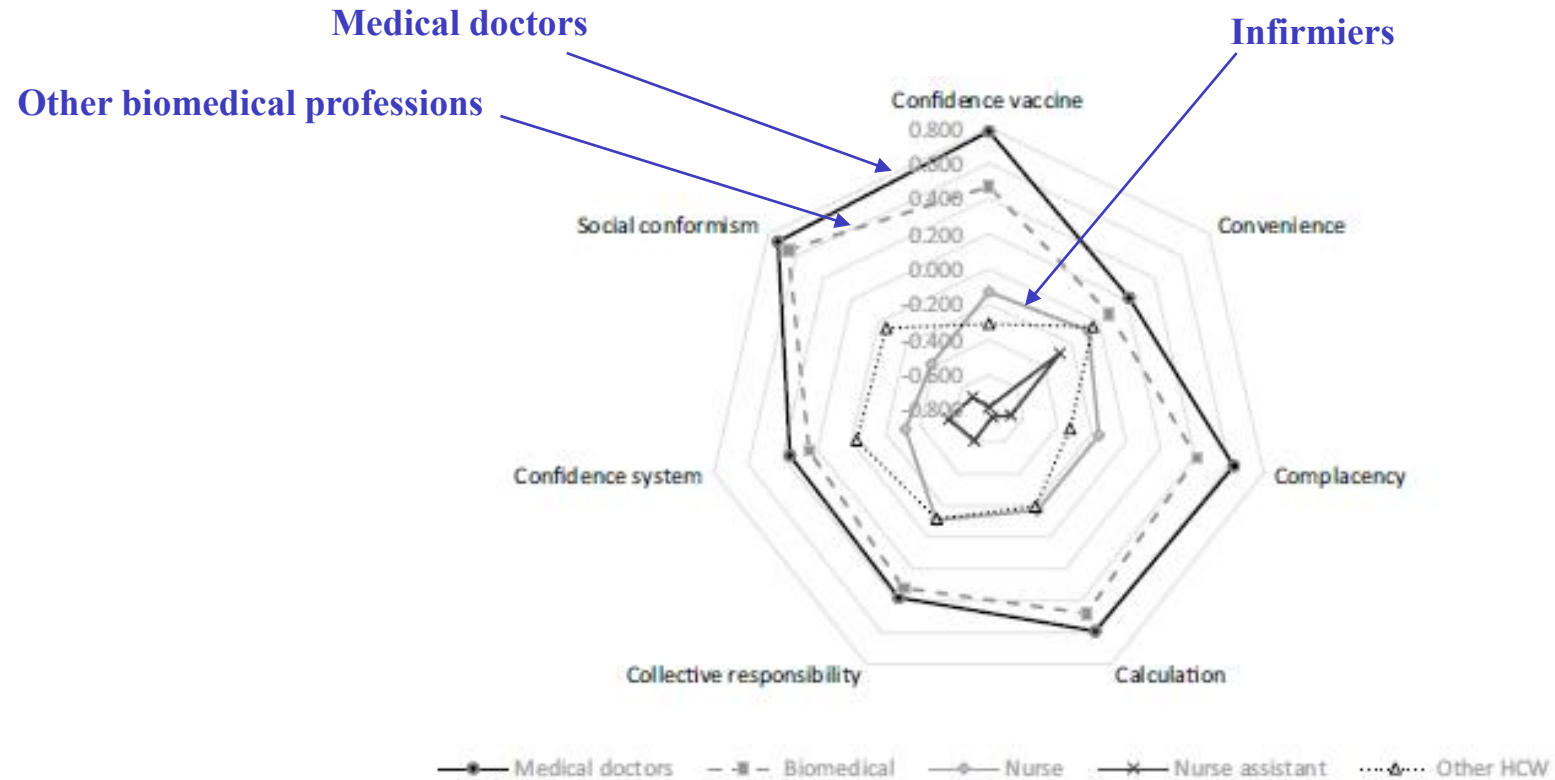


Vaccine acceptance in a series of 5 scenarios



HCP are not all for vaccines ...

7C psychological antecedents of Covid-19 vaccination, HCPs' in France, Winter 2020-2021



Which attitude should be improved?

Reduction of vaccine coverage/intention (%) attributable to 7C items among HCP

	Statut vaccinal Winter 2020-2021 (N=5234) P1	Statut vaccinal Summer-autumn 2021 (N=339) P2	Intention vaccinale booster Winter - spring 2022 (N=306) P2	Statut vaccinal booster Winter - spring 2022 (N=351) P3	Intention vaccinale 2 ^o booster Autumn 2022 (N=329) P3	Intention vaccinale 3 ^o booster Winter 2023 (N=360) P4
Calculation : «I think that COVID-19 vaccination has more benefits than risks for me.»						
Don't agree	-14.07	-1.71	-9.02	-2.02	-7.28	-11.13
Convenience : «In practice, it will be difficult for me to get vaccinated.»						
Agree	-0.22	-0.39	0.49	0.46	0.13	0.43
Collective Responsibility : «To get vaccinated is also a collective action to control the COVID-19 crisis.»						
Don't agree	-7.03	-6.68	-4.59	-2.02	-7.08	-6.56
Social Conformism : «How would you describe the majority opinion about COVID-10 vaccination among your family and friends ?						
Sceptical	-7.06	-0.93	-2.21	-1.10	-2.35	-0.95
Complacency : «I'm afraid of getting a severe form of COVID-19.»						
Don't agree	-1.97	-1.03	0.00	0.26	-2.21	-4.31
Confidence in COVID-19 vaccine : «I'm afraid of having a severe side effect of COVID-19 vaccination.»						
Agree	-19.79	-1.62	-18.88	-7.44	-26.16	-2.44
Confidence in systems : «If my employer incites me to get vaccinated against COVID-19, this ... »						
Dissuades me	-1.59	0.32	-5.10	-0.23	-1.16	-2.44

1^{ère} période d'étude (P1): 18 décembre 2020 to 1 février 2021

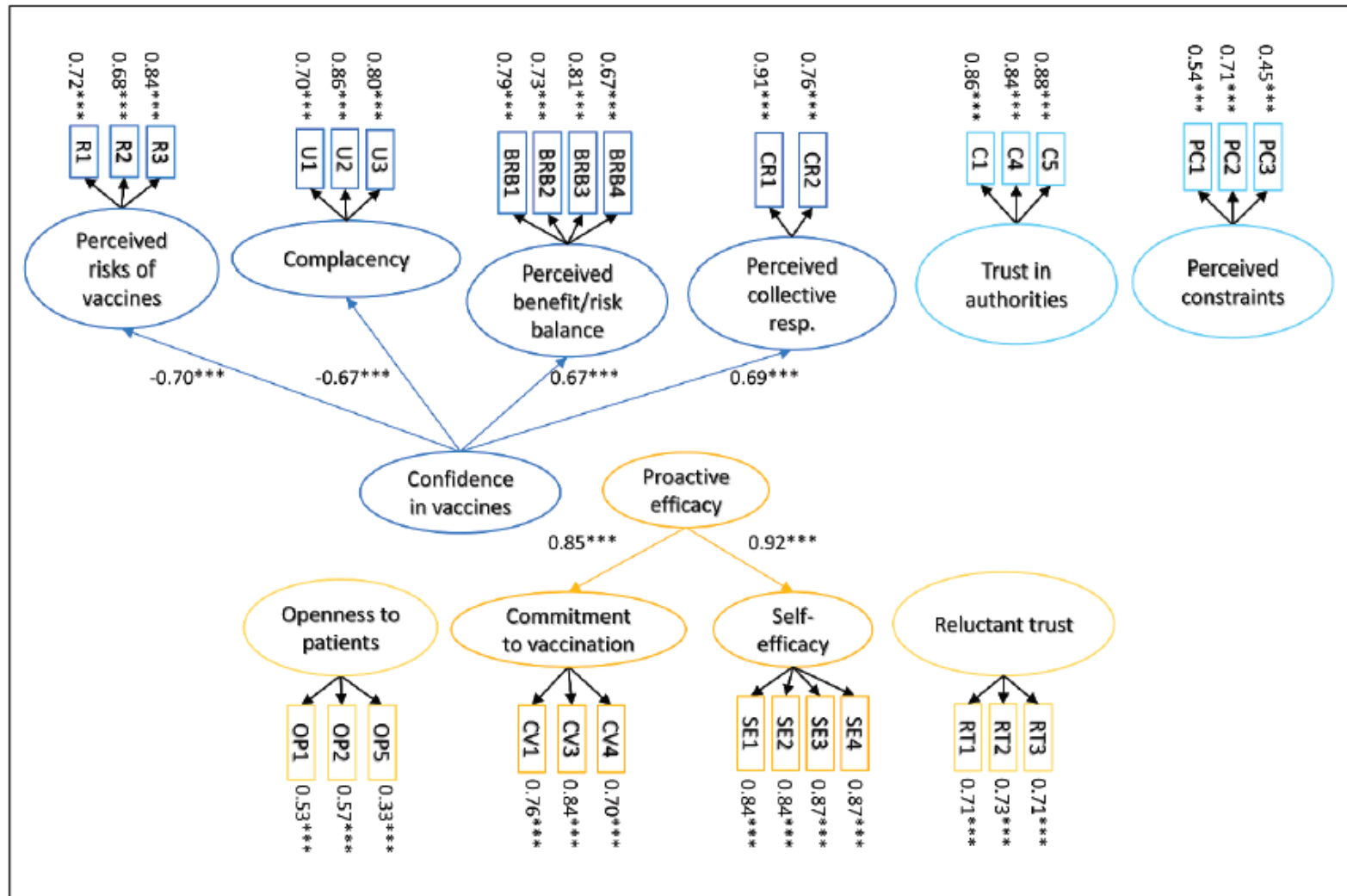
2^{ème} période d'étude (P2): 13 juillet to 30 novembre 2021

3^{ème} période d'étude (P3): 1 février and 28 mars 2022

4^{ème} période d'étude (P4): 12 janvier to 13 mars 2023

Hypothetical Future Vaccine Intention: exploré parmi les vaccins à partir de la question "Accepteriez-vous un rappel de ce vaccin (en dehors de toute obligation)"

HCW's hesitancy and promotion skills (Pro-VC-Be)



RMSEA=0.027 [0.025;0.030] ; CFI=0.96 ; TLI=0.95 ; SRMR = 0.04

Does MI training in medical interns change their Pro-VC-Be ?

Dimension (/100)	Score pre-session 1	Score difference between post-session 2 and pre-session 1		
	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD	p-value*	Effect size <i>r</i>
Confidence in vaccines	88.4 ± 10.6	1,5 ± 11.9	.14	0.25 [0.02;0.54]
Perceived risks of vaccines	16.2 ± 20.6	-3.8 ± 23.9	.10	0.28 [0.02;0.57]
Complacency	7.3 ± 13.7	-4.8 ± 13.3	.054	0.33 [0.05;0.58]
Perceived benefit/risk balance	89.2 ± 15.4	1.8 ± 21.5	.30	0.18 [0.01;0.47]
Collective responsibility	88.1 ± 13.8	-4.5 ± 18.7	.19	0.22 [0.01;0.52]
Trust in authorities	65.1 ± 25.4	9.5 ± 17.2	.01	0.44 [0.12;0.69]
Proactive efficacy	55.3 ± 12,5	23.2 ± 18.7	<.0001	0.79 [0.66;0.87]
Commitment to vaccination	74.6 ± 15.6	10.5 ± 20.5	.001	0.52 [0.24;0.75]
Perceived self-efficacy	36.0 ± 17.1	36.0 ± 25.8	<.0001	0.83 [0.73;0.87]
Openness to patients	47.8 ± 17.8	18.7 ± 17.0	<.0001	0.78 [0.65;0.86]
Vaccine recommendation frequency (<i>n</i> = 26)	49.9 ± 18.0	3.1 ± 22.8	.67	0.08 [0.01;0.46]

Which interventions, outcomes, designs in evaluating HCP interventions?

Policy

Medical practice

HCPs' attitudes

Vaccine acceptance, 7C, Pro-VC-Be

Skills, satisfaction, self-rated practice

Vaccine hesitancy among patients

Self-reported success rate

Uptake by previously unvaccinated individuals

Coverage in the served population

Pre-post change

Controlled design

Randomisation

PrevHPV Trial






METHODOLOGY

Objective. Evaluate effectiveness, efficiency, and l'implémentation of three intervention components (alone or in combination)

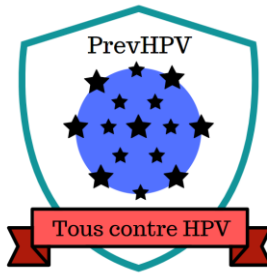
Design. Pragmatic trial, controlled, cluster-randomised (commune), partial factorial design

Analysis. 91 communes, accounting for intervention intensity

- Only 20-30% of GP participated

91 / 60 communes	LES 3 COMPOSANTES DE L'INTERVENTION		
	 Education, Motivation, Mobilisation	 Vaccination sur site	 Formation des M. généralistes
Gpe 1 (15 / 7)	χ	χ	χ
Gpe 2 (15 / 10)	χ	-	χ
Gpe 3 (16 / 12)	χ	χ	-
Gpe 4 (15 / 9)	χ	-	-
Gpe 5 (15 / 9)	-	-	χ
Gpe 6 (15 / 13)	-	-	-

GP team in PrevHPV



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RESEARCH

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Barriers and facilitators to the HPV vaccine: a multicenter qualitative study of French general practitioners



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Co-development of a school-based and primary care-based multicomponent intervention to improve HPV vaccine coverage amongst French adolescents (the PrevHPV Study)

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GP training

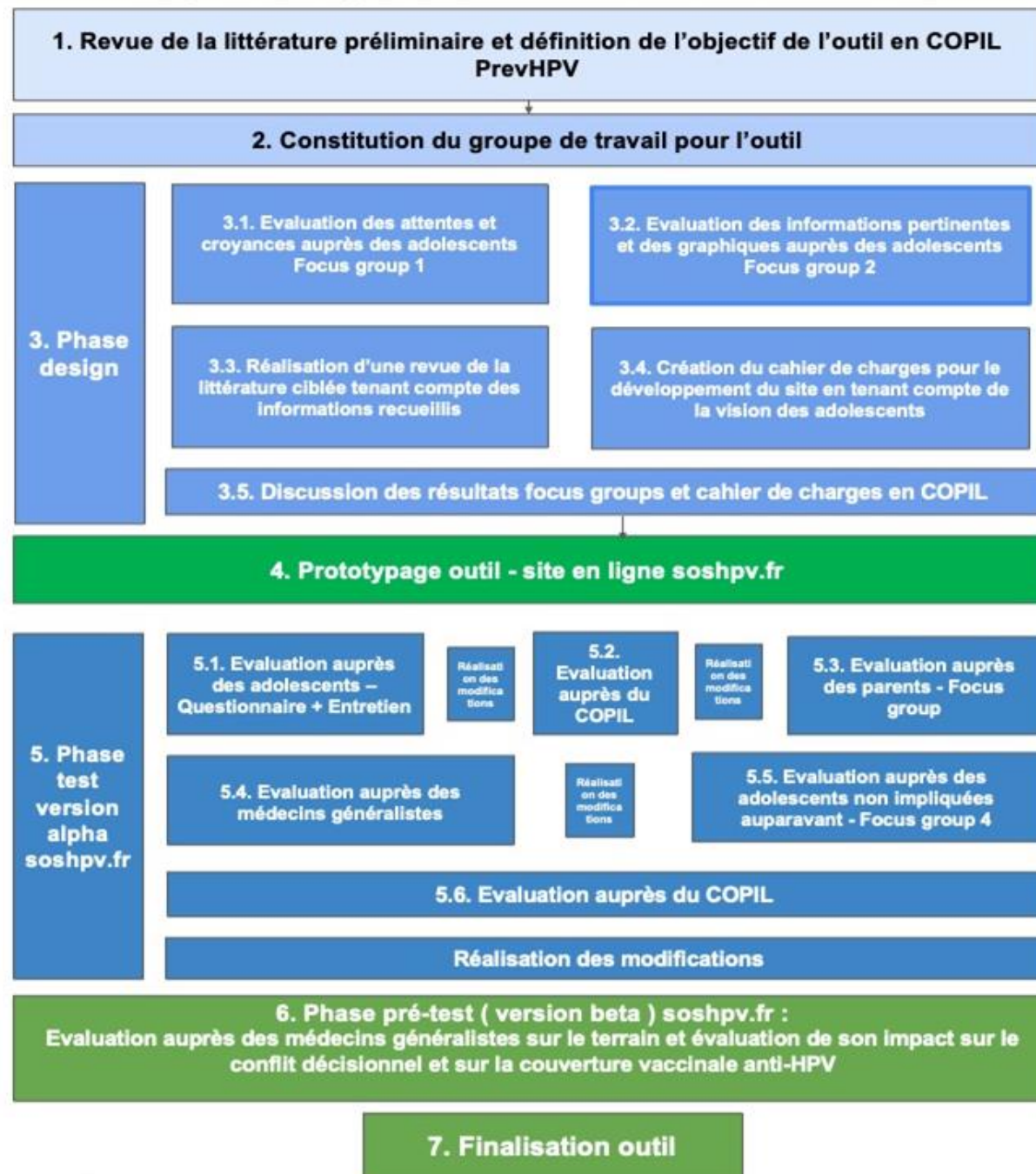
- Formation comprenant 11 vidéos :
 - Jeux de rôle entretien motivationnel
 - Information sur les outils d'aide à la décision
 - Présentation de l'outil soshpv.fr

Des quizz sont proposés entre les différentes vidéos



Development of shared decision making tool

- Pour disposer d'un cadre commun, (patients /soignants, basé sur des données probantes)
- Construction (selon les recommandations des guides internationaux IPDAS)
- Co-construit avec des adolescents, des parents et des médecins généralistes
- Nom de domaine choisi par les adolescents : soshpv.fr



Schémas vaccinaux anti-HPV

11-14 ans

2 injections espacées de six mois

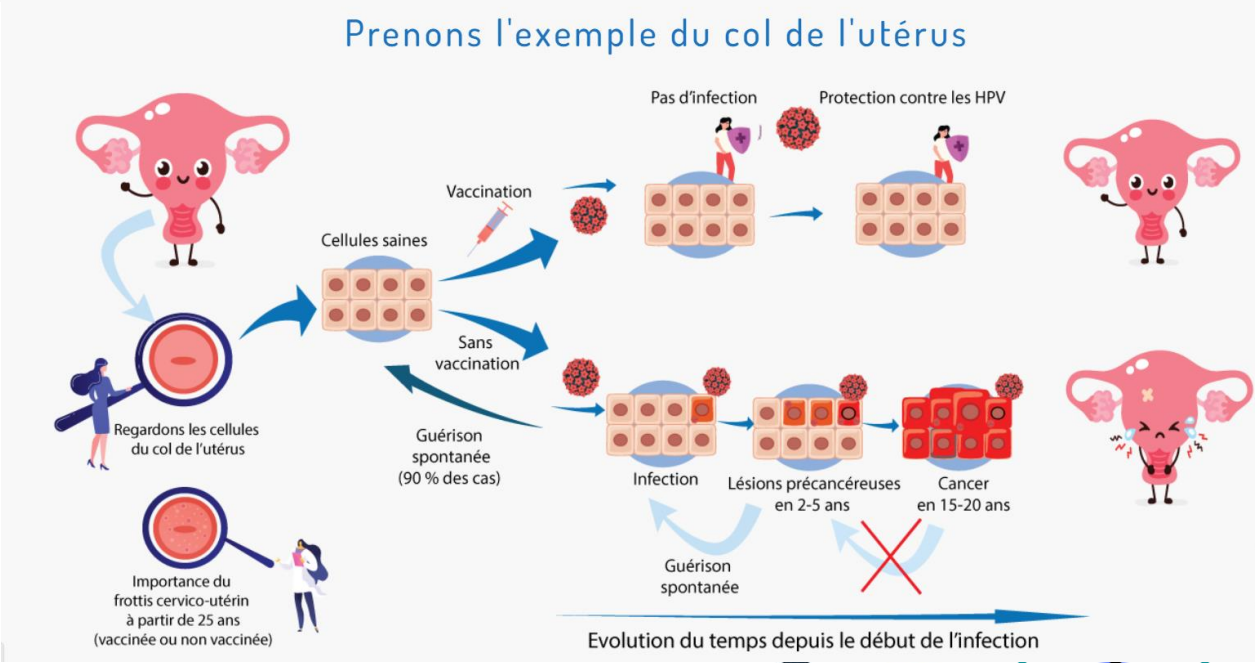
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2ème injection à 6 mois

15-19 ans

3 injections à 0, 2 et 6 mois

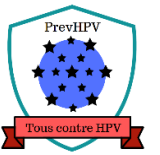
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La vaccination contre les HPV est efficace pour éviter de se contaminer avec les types de HPV concernés par le vaccin. Il est plus efficace lorsque celui-ci est réalisé avant d'avoir été exposé au virus



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Results – decomposed effects



**HPV vaccine coverage (≥ 1 dose)
(reimbursement)**

Coverage increase among 11-14 year-olds

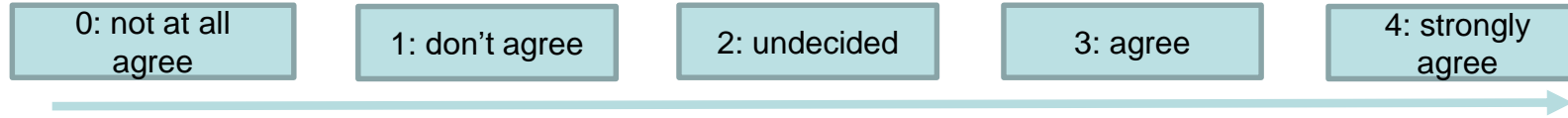
	At 2 months		At 6 months		At 12 months	
	Estimate ^a (IC 95%)	p	Estimate ^a (IC 95%)	p	Estimate ^a (IC 95%)	p
Principal analysis						
Education	-0,08 (-2,54 ; 2,39)	0,95	-1,24 (-3,96 ; 1,48)	0,370	-1,24 (-4,17 ; 1,68)	0,406
GP	-1,46 (-3,44 ; 0,53)	0,15	-1,64 (-3,83 ; 0,56)	0,144	-1,50 (-3,87 ; 0,86)	0,212
School-campaign	5,50 (3,13 ; 7,88)	<0,001	6,17 (3,54 ; 8,80)	<0,001	6,13 (3,30 ; 8,97)	<0,001
Ajusted for intensity						
Education	2,58 (-1,73 ; 6,89)	0,241	0,59 (-4,79 ; 5,97)	0,830	2,03 (-4,00 ; 8,05)	0,509
GP	3,56 (0,02 ; 7,11)	0,049	4,47 (0,03 ; 8,90)	0,048	4,39 (-0,57 ; 9,34)	0,083
School-campaign	11,25 (9,09 ; 13,40)	<0,001	11,70 (9,00 ; 14,40)	<0,001	11,35 [8,33 ; 14,37]	<0,001

Changes in attitudes and practice of GPs



Item scores before-after intervention (N=32), no control group

5-point Likert scale



Item	before	after	Pre-post change
	median	median	With favorable change (among the 32)
Favorable towards HPV vaccination	4	4	9 %
Recommends it systematically			
... to girls	4	4	16 %
... to boys	3	4 *	31 %
Has enough time to speak about it	3	3.5 **	52 %
Is priority in my consultation	3	4 *	31 % (F: 47 %, M: 16 %)
Ease in arguing on HPV vaccine safety	3	4 **	50 %
Feels independent from colleagues' opinion on HPV vaccine	1	3 **	56 %

* Wilcoxon $P < 0.05$ ** $P < 0.01$

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Difficulties

- Recruiting volunteer HCW is difficult, in particular MD and GPs
- In particular if you want to work not only on « highly motivated champions »
- Funding: need to budget indemnisation
- Assignment to a control group without intervention may not be acceptable
- Need to include HCP with high vaccine promotion activity and hesitating patients
- Before-after comparison in activity is challenging if you study a seasonal vaccination (flu)
- Expected increases may be small
- Uptake and coverage are more difficult to observe
- Complex interventions may be most promising => but they lead to the most complex evaluation designs

Thanks Merci !