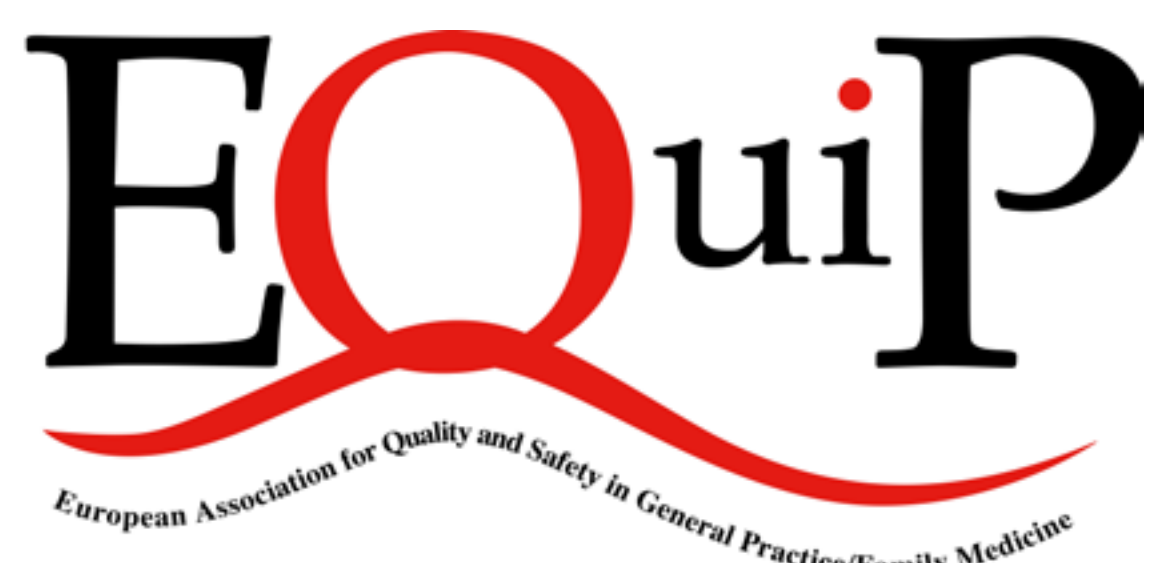


# French EQuIP Summer Schools 2013 - 2015



## BACKGROUND

The European Society for Quality and Safety in Family Medicine (EQuIP) has since 2008 developed Summer Schools as a method for teaching research in quality improvement (QI) in primary care to support the training of healthcare providers. The Société Française de la Thérapeutique du Généraliste (SFTG) has organised French-speaking EQuIP-inspired Summer Schools on Quality Improvement for the last three consecutive years - where many projects were born from participants with diverse backgrounds (GPs, pharmacists, nurses).

## AIMS

- 1) Raise the awareness about the French Summer Schools.
- 2) Promote the importance of diverse backgrounds participants in enriching the exchanges.
- 3) Understand how Summer Schools can help in achieving a Quality Improvement project.
- 4) Display breathtaking Quality Improvements Projects (QIP) from the Summer Schools.

*For our project on primary care organisation to begin, setting a specific place and date in our compelling lives emerged as an obvious need.*

*The EQuIP French Summer School provided by the SFTG (Société Française de la Thérapeutique du Généraliste) provided the perfect time and place to start-up. After three days of workshops and dedicated teamwork reflexion, the team project ended up well known and resource-persons were identified to support us. Finally, we emerged with our roadmap ready to use!*

*One year later, the project QUALICO-PC France applied for funding for the psychometric validation of the project questionnaires and research protocol. Also, we applied PREPS (research program on the performance of the health system) for € 250.000, involving 4 research units, 350 GP offices and 3500 patients.*

- Aymeric Henriot, Grenoble (Academic GP)

*Safety in the elderly people is an important issue we decided to work on locally. Our aim was to improve continuity of care for the elderly between ambulatory and hospital care in a systemic perspective.*

*We attended the French EQuIP Summer Schools twice. Meeting other healthcare providers of various organisations and of different disciplines, the input of the experts in Quality Improvement, allowed to enrich our project and develop the design of our study.*

- Sophie Dubois, Paris, France (Pharmacist & Primary Care Coordinator)

## METHODS

Three 4-days Summer Schools took place in a charming place near Paris during the summer. The summer Schools are held in French language and are not restricted to GPs. Experts on quality are invited for interactive plenary sessions and to facilitate workshops «à la carte» in small groups. Workshops on individual QIP are gathered per topic to allow exchanges and sharing ideas including self working time.

The French participants are financially supported by the national organism for continuing medical education.

## RESULTS

From 2013 to 2015, there were approximately 16 participants per Summer School: A total of 49 participants, mostly GPs or GP trainees and nurses, pharmacists, healthcare managers) and 7 European Quality Experts invited. Participants were from Belgium, Switzerland and France.

In total, the Summer Schools dealt with 24 QIP within patient safety, therapeutical education and chronic diseases, set up of a healthcare centre, social inequities reduction etc.

## CONCLUSIONS

The SFTG Summer Schools are a relevant work-catalysing QI tool in primary care.



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