How to increase the participation rate in colo-rectal cancer

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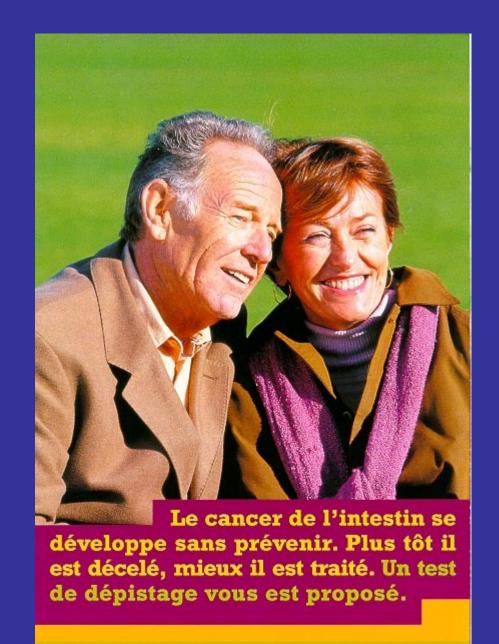
National guidelines

- 1. Inclusion criteria:
 - Population at « medium risk: 75% of new cases,
 - Men and women 50-74 years old
 - FOBT non re-hydrated, every 2 years
 - Distributed by GP's, mailed in a second step
 - Managed by a screening monitoring centre in each district
- 2. Training of the health professionals
 - Training the trainers 2003
 - Training the GP's 2003-2004:

 "at least 50% of the GP's in the area has to be trained before launching the program"
- 3. Accreditation of Reading labs
- 4. Local (MC) and national (INVS) Evaluation

National communication plan

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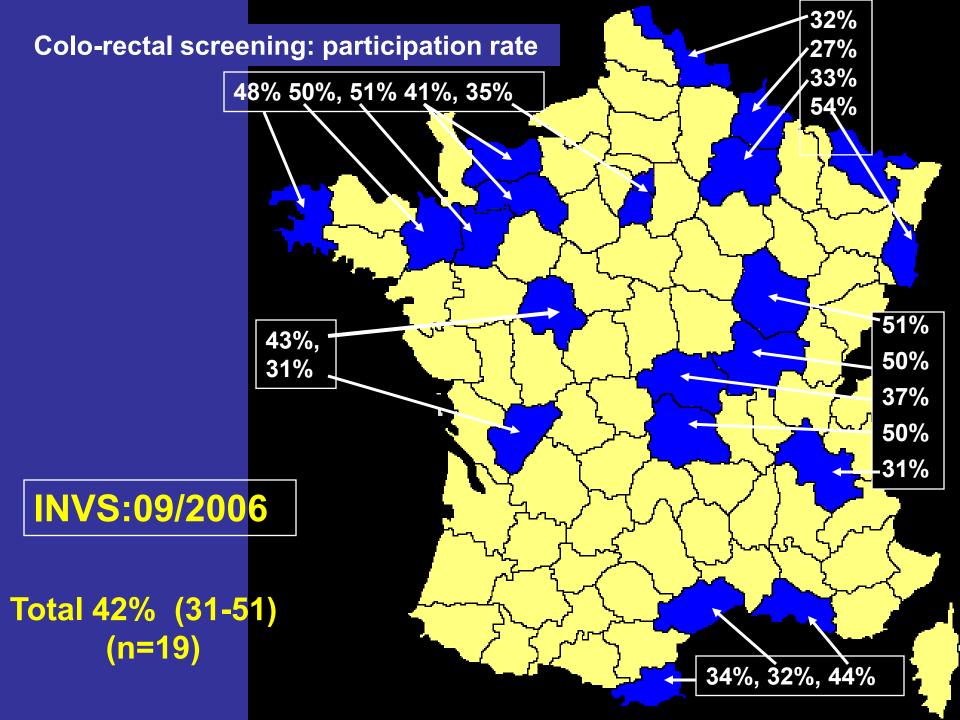
Colo-rectal Cancers

Efficacy and cost of screening related to the participation rate

Participation	Reduction in mortality	Cost Euros Actualised*	Cost E/YLS Actualised**	
25%	4,7%	4703	33363	
40%	7,9%	5918	25933	
50%	10%	6726	23447	
60%	12,1%	7533	21786	
70%	14,2%	8340	20598	

^{*} Actualisation rate 5%

^{**}Cost /one year of life saved, actualisation rate 5%



Barriers to participation

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1. Differences between intention to participate and real participation in colorectal cancer screening in Calvados.

- Objective: To identify social, cultural and psychological characteristics influencing behavior in colo-rectal mass screening
- **Methods:** Self reported questionnaires (26 items), mailed to a random sample of 45-74 years old people living in Calvados.
 - 1129 persons contacted, 57% returned the questionnaire, 585 could be analyzed.

The predictive variables on Intention/ realization of the test

	Adjusted Odd ratio		
	Intention	Realization	
Compliance with the			
health insurance advice: yes/no	NS	0.53 (0.38-0.75)	
Socio-demographic status*			
- medium + low/upper	3.99 (0.90-17.6)	0.44 (0.20-0.97)	
Marital status			
- living alone		1	
- living with a partner	NS	1.31 (0.68-2.51)	
- widowhood	NS	2.40 (1.06-5.41)	
Knowing someone with cancer			
yes/no	NS	1.38 (0.98-1.94)	
General knowledge on cancer			
- Poor / good	1.92 (1.20-3.07)	NS	
Children			
O/ 1-2	4.09 (2.06-8.11)	NS	
Children			

Differences between intention to participate and real participation in colorectal cancer screening in Calvados.

Conclusions

Whether or not a person will perform the test cannot be predicted from their intention to do so:

"The characteristics influencing the intention differ from those to perform it"

2. Identification of barriers to colo-rectal screening in Hérault (France) using focus group technique (1)

General Objective

To identify the barriers and the possibilities to increase the participation rate in our Region

Specific objectives:

- The reactions of people vis-à-vis the mailed invitation
- To know the public opinion about the program processes (mailing, Gp's, test,...)
- The reasons of not participating they give

Identification of barriers to colo-rectal screening in Hérault (France) using focus group technique (2)

Methods

- 2 groups, of 30 persons each, aged 50-74 from 2 towns (Lodève and Béziers), were invited to participate on a voluntary basis
- The meeting (1 hour and a half) was animated by 2 specialists (public health and gastrology)
- Discussions were recorded and a questionnaire (12 items) was distributed and recollected at the end of each meetings
- Data from the records and the questionnaire were analyzed

Participation rate 83%

Variables	Modalities	N	%
Towns	Lodève	29	58
	Béziers	21	42
Sex	Femme	37	74
	Homme	13	26
Age (years)	median	64	
	minimal	48	
	maximal	74	
Test done	yes	23	46

Results (1)

« Reactions of people vis-à-vis the mailed invitation »

- 1st mail
 - Quickly read (1min)
 - Comprehensible
 - Positive items: Invitation, Free of charge
- 2nd mail
 - >1.5 min (50%): "I have to read it several times", before understanding

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Results (2) "About the program processus»

- Obligation to visit the GP
 - -To make a telephone call to have a "Rendez-vous"
 - -To have time to go: 2-3 hours waiting for the consultation...
 - -To take physician time unnecessarily
 - -Absence of GP's motivation or even "against"

Results (3) About the program processes

- Technical difficulties to perform the Test
- Cultural refusal
- Irregular or slow/fast fecal transit
- Difficulties of storage:
 - how long?
 - where?
 - hot weather? (smelling...)

Resuts (3) The general reasons for not participating

- Procrastination: I will do it latter...
- Fear,
- Feeling of invulnerability:"not me"
- More important life problems (low income)
- Cost
- Lack of knowledge and understanding
- The risk are higher than the benefice

Results: 5 proposals

- To modify the mailing
 - More positive: it can avoid colorectal cancer death
 - Change the LOGO (medical)
 - Clarify the 2nd mailing (pictures) and add a direction for use with the possible variations
- To better sell the screening program to GPs
- To link the screenings (+ breast and cervix in women at least)
- To give the choice to receive the test directly by mail from the beginning
- To better inform the public via medias (television++)

Socio-Economical factors influencing colo-rectal screening

- Objective: To identify the socio-economic characteristics of non participants in Calvados
- Methods: a randomized sample of 10000 persons from the target population
 - Data collected from the health insurance system and national census
 - Multi-level analysis to combined aggregated and individual data

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Socio-Economical factors influencing colo-rectal screening

Results:

Factors influencing the non participation:

- Male
- Younger and older people
- Health insurance type
- Geographical area linked with higher insecurity (Carstairs index)

Conclusion

- Barriers are link to different items
- Some of them are easy to change (mailing, targeted communication, even processes)
- Some are not : cultural, social, economical...
- Two actions are mandatory, at least:
- Ask the population to give their advices on the organization processes
- Convince the GPs...

