

The French Healthcare Agenda

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Shortage of nursing and medical workforce

- **Geographical unbalance** : coping with scarce resources in rural areas, difficulties to attract and retain for hospitals in smaller towns
- **Specialty unbalance** : major increasing of waiting time for some specialties (for example ophthalmology)
- **Public/private unbalance** : salaried doctors versus fee-for-service doctors

DRGs and hospital financing mechanisms of public services activities

- Major debate around the distinct financing mechanisms between the public and private sector
- The 2009 law suggests public service missions could be delivered by the private sector as well
- Major debate on which sector could deliver what

The influence of accreditation on the quality of care provided

- A systematic system for all hospitals (called certification and compulsory)
- Lack of evidence that it significantly improves quality outcomes but it certainly change the culture for the better
- A complementary authorisation (for example in cancer) that goes deeper

The involvement of patients in decision making at hospital level

- Patient were already part of the Board of Administration of Public Hospitals
- Role increased with the 2009 law but not dramatically
- Questions raised with the new forms of hospital cooperation mechanisms, with the representation in the private sector or in healthcare networks