## Impact of a collective action for the prevention of Burnout in the Centre Loire Valley Region

8 workshops

devoted to burnout

In total confidentiality

Based on voluntary service







## Why

- Series of doctors' suicides in the Centre Loire Valley Region
- Regional Union of Private Practioners decides on experimentation.
- Objectives:
- Concrete prevention measures
- Evaluation
- Sustainability



#### How?

A survey in 2 parts (first GPs then specialists)

Questionnaire of 8 items of priority actions

Maslach Burnout Inventory scale



#### The 8 items of the survey

- Item 1: Prevention of burnout.
- Item 2: Improving the organization of medical practice.
- Item 3: Adapting to new modes of exercise.
- Item 4: Adapting to new patient behaviour.
- Item 5: Integrating new Information Technology tools.
- Item 6: national health service.
- Item 7: Prevention and management of medical error.
- Item 8: Relationships with national health services.

### Survey

#### 2086 General practitioners

- 19.7% (411) rapid responses in 2 weeks
- Items selected:
- 1- prevention of burnout (35%)
- 2 -organization of medical practice (15.9%)

#### 1719 Specialists

- 11.7% (202) rapid responses in 2 weeks.
- Items selected:
- 1 prevention of burnout (29.2%)
- 2 prevention and management of medical error (15.3%)

## Experimental protocol

- Choice of 2 experts
- Dr. Pascal ROUBY behavioural psychiatrist
- Dr. Isabelle SAUVEGRAIN occupational health specialist
- Organization of workshops: in each part of the region, in groups of 10 physicians, 2 meetings at 2-month intervals
- Sending an invitation letter: terms, objectives
- Anonymized MBI scale

### The workshops: step by step

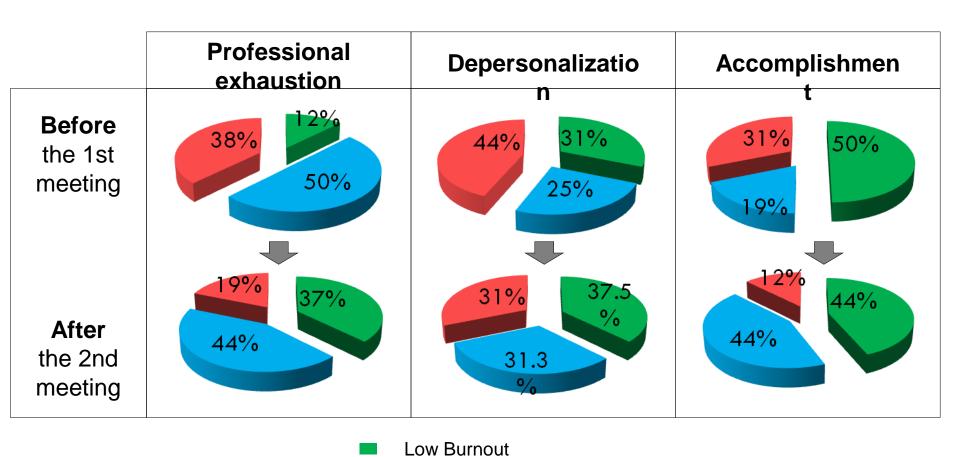
- 1st workshop:
- collection of MBI scales, expectations of participants
- presentations and actions proposed by the expert
- 2 nd workshop:
- Collection of MBI scales
- The actions put in place
- MBI scale 2 months after the 2 nd workshop

## Results: characteristics of the 58 participating physicians

- Average age: 52.2 years (F:49.3 years, M: 55.3 years)
- Extremes: 33 and 66 years old
- 70% had a moderate or severe burnout score
- Very high Exhaustion in both sexes (43%)
- Depersonalization twice as high in women (37%)
- Accomplishment relatively preserved, especially in men

# Results of participants who completed the 3 MBI scales: 31%

- Overall results: the 3 items of the scale are improved
- but remain in moderate burnout except accomplishment which passes in low burnout.
- Exhaustion is the most improved item.



Moderate Burnout Severe Burnout

#### Discussion

#### **Positive points**

- Relevance of experimentation
- Improvement of MBI scores
- Confraternity, Trust
- Quality of exchanges (verbatim)
- Awareness
- Dynamics triggered

#### **Negative points**

- Low participation
- MBI scales not filled in
- Defections

### The sustainability of actions

- Shorter evenings on practical themes
- Training of 170 medical secretaries to date
- Forum with workshops: "prevention of burnout" on May 17, 2014
  and "time management" on Nov 05,2016
- Media communications
- membership of a burnout management association on April 14, 2016
- Participation in the new inter university diploma "caring for caregivers" (Paris VII-Toulouse)

#### Conclusion

- The survey showed the needs and expectations of physicians in the Centre Loire Valley Region
- The workshops have demonstrated their relevance and effectiveness: both quantitative and qualitative.
- The positive impact on the quality of life of caregivers has allowed dynamics of