

# **WORKING SEMINAR ON PUBLIC HEALTH « HOW TO CONDUCT RESEARCH ON CHILD MALTREATMENT ? ».**

**14<sup>th</sup> INRICH workshop, Paris**

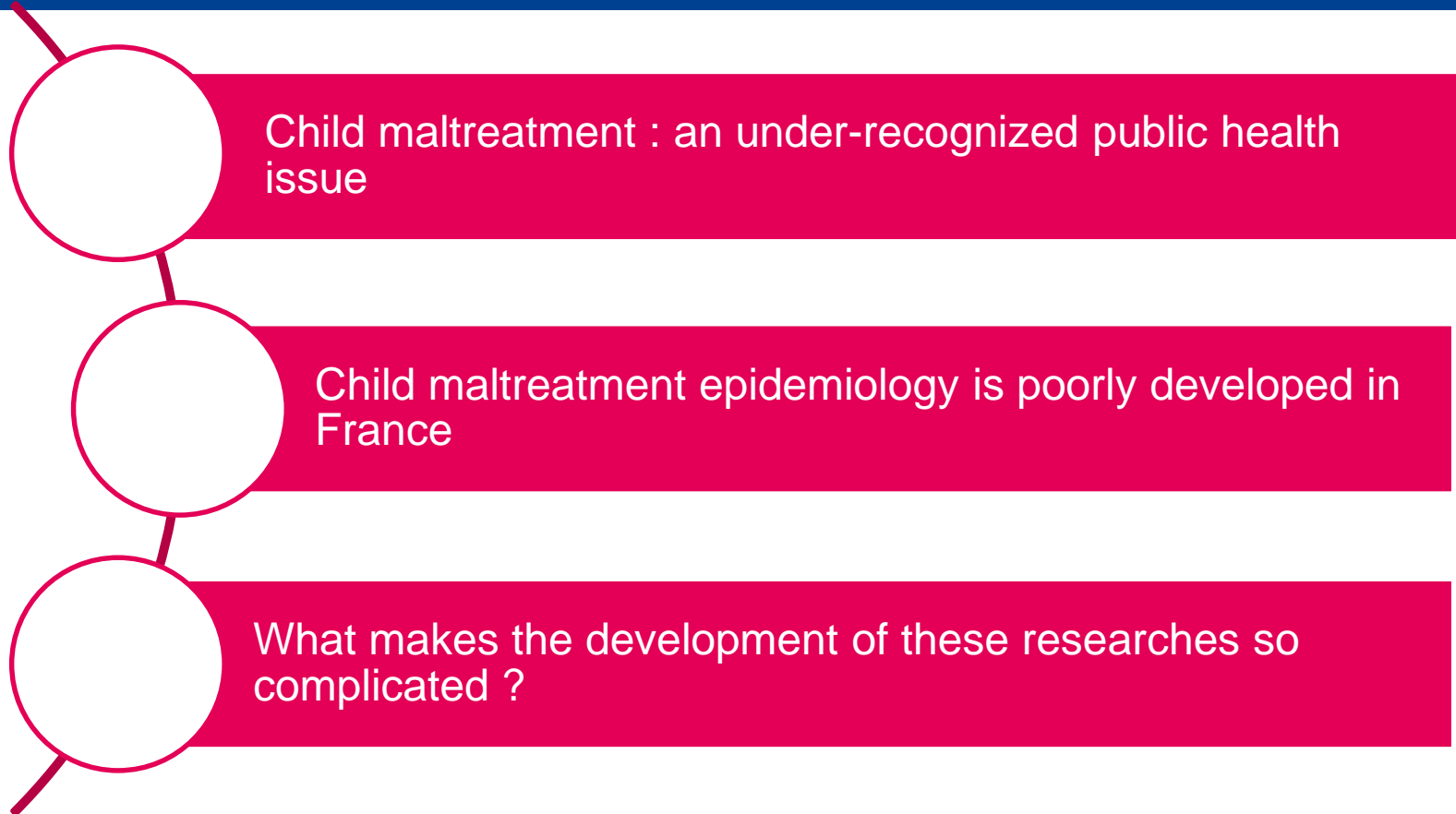
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1. **Estimation of the burden of maltreatment** from epidemiological data from non-maltreatment specific surveillance systems :
  - Update of child homicide deaths according to death certificates
  - Validation of an algorithm for identifying children hospitalised as a result of abuse (PMSI data) : co-financing of work by C. Quantin  
[http://beh.santepubliquefrance.fr/beh/2022/11/pdf/2022\\_11\\_1.pdf](http://beh.santepubliquefrance.fr/beh/2022/11/pdf/2022_11_1.pdf)
  - Agreement for the financing of the Observatory of Unexpected Infant Deaths (OMIN)
2. **Publication of a thematic BEH** in October 2019, "Childhood abuse and its consequences: a public health issue [http://beh.santepubliquefrance.fr/beh/2019/26-27/2019\\_26-27\\_2.html](http://beh.santepubliquefrance.fr/beh/2019/26-27/2019_26-27_2.html)
3. **Primary prevention**: Increase parents' level of awareness of their abilities; change social norms in a way that supports caring parenting => actions recommended by international authorities (WHO, CDC, Unicef)



Warnings about increase of child maltreatment in families during the 2020 lockdown => highlighted the lack of data



A seminar to:

- Make an initial assessment of epidemiological studies type available in France today and those missing
- Identify both the main obstacles and the levers that would facilitate the implementation of epidemiological studies

# CONSTRUCTION OF A WORK SEMINAR TO DEVELOP EPIDEMIOLOGY OF CHILD MALTREATMENT IN FRANCE

## Scientific Organisation committee

- National Observatory of Child Protection
- Ministries (Social and Health)
- Learned societies (paediatrics, forensic paediatrics)
- One socio-demograph researcher
- One international researcher specialising in child maltreatment epidemiology
- Santé publique France (surveillance and prevention departments)

## Program : 2-days work seminar

- Day-1: Sharing experiences based on the different types of past and current researches (national retroactive survey, surveys based on medical records, national administrative database on admissions to hospitals, following of children in care) focusing on difficulties and solutions found or not
- Day-2 : Cross viewpoints on regulatory and ethical issues

## Invited audience

- Data producers and users : ministries of health, social affairs, justice, Interior and their statistical departments
- Research teams in epidemiology, child psychiatry, economy
- Clinicians involved in researches
- Users representatives

# KEYS POINTS DAY ONE : EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES

Some data  
sources to  
be  
improved

Some data  
sources to  
be explored

Funding the  
studies

Building  
shared and  
effective  
definitions

Developing the  
participatory  
dimension in  
research

Violence in  
childhood : A health  
determinant to be  
included more  
systematically in  
surveys?

For research  
teams:  
understanding and  
knowing how child  
protection is  
organised



Questions and difficulties that are traditional for any epidemiological study, but which arise in their most complex forms

Obstacles  
linked to  
ethical and  
legal issues

Children at risk in  
health field  
(identification,  
reporting, caring,  
coding)



Some specific questions link to child maltreatment

## The National Commission on Information Technology and Liberties (CNIL) Research ethics committees

### Applicable rules designed for the general population

- Information and parental consent is required to include children in studies
- exemption rules, but they are not specific to child maltreatment

### Cross-referencing data from different institutions

- health, justice, child protection services
- conduct multidisciplinary research
- Important difficulties in obtaining authorisations

### Disclosures of child abuse in a study

- Can be an obstacle for research teams
- Sharing rules of good practice
- International guidelines



**Need to promote recommendations and guidelines on how to conduct studies on child abuse and neglect adapted to French regulatory context ?**

**Need to simplify the reglementation ?**

## Valorisation

Presentation at the ISPCAN congress

Publication of the seminar proceedings



## Strategy development

Roadmap for Santé publique France

⇒ Epidemiological surveillance

⇒ Prevention

**Pursuing and develop the work begun with our partners**

## **The scientific organisation committee :**

- Frédérique Delatour : Ministry of health
- Mathilde Moullia et Jean-Régis Catta : Ministry of Solidarities and Social Cohesion
- Anne Oui et Flore Capelier : National Observatory for Child Protection;
- Pr Martine Balençon : French society of forensic paediatrics
- Pr Christèle Gras-Le-Guen : French pediatric society
- Isabelle Fréchon : CNRS
- Pr Andreas Jud : International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect

## **All the speakers :**

Aliocha Accardo, Flora Blangis, Martin Chalumeau, Karine Chevreul, Alice Debauche, Séverine Delaville, Christine Dosquet, Manon de Fallois Sylvie Grunvald, Gaëlle Guibert, Pascal Mélihan-Cheinin, Gaëlle Pendezec, Catherine Quantin, Daniel Rousseau, Nathalie Vabres

## **And all the participants**