



Agencies, central services, institutes... too much?

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1. A wasteful opposition between Public Administration Departments, the public domain and the private sector

There are so many agencies, organizations, administrations, departments, institutions and legal entities involved in health care, that an acronym guide is needed. Beyond the mere number of public entities, it reflects the alarmingly complex vision of the public sector over the private one. In a way, private sector practice is seen as a sin. Nonetheless, both public and private sectors should join forces and, above all, use their complementarities to reach the primary target of the global health care system: namely patients' health.

2. Beyond numbers, what role and function for Public Administrations?

Public administrations must not stifle innovation, but assess the work and make sure that they create - for the innovators - an environment conducive to development.

3. Are public administrations and health agencies, the new partners for dialog and project management?

In France, Public Administration is often feared. The French Government must use it to meet the current challenges. Health care agencies must become the partners of innovative stakeholders. They should be able to promote innovation, i.e. to support projects rather than hinder their development. This is not about changing regulations, but about a change of culture.

4. Public-private partnerships to serve public interest projects while enlisting the support of private partners

A benevolent attitude towards innovators is not enough. The Public Sector must play a structuring role by forging deep links with private sector stakeholders. It must be a very pragmatic approach, combining the expectations of the public sector and facilitating the development of private sector initiatives, all for the benefit of the end-user of the health system, i.e. the patient.

5. Making room for dialog - and trust - between public authorities and pharmaceutical laboratories

In our society, pharmaceutical laboratories are becoming the object of some sort of mistrust. Nonetheless they remain the partners of the health system and the public authorities, particularly during the negotiations on the State's budget. The ultimate goal is to restore trust between private practitioners, hospitals, private pharmaceutical labs and public administrations.

6. In the end, the missions and priorities of public administrations must to be clarified

Public administrations are not too numerous. First and foremost, they need to have the means to carry out missions whose specific object should be clarified.