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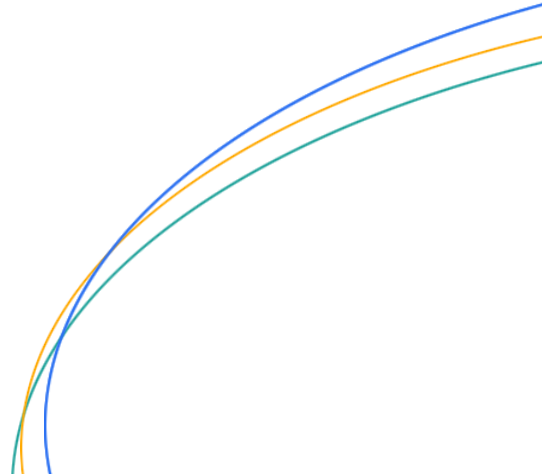
EVOLUTION OF OSTEOPATHY IN THE
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

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GOALS OF THIS PRESENTATION



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- To share the actual state of osteopathy regulation in the province of Quebec
- To understand the necessity of a professional order of osteopaths
- To explain the strategies deployed to get regulation done

CONTEXT



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Area : 1 667 712 km²
Population : 8 394 034 habitants
Density : 6,5 habitant/ km²



Area : 3 885 km²
Population : 3 124 176 habitants
Density : 786 habitant/ km²

OSTEOPATHY IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC



Osteopathy in the province of Quebec

- Many schools and associations (6 months -6 years)
- 2,000 osteopaths practicing (2 millions treatment/year)
- Currently unregulated practice

OSTEOPATHIE QUEBEC



Osteopathie Quebec

- Founding in 2012, largest association of osteopaths in Quebec and Canada (union of 2 associations)
- More than 1,500 members
- Member of the Canadian Federation of Osteopaths (CFO).

Osteopathie Quebec

Mission :

- Certify the training of osteopath members (WHO)
- Inform and protect the Quebec population
- Offer professional services to osteopath members (insurance, job, postgraduate courses ect...)

QUEBEC'S PROFESSIONAL SYSTEM

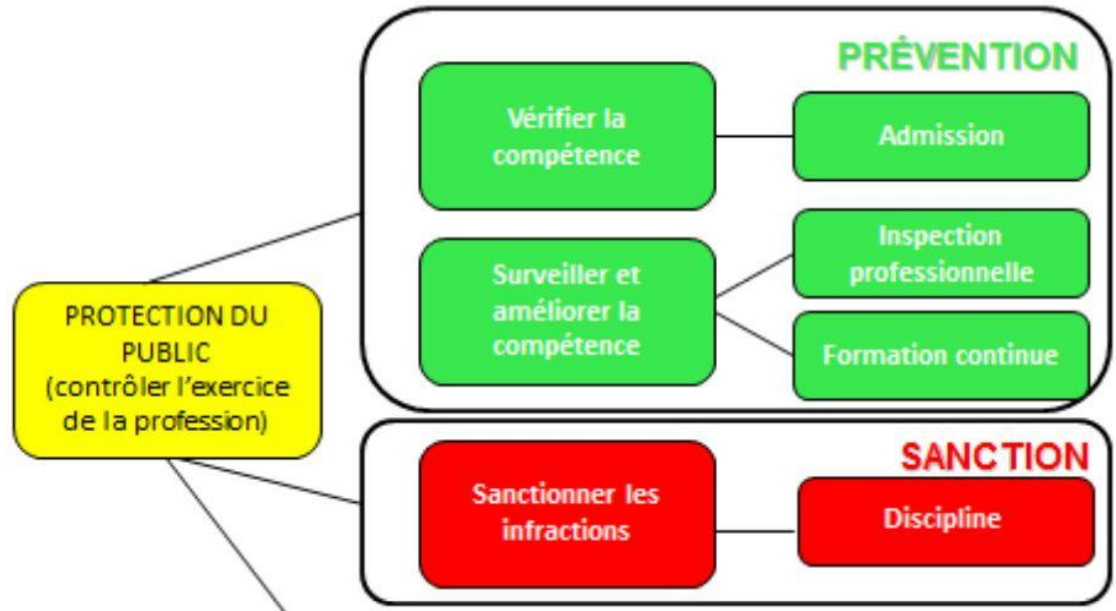


Québec's professional system

- Profession regulation = decision of Quebec government
- 46 professional orders supervising 54 professions including 23 health professions

Quebec's professional system

What is a professional order?



Quebec's professional system

- “By members”
 - Self-regulation
 - Self-management
 - Self-financing

WHY HAVING A REGULATION FOR OSTEOPATHS?



Why having a regulation for osteopaths?

- **Better protection for the Quebec's population**
- Better interprofessional collaboration
- Standardize the profession and university education (end of private school)
- Accessibility to public health system

STRATEGIES



Strategies

➤ Perseverance

- 1990
- 2008
- 2014

Strategies

- Join forces :
 - Initiator of the “Coalition” ask for a professionnel order of osteopath in Quebec gathering many associations
 - Speak with one voice
- Government’s answer : creation of a “specific working group”

Strategies

- Prove our ability to self-regulate and demonstrate our professionalism
 - Mechanisms created :
 - Code of ethics
 - *Framework of competencies for osteopaths in Quebec*
 - Admission and competence committee
 - Syndic's office / Disciplinary hearing

Strategies

- Lobbying :
 - Many meetings with deputies, ministers and public agencies
- Supported by a recognized public relation firm

Strategies

- Influence / Raise public awareness and decision makers :
 - Press relations (press release, interviews, articles, TV show and broadcasting);
 - Become the reference for the medias;



Strategies

- Social Networks :
 - Facebook
 - Twitter



Strategies

- International osteopathy healthcare week
 - Petition at Quebec National Assembly : 20,000 signatures
 - Between good hands
 - Election campaign 2018



AND NOW?



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➤ **Fall 2017 :**

- Quebec's Government consultation of all associations on a regulation project
- Comments of Osteopathie Quebec and other associations

➤ **Winter 2018 :**

- synthesis and adjustment by the Government of all the comments.

AND THEN?



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➤ **Spring 2018**

- Consultation of health related professional orders in Quebec

➤ **Summer 2018**

- Waiting for the Draft decree creating the
- “Ordre des Osteopathes du Quebec” to be published by the Quebec’s Minister of Justice.
- No news since ????

HIGHLIGHTS



Highlights

- Perseverance
- Unity
- Positive and rallying leadership
- Well defined strategic plan
- Knowing how to “adapt”
- Being proactive
- Visibility

REFERENCE LINKS



Reference links

- *Framework of competencies for osteopaths in Quebec* :
<https://bit.ly/2NZcrub>;
- Information document for the osteopathic community :
<https://bit.ly/2Ln3H2q>;
- Comments by Osteopathie Quebec : <https://bit.ly/2uxlDg9>

THANKS FOR ATTENDING!

