

COOPÉRATIVE
 DE SOLIDARITÉ

SABSA A successful experience

Coopérative SABSA:
 results with a promising future
 for the health network

1,700 consultations between Oct. 2014 and May 2015

Average cost per visit: **about \$68**

Savings in unbilled medical care
 of more than **\$118,000/year**

That's enough. **fiq**
 CARING FOR PATIENTS COMES FIRST

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On September 10 last, a preliminary research report on the *Coopérative de solidarité SABSA* was made public by the FIQ, the researchers, Damien Contandriopoulos, Mélanie Perroux and Bernard Roy, as well as the specialty nurse practitioner in front-line care and co-founder of the *Coopérative SABSA*, Isabelle Tétu. “We have here tangible proof that there is a way to do it better and to give care in a more humane way and closer to the people. What this report shows us is that reviewing front-line care by relying on the healthcare professionals and no longer only on the physicians works and improves accessibility. The future of the health network lies in this new style of functioning, it lies with interdisciplinarity”, stated Régine Laurent.

The Hélène-Pedneault Prize awarded to Régine Laurent

This September 24, the new Hélène-Pedneault Prize, to reward a Quebecer who has demonstrated excellence in the fight for advancing the cause of women, will be awarded to the president of the FIQ, Régine Laurent. The members of the selection committee of the *Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste* unanimously chose Ms Laurent to receive this award. “Ms Laurent has upheld the interests of the members of the FIQ, a majority of women, over the last few years with tenacity and conviction and she continues to do so with aplomb in these times of austerity and negotiation with the government”, stated France Langlais, representative of the selection committee and Vice-President and Secretary-General of the *Société*.

**Institut de réadaptation
 Gingras-Lindsay de Montréal**

The Liberal axe falls



The healthcare professionals of the FIQ got together again on September 8 last to denounce the Liberal cutbacks which, this time, will affect the *Institut de réadaptation Gingras-Lindsay de Montréal*. Some 63 beds in physical health that are presently vacant which is nearly a third, will be closed. “How can the Minister of Health still look Quebecers in the eyes and tell them that the Liberal cutbacks are not affecting patient care? How can the minister still deny that his decisions are spreading chaos in the health network? How can Gaétan Barrette and Philippe Couillard remain so insensitive faced with the distress created for the patients and the healthcare professionals?”, asked Régine Laurent.

The actions are continuing

A welcoming committee waited for Minister Martin Coiteux, the morning of September 14, at the breakfast of the Quebec City Chamber of Commerce where he was presenting a conference.



Union representatives from the Regional Action and Consensus-Building Table (TRAC-FIQ) of the *Mauricie* and the *Centre-du-Québec* held a blood pressure clinic at the *Festival western de St-Tite*. A great opportunity to discuss with the public the threat on the quality and the safety of health care given in the region and elsewhere in Québec that the Couillard Government is planning. Together, we can lower the pressure!