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## **ProFiL, a training-and-communication network program in nephrology for community pharmacists:**

*impact on knowledge, clinical competences,  
quality of medication use and clinical variables*

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# CKD a serious condition

- Prevalence of 12.5% in Canada (3.1% at stage 3-5)
  - Prevalence of about 25% in patients with diabetes or hypertension
  - Incidence of kidney failure doubled between 2000 and 2010
  - CKD patients
    - ❖ Elderly (72 years old)
    - ❖ Numerous health problems (5-6)
    - ❖ Multiple medications (12)
    - ❖ OTC use (80%)
    - ❖ Many physicians (3.6 prescribers in 6 months)
- } High risk of drug-related problems (DRPs)

# Management of CKD

- Objectives:
  - ❖ Prevent or control CKD complications
  - ❖ Slow the progression of kidney function decline
- Management
  - ❖ Control blood pressure, diabetes, and other CVD risk factors
  - ❖ Avoid nephrotoxic medications
  - ❖ Adjust medications based on kidney function
  - ❖ Monitor adherence to medications
- Predialysis clinic
  - ❖ Multidisciplinary team (physicians, nurses, dieticians...)
  - ❖ Pharmacists with expertise in nephrology
  - ❖ Involvement of pharmacists is limited

# Community pharmacists

- Most accessible primary health care providers
  - ❖  $\geq 1$  visit per month
  - ❖ Complete list of medications including OTC and natural products
  - ❖ They have the responsibility to detect DRPs and ensure appropriate medication use

## **BARRIERS**

- Limited training in nephrology
- No access to important clinical information (eGFR)
- Undefined role within a multidisciplinary predialysis team

# ProFiL Program



- Training-and-communication program designed to improve the management of CKD by community pharmacists for patients followed in predialysis clinic

**Conduct a cluster randomized trial to evaluate the ProFiL Program**

# Objectives

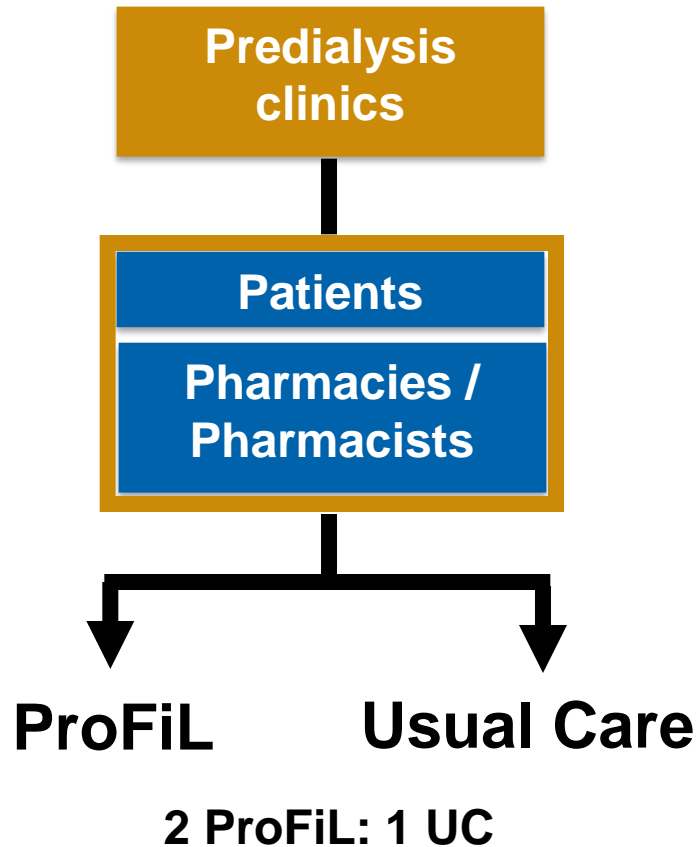
## **Primary objective:**

- Compare the mean change in the quality of medication use in ProFiL and UC patients

## **Secondary objectives:**

- Knowledge/clinical competences of community pharmacists
- Progression of the clinical variables (eGFR, blood pressure, HbA1C, LDL-c)

# Study design

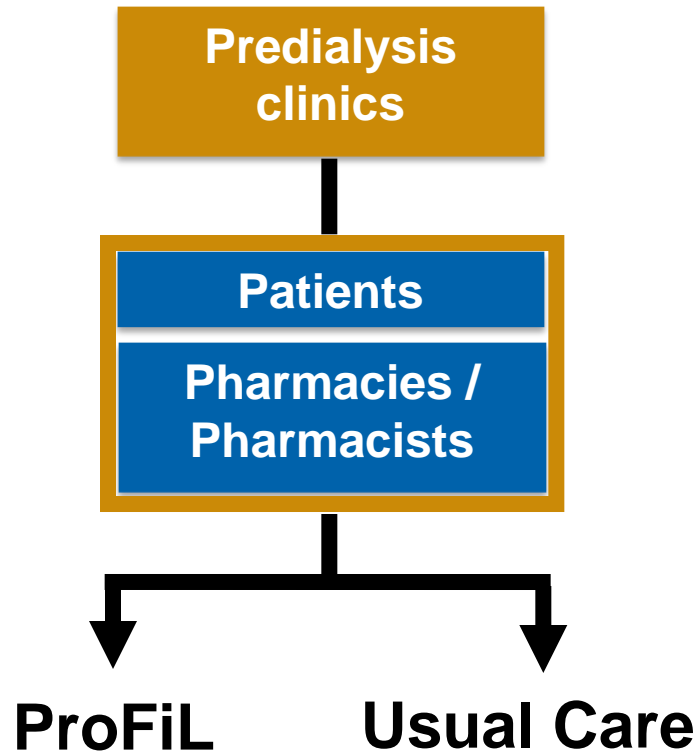


- Open-labelled, controlled, cluster-randomized clinical trial with 1 year follow-up

## *6 predialysis clinics*

- ❖ Hôpital de la Cité-de-la-Santé
- ❖ Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont
- ❖ Centre Hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke
- ❖ Hôpital Charles LeMoyne
- ❖ Hôpital Royal Victoria
- ❖ Jewish General Hospital

# Study population - patients

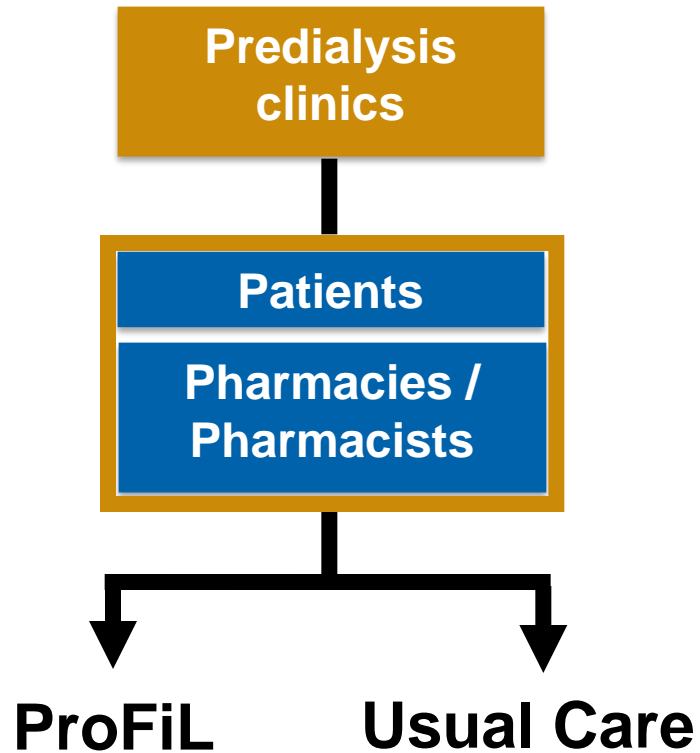


## *Patients*

- Adult
- CKD
  - ❖ moderate (30-59 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>)
  - ❖ severe (15-29 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>)
- Have an eligible current pharmacy that agrees to participate



# Study population - Pharmacies



## *Pharmacies*

Adequate coverage by participating pharmacists:

- >250 prescriptions/day: at least 60h/wk
- OR
- ≤ 250 prescriptions/day: at least 35h/wk
- OR
- Pharmacies opened <7 days/week: at least 50% of opening hours

# ProFiL Program



- Web-based interactive training
- Information exchange program
  - Clinical summary
  - List of medications
- Privilege access to pharmacists with expertise in nephrology

# ProFiL program – Web-based training program

❖ Journal of Continuing Education in the Health Professions  
2011; 31(3) : 140-150

## OBJECTIVES

- Familiarize pharmacists with a set of DRPs related to CKD (PAIR criteria)
- Proposed a systematic approach to detect and manage PAIR-DRPs

## FORMAT

- 90 minutes
- 2 clinical vignettes (moderate/severe CKD)





# Présentation du défi

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OTC / NHP

Medication recorded in pharmacy chart

ProFiL clinical summary

Clinical guide

Pharmacist with expertise in nephrology

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## Diagramme des 8 étapes

ProFiL

Programme de formation  
et de liaison en néphrologie

Cliquez sur « Débuter » lorsque vous êtes prêt à débuter celle-ci.

Noter que pour gérer les problèmes détectés, vous devez préalablement avoir navigué au travers de ces 8 étapes. De plus, avant de quitter la formation, veuillez vous assurer d'avoir complété l'étape dans laquelle vous êtes afin de ne pas perdre vos résultats.

1	Vérifier les doses des médicaments au dossier.	Débuter
2	Vérifier la concordance entre les listes de médicaments.	Débuter
3	Évaluer l'adhésion au traitement.	Débuter
4	Analyser les résultats de tension artérielle.	Débuter
5	Analyser les résultats de glycémies.	Débuter
6	Vérifier l'horaire d'administration réel des médicaments.	Débuter
7	Déterminer le statut tabagique.	Débuter
8	Déterminer si le patient prend des médicaments en vente libre et/ou des produits de santé naturels inadéquats.	Débuter

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## Gestion des problèmes détectés

Remplir le formulaire d'opinion pharmaceutique

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### OPINION PHARMACEUTIQUE

MÉDECIN

D<sup>r</sup> / D<sup>re</sup>

PATIENT

M. / M<sup>me</sup>

RAMQ :

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#### ÉVALUATION DE LA FONCTION RÉNALE

Clcr (mL/min) ou débit de filtration glomérulaire (mL/min/1,73m<sup>2</sup>) : \_\_\_\_\_ En date du : \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
jj / mm / aaaa

#### PROBLÈME(S) OBSERVÉ(S)

- Ajustement posologique requis selon la fonction rénale pour : \_\_\_\_\_
- Médicament non recommandé selon la fonction rénale : \_\_\_\_\_
- Discordance significative entre le dossier-pharmacie et votre profil pharmacologique pour : \_\_\_\_\_
- Non adhésion ( >120% ou  < 80% en 90 jours) à un médicament : \_\_\_\_\_
- Tension artérielle supérieure aux cibles visées : \_\_\_\_\_
- Épisodes d'hypoglycémie : \_\_\_\_\_
- Interaction médicamenteuse entre : \_\_\_\_\_ et \_\_\_\_\_
- Prise inadéquate d'un médicament : \_\_\_\_\_
- Référence requise pour un traitement ou un suivi anti-tabagique : \_\_\_\_\_
- Traitement inadéquat avec un médicament en vente libre : \_\_\_\_\_
- Traitement inadéquat avec un produit de santé naturel : \_\_\_\_\_
- Autre problème : \_\_\_\_\_



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# Quality of medication use -PAIR criteria

❖ American Journal of Kidney Disease 2011; 58 (4) : 527-535

- 51 clinically significant DRPs for CKD patients requiring the intervention of community pharmacists when detected
- RAND appropriateness process (3 rounds)
  - ❖ 4 nephrologists
  - ❖ 2 family physicians
  - ❖ 4 nephrology pharmacists
  - ❖ 2 community pharmacists
- Validation using pilot data:
  - ❖ Inter-rater reliability: Kappa: 0.82-0.96; ICC: 0.93
  - ❖ Test-retest reliability: Kappa: 0.74-1.00; ICC 0.91
  - ❖ Conceptual validity
    - Expert judgment : 3.5 DRPs/patient
    - PAIR criteria: 2.5 DRPs/patient



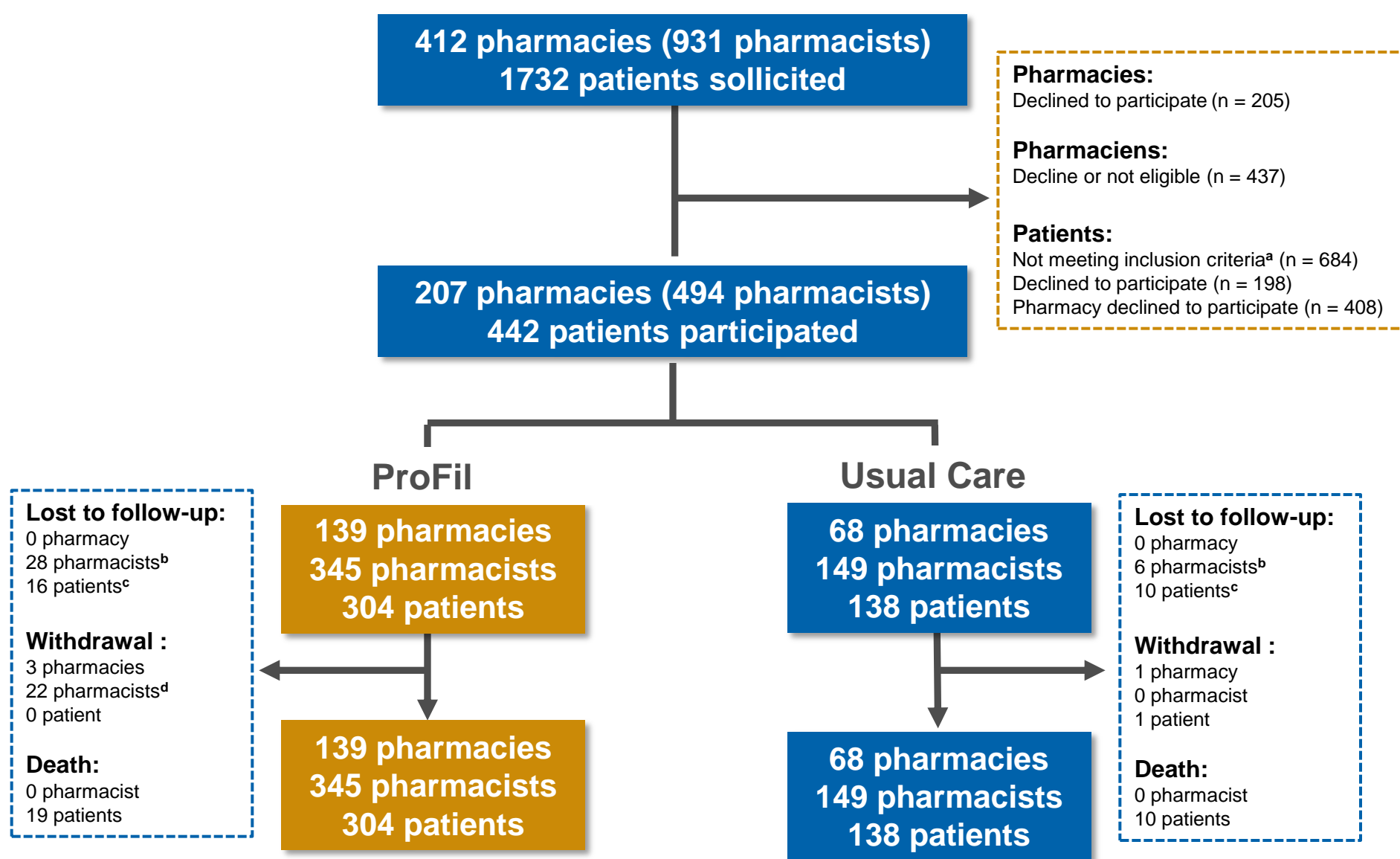
# Evaluation

- One year prior and after the recruitment
- Quality of medication use (PAIR criteria)
  - ❖ Documentation:
    - Pharmacy chart
    - ProFiL clinical summary
    - Patient interview (OTC and NHP)
  - ❖ Two evaluators + consensus if needed
- Clinical variables
  - ❖ Results available in predialysis clinic chart
- Knowledge/clinical competences
  - ❖ 10 questions (knowledge) and 2 clinical vignettes



# Analyses

- Intent-to-treat approach
- Missing data at T12 were replaced by baseline scores/group mean
- Multivariate linear mixed effects model to take into account the clustering of data within pharmacy and patient-level intra-correlation induced by repeated measures
- To adjust for confounders, all variables statistically significant ( $p < 0.2$ ) in a bivariate model including the study group were included in the final multivariate model if they remained statistically significant ( $p < 0.1$ ).



a Patient not meeting inclusion criteria: eGFR < 15mL/min/1,73m<sup>2</sup> (n=325); eGFR ≥ 90mL/min/1,73m<sup>2</sup> (n=97); doesn't have Quebec health insurance plan (n=91); unable to manage their medication (n=55); unable to speak English or French (n=49); withdrawal before entering the study (n=26); client of more than one pharmacy (n=19); unable to understand the study (n=18); and hospitalized (n=4).

b Changed pharmacy (n=34).

c Changed pharmacy (n=10); withdrawal of their pharmacy (n=9); and dialysis (n=7).

d Lack of time (n=17); withdrawal of pharmacy (n=3); and unsatisfied (n=2).

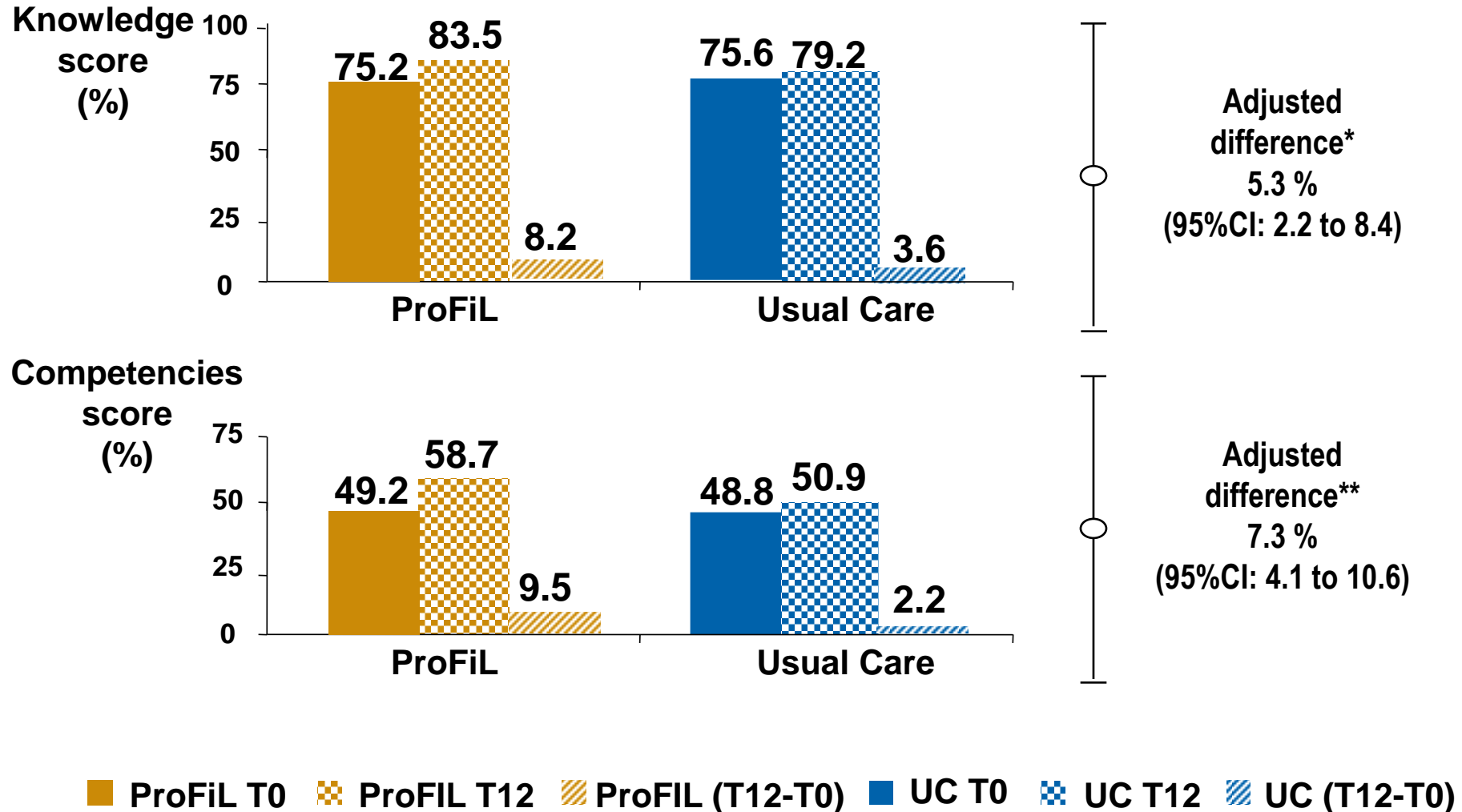
# Participants characteristics

Patients	ProFiL n=304	Usual Care n=138
<b>Age (years):</b> mean (SD)	72 (12)	71 (13)
<b>Men:</b> n (%)	179 (59)	83 (60)
<b>Severity of renal disease (Grade 4):</b> n (%)	202 (67)	85 (62)
<b>eGFR (mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>):</b> mean (SD)	27 (9)	28 (11)
<b>Comorbidities:</b> n (%)		
Hypertension	283 (95)	130 (95)
Dyslipidemia	223 (75)	100 (74)
Type I diabetes	11 (4)	4 (3)
Type II diabetes	160 (54)	65 (48)
Anemia	160 (55)	77 (58)
Phosphocalcic metabolism disorder	138 (48)	60 (46)

# Participants characteristics

<b>Pharmacies</b>	<b>ProFiL n = 139</b>	<b>Usual care n = 68</b>
<b>Number of prescriptions per day: mean (SD)</b>	440 (236)	458 (246)
<b>Pharmacy size (&gt;5000 ft<sup>2</sup>) : n (%)</b>	75 (61)	37 (62)
<b>Pharmacists</b>	<b>n = 345</b>	<b>n = 149</b>
<b>Women: n (%)</b>	236 (68)	100 (67)
<b>Salaried pharmacist: n (%)</b>	250 (73)	110 (74)

# Knowledge and clinical competences

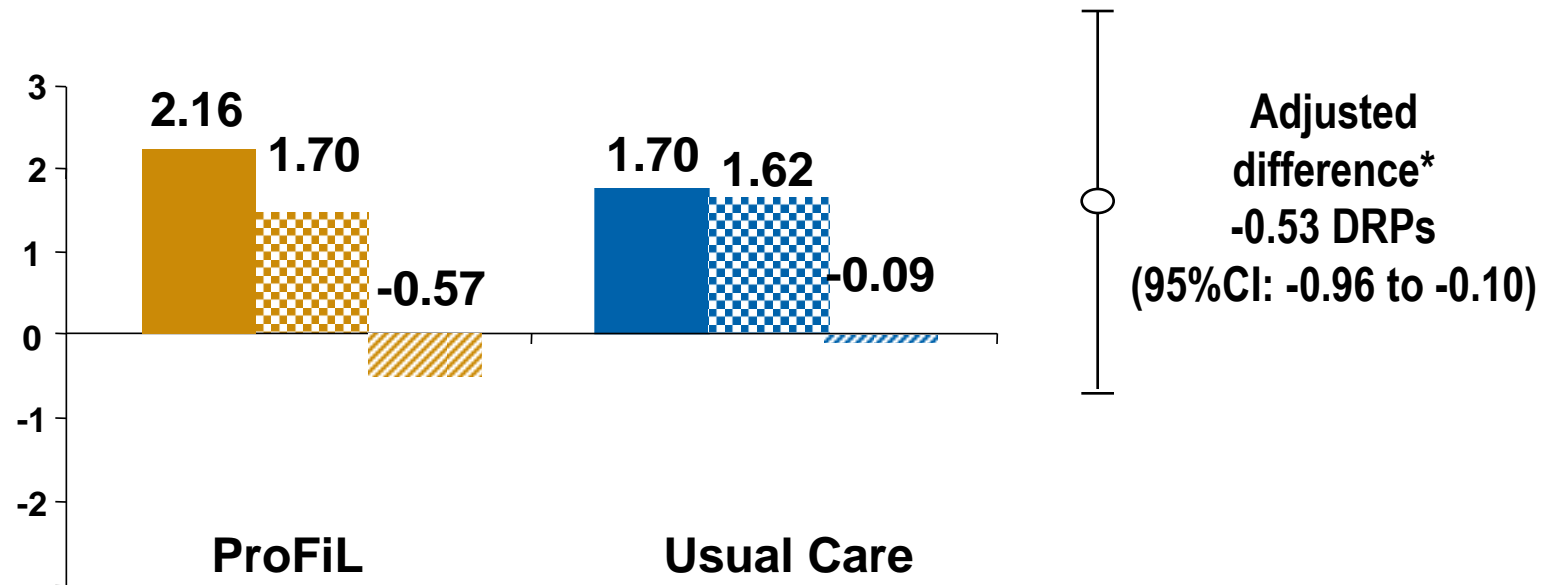


\* Adjusted for having a training on pharmaceutical opinion in the last year and for being an associate clinician

\*\* No significant confounding variables

# Quality of pharmacotherapy

$\Delta$  DRPs/patient



■ ProFiL T0   ■ ProFiL T12   ■ ProFiL (T12-T0)   ■ UC T0   ■ UC T12   ■ UC (T12-T0)

\* Adjusted for patient education and pharmacist working in several pharmacies

# Number of DRPs per patient

PAIR DRPs	Mean change (95% CI)	
	ProFiL	Usual Care
Inappropriate prescription:		
Incorrect dosage	<b>-0.10 (-0.17 to -0.03)</b>	0.00 (-0.08 to 0.06)
Contraindicated agent	<b>-0.15 (-0.21 to -0.08)</b>	-0.11 (-0.21 to 0.00)
Nonoptimal treatment adherence	-0.10 (-0.22 to 0.03)	0.12 (-0.06 to 0.29)
Nonoptimal blood pressure	<b>-0.09 (-0.14 to -0.04)</b>	-0.04 (-0.11 to 0.02)
Hypoglycemia secondary to sulfonylurea	0.04 (0.00 to 0.07)	0.04 (0.00 to 0.08)
Drug interaction	0.00 (-0.02 to 0.04)	0.01 (-0.01 to 0.04)
Drug used inappropriately	<b>-0.08 (-0.13 to -0.03)</b>	-0.01 (-0.06 to 0.03)
Smoking	0.00 (-0.02 to 0.04)	0.02 (0.00 to 0.05)
Inappropriate use of		
Over-the-counter medication	<b>-0.11 (-0.17 to -0.04)</b>	-0.11 (-0.20 to -0.02)
Natural health product	0.00 (0.00 to 0.00)	0.00 (0.00 to 0.00)

# Progression of clinical variables

	ProFiL		Usual Care (UC)	
	Study entry (T0) Mean (SD)	Changement during study (T12-T0) Mean (95% CI)	Study entry (T0) Mean (SD)	Changement during study (T12-T0) Mean (95% CI)
eGFR (mL/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> )	26.8 (9.3)	0.2 (-2.3 to 2.7)	28.2 (10.6)	-1.3 (-2.4 to -0.2)
Blood pressure (mmHg)				
Systolic	135.8 (19.4)	-1.4 (-3.5 to 0.8)	136.4 (20.2)	-0.3 (-3.9 to 3.3)
Diastolic	69.4 (11.6)	-0.4 (-1.7 to 0.8)	70.7 (11.5)	-1.0 (-3.0 to 0.9)
LDL cholesterol (mmol/L)	2.0 (0.7)	-0.1 (-0.2 to 0.0)	2.0 (0.7)	0.0 (-0.1 to 0.1)
Patients with dyslipidemia	1.9 (0.7)	-0.1 (-0.2 to 0.0)	2.0 (0.7)	-0.1 (-0.2 to 0.0)
Glycosylated hemoglobin (%)	6.9 (1.3)	0.0 (-0.1 to 0.1)	6.7 (1.1)	0.1 (-0.1 to 0.2)
Patients with diabetes	7.4 (1.4)	-0.1 (-0.3 to 0.1)	7.1 (1.4)	0.2 (-0.1 to 0.5)



# Summary of results


- Quality of medication use improved significantly in the ProFiL group
  - ❖ Incremental reduction of 0.5 DRP/patient
  - ❖ Significant reduction of DRPs related to:
    - Inappropriate dosage adjustment
    - Drug not recommended in CKD
    - Uncontrolled blood pressure control
    - Inappropriate use
    - OTC not recommended
- After one year, persistent improvement in knowledge (5%) and clinical competencies (7%) of community pharmacists
- No significant differences on the change in eGFR, blood pressure, HbA1C, and LDL-cholesterol.

# Quality of medication use

- Quality of medication use is suboptimal (2 DRPs/pt)
  - ❖ Regular follow-up in predialysis clinic
  - ❖ Multidisciplinary team
- Training/support + essential clinical information = improvement

# Strengths and limits

## *Strengths*

- Cluster-randomization  high level of internal validity
- Relatively high participation rate
  - ❖ Pharmacies' acceptance: 50%
  - ❖ Patients' refusal: 11% (of patients invited)
- DRPs were blindly evaluated using validated criteria

## *Limits*

- Recruitment of patients after randomisation (selection bias)
- Low questionnaire response rate at T12 (65%)
- Missing values for laboratory test results
- Only few patients per pharmacy

# Next step....

- Adapt and implement ProFiL to improve the management of CKD patients followed in primary care
- Take into account recent legislation changes
  - ❖ Dossier Santé Québec
  - ❖ Bill 41: adapt prescription, prescribe laboratory tests
- External facilitator/expert pharmacist to accelerate clinical practice changes

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