

DRUG SAMPLE MANAGEMENT PROJECT

- Starter project for the **Réseau-1 Québec**
- Replication study conducted in four University Family Medicine Department Practice Based Research Networks (PBRNs)
- Funding received from
 - Réseau-1 Québec (\$15,000)
 - CFPC (Janus grant:\$10,000)

Each PBRN participating in the newly formed network of networks, Réseau-1 Québec, proposed a **starter project** that would bring together the PBRNs in a collaborative effort.

Through the starter projects, we cultivated new partnerships, shared procedures and developed effective communication strategies.

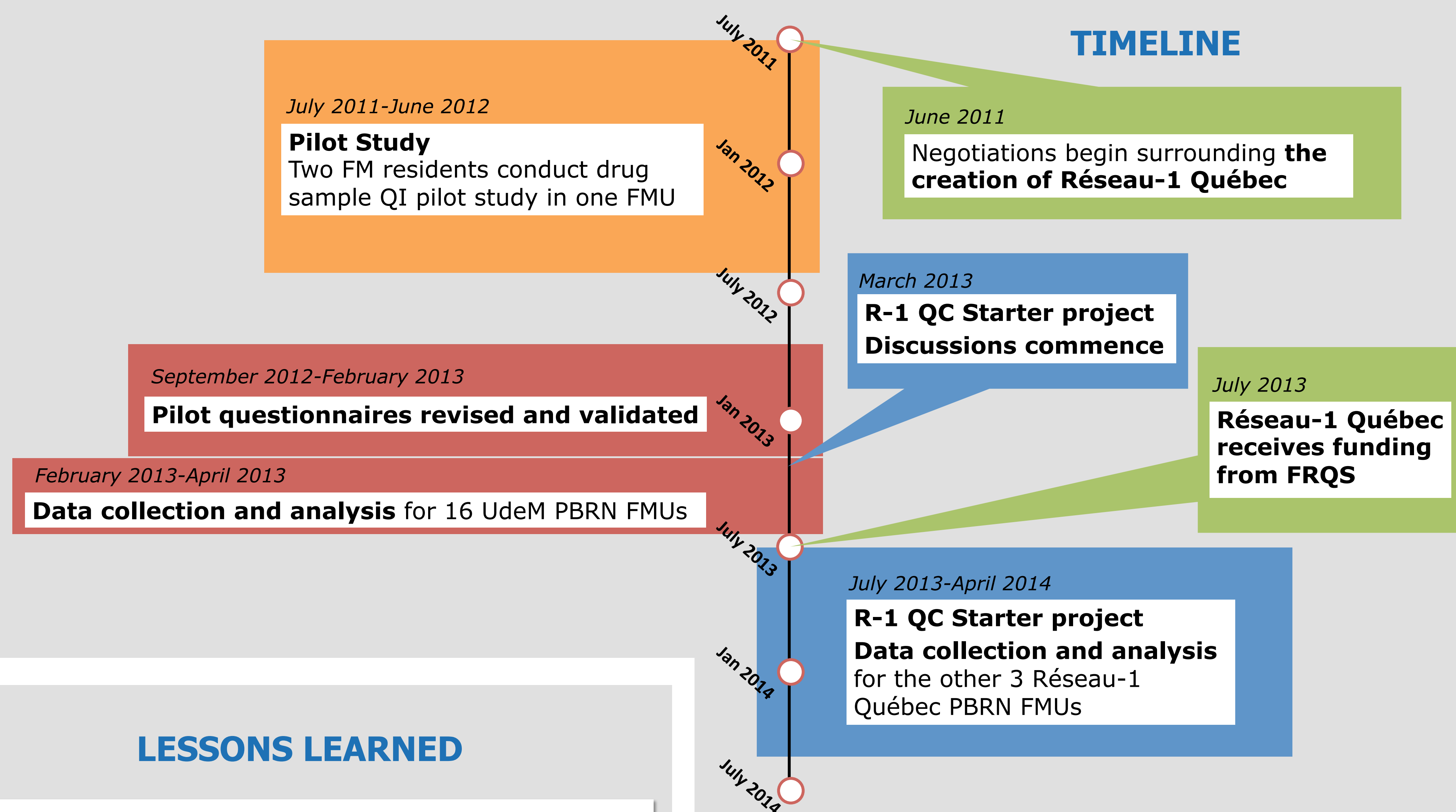
RÉSEAU-1 QUÉBEC

- A collaborative involving researchers, HCP, FM residents and patients from all participating University networks
 - Université de Montréal
 - McGill University
 - Université de Sherbrooke
 - Université Laval
- Funded by the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé (FRQS) for 6 years (2013-2019)

Its mandate is:

- The creation of a research infrastructure in Primary Care (PC) that supports Quality Improvement (QI)
- The promotion and support of a research capacity and a culture of inquiry in PC

TIMELINE



LESSONS LEARNED

Ethics

Issues:

- Projects needed to be submitted to multiple Research Ethics Boards (REB)
- The complexity of the process lead to unforeseen delays and use of funds

What worked:

- Local project coordinators maintained regular contact with REBs until approval was granted

Recommendations:

- A PBRN-specific or Central REB for the Réseau-1 Québec would be ideal

Communication

No formal communication channels between the 4 PBRNs had been established previously

Issues:

- Researchers from these networks had little experience collaborating on a common province-wide project.

What worked:

- Regular meetings with an agenda set in advance permitted sharing and exchange
- The Réseau-1 Québec provided telephone conference solutions and the funds for a face-to-face meeting

Recommendations:

- Full-time central project coordinator whose principal task is to ensure effective, back and fourth, communication during all phases of study

Funding

Issues:

- The project cost more to run than expected
- Each PBRN's in-kind work was greater than initially anticipated (a testament to their engagement and the project's value)

What worked:

- Budget covered most expenses
- Teleconference solutions and face-to-face meetings funded by Réseau-1 Québec

Recommendations:

- More realistic evaluation of study costs is essential in future Réseau-1 Québec multi-site projects

Organization

Issues:

- Researchers involved in the replication of the study had valid suggestions about how the study could have been done differently

What worked:

- Replication study: instruments and procedures were used as initially developed for the UdeM project
- Experienced central project coordinator is essential to the success of this type of multi-site study
- Paper questionnaires during scheduled meetings contributed to high response rates
- Good relationships with administrative staff

Recommendations:

- Participation of researchers to all phases of study would be ideal: development of instruments, data collection, data analysis