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Health information from the health care system: moving from a management approach to a public health approach

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It is well known that the activity recorded in health care facilities provides little information on the state of health of the population: on the fraction of the population that has had access to them, that which has been recorded, according to codes of variable quality and often not very comparable.

The data collected is therefore essentially used for the management of health care structures, in a supply and demand logic. The diversification of health care provision in African cities - private and charitable provision, and even a combination of "modern" and "traditional" provision - makes the task even more difficult.

However, many examples show that these data could be better used to assess the actual accessibility of care and the satisfaction of needs.