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Getting Pragmatic-
Are We Stalled?
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Barriers:

- Missing incentives
- Limited enthusiasm for pragmatic questions
- Resistance to randomization
- Burdensome consent
- Clinical workflow
- Sample size needs
equipoise
The A versus B Study

- Drug A versus Drug B
- Medical versus Surgical
- ‘Standard’ versus ‘Improved’
The A versus A+ Trial -

- Do Something versus Do Nothing
- Do More versus Do Less
Test impact of a policy change

Does It Pay to Penalize Hospitals for Excess Readmissions? Intended and Unintended Consequences of Medicare's Hospital Readmissions

Impact of the Medicare hospital readmissions reduction program on vulnerable populations

Yunwei Gai & Dessislava Pachamanova

BMC Health Services Research 19, Article number: 837 (2019)
The A versus A+ Trial - continued

- Test impact of improved guideline adherence – (powered for subgroups)