

NIH Collaboratory Getting Pragmatic- Are We Stalled?

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Evidence from Pragmatic Trials during Routine Care — Slouching toward a Learning Health System

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Barriers:

Missing incentives

Limited enthusiasm for pragmatic questions

Resistance to randomization

Burdensome consent

Clinical workflow

Sample size needs





- **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**

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The A versus A+ Trial - continued

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