

NIH Collaboratory: Research Transformation in Progress

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Today's Presentation

1. Collaboratory story and highlights
2. What are we working on now?
3. What should be next?

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Collaboratory Story and Highlights



Millions



Patients **walk through the doors** of hospitals and clinics each year **with questions** about their health and their care.



How do we **study their experiences** to **find answers** and **create solutions** that **change care** and **improve outcomes**?

The Collaboratory Story



National Institutes
of Health

Initiated through the NIH Common Fund in 2012

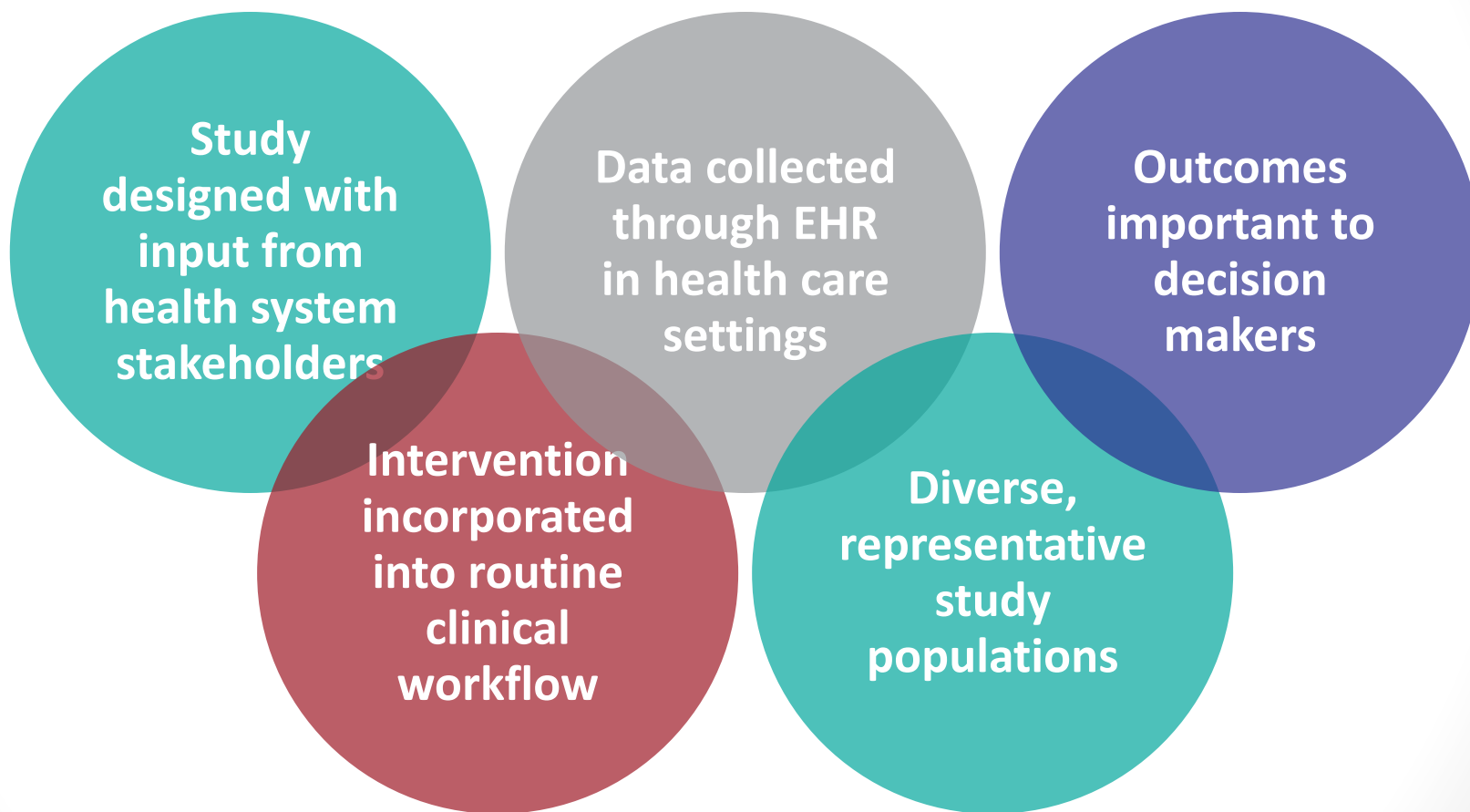


Goal: Strengthen the national capacity to implement cost-effective large-scale research studies that engage health care delivery organizations as research partners



Vision: Support the design and execution of innovative pragmatic clinical trial Demonstration Projects to establish best practices and proof of concept

Embedded PCTs Bridge Research into Clinical Care

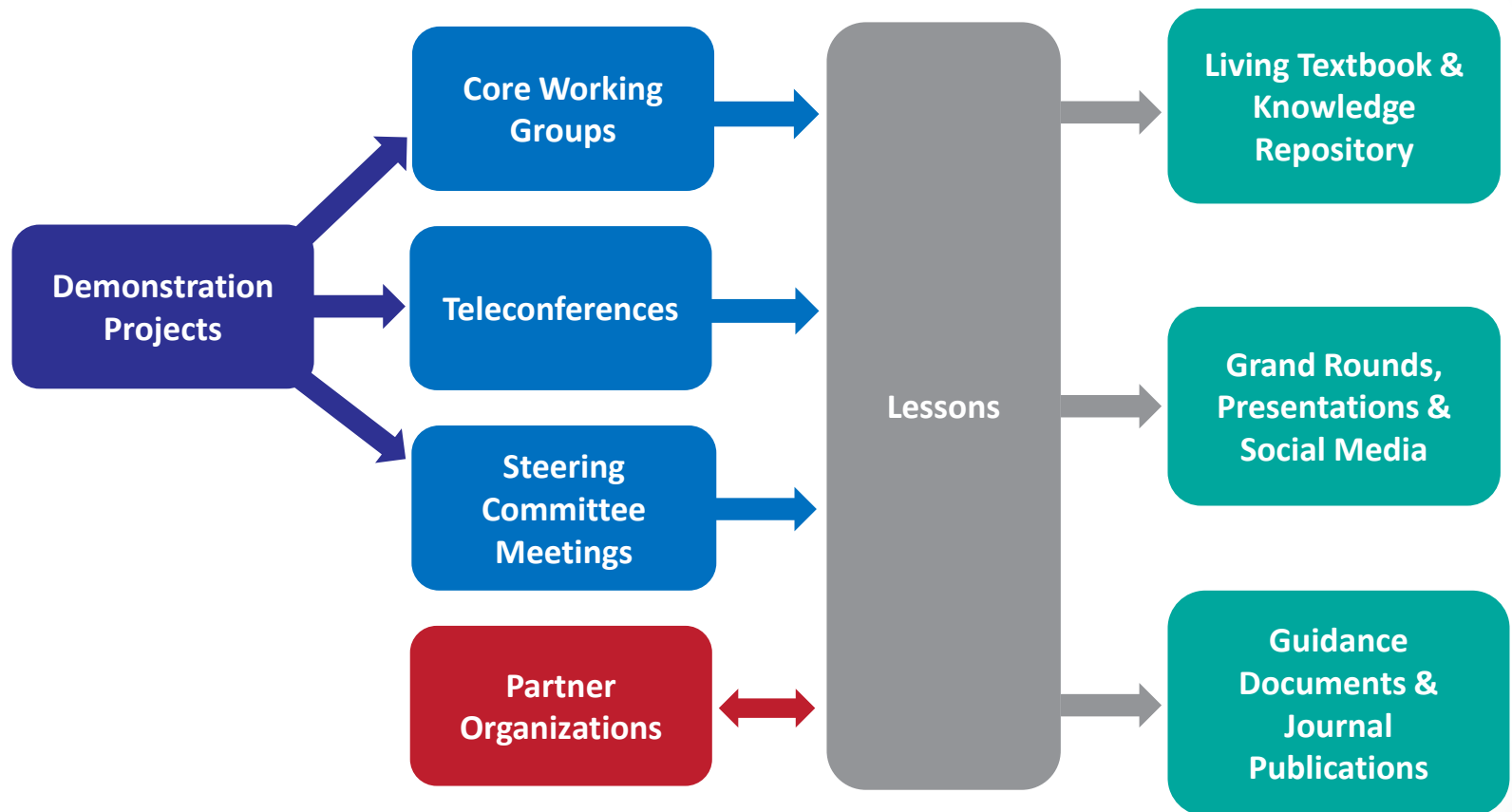


Collaboratory Opportunities

- Amazing opportunity to use new information and clinical learning to inform and change the system
- The Collaboratory effort provides a fascinating vantage point for the transformation
 - Tremendous progress and opportunity
 - Show how to overcome the hurdles or speed bumps



Flow of Information



What's been contributed

- Significant body of knowledge on ethical & regulatory issues in PCTs
 - Consulted with OHRP
 - Conducted research on clinician & participant attitudes
 - Published special journal issue on challenges & best practices
- Biostatistical guidance in area of cluster randomized trials
- Created functional distributed research network
- Established policies and culture for data sharing
- Developed resources and guidance to support re-use of EHR data, integration of patient-reported outcomes, and partnerships with healthcare systems
- Shared case studies from our Demonstration Projects

NIH Collaboratory Publications

80 total publications
in peer-reviewed journals

NIH Collaboratory Presentations

>150

total conference
presentations
or symposia



NIH Collaboratory Presentations

Academy Health

Statistical Issues in Clinical Trials

PMI

OHA Transformation Center

Am Society Bioethics

Seattle Symposium on Data Analytics

NCURA

NIH

ASCP

>150

Natl Advisory Council for
Nursing Home Research

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ACOS

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Health Systems Partnerships

PMR Sports Medicine

AMIA

Joint Summits



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Rethinking Clinical Trials®

Health Care Systems Research Collaboratory



The Living Textbook *of Pragmatic Clinical Trials*



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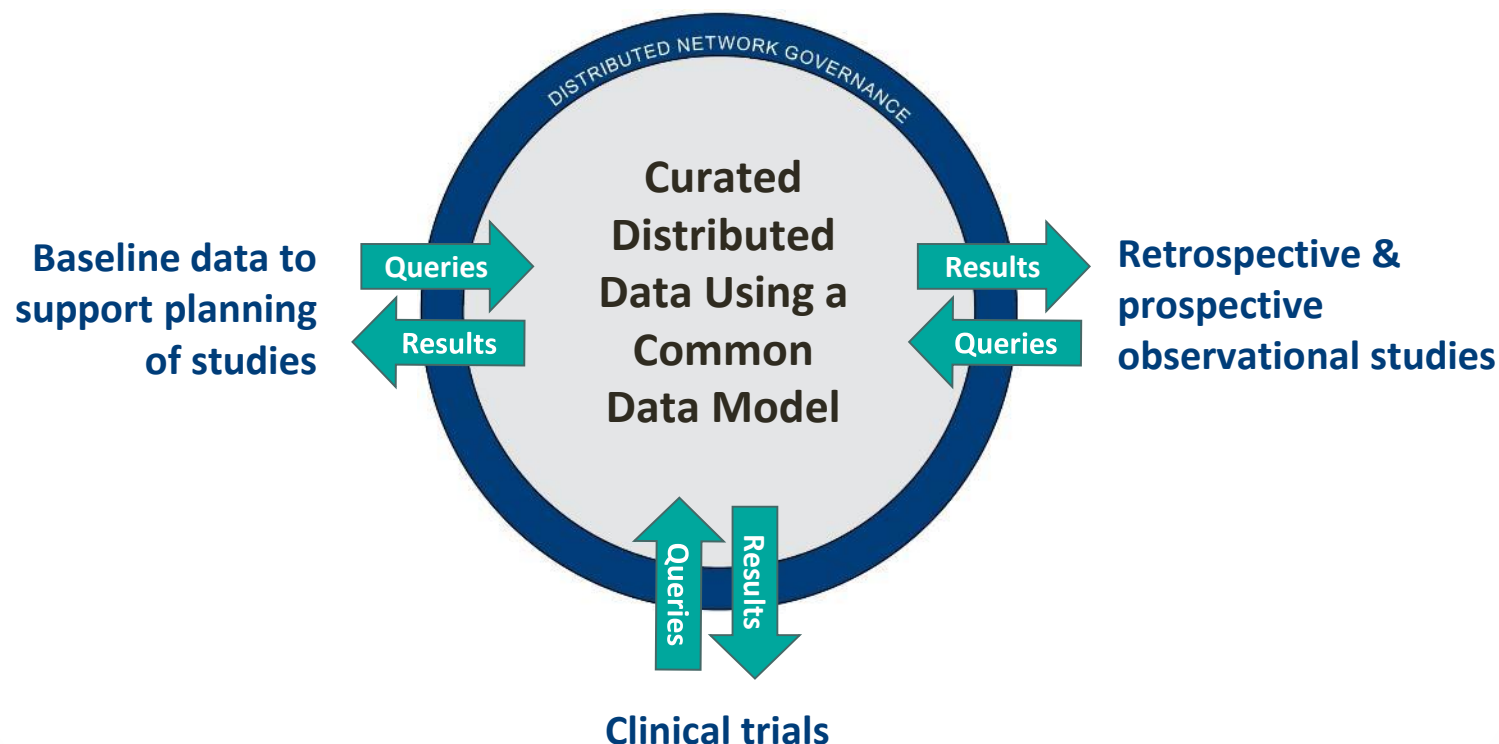
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What is the
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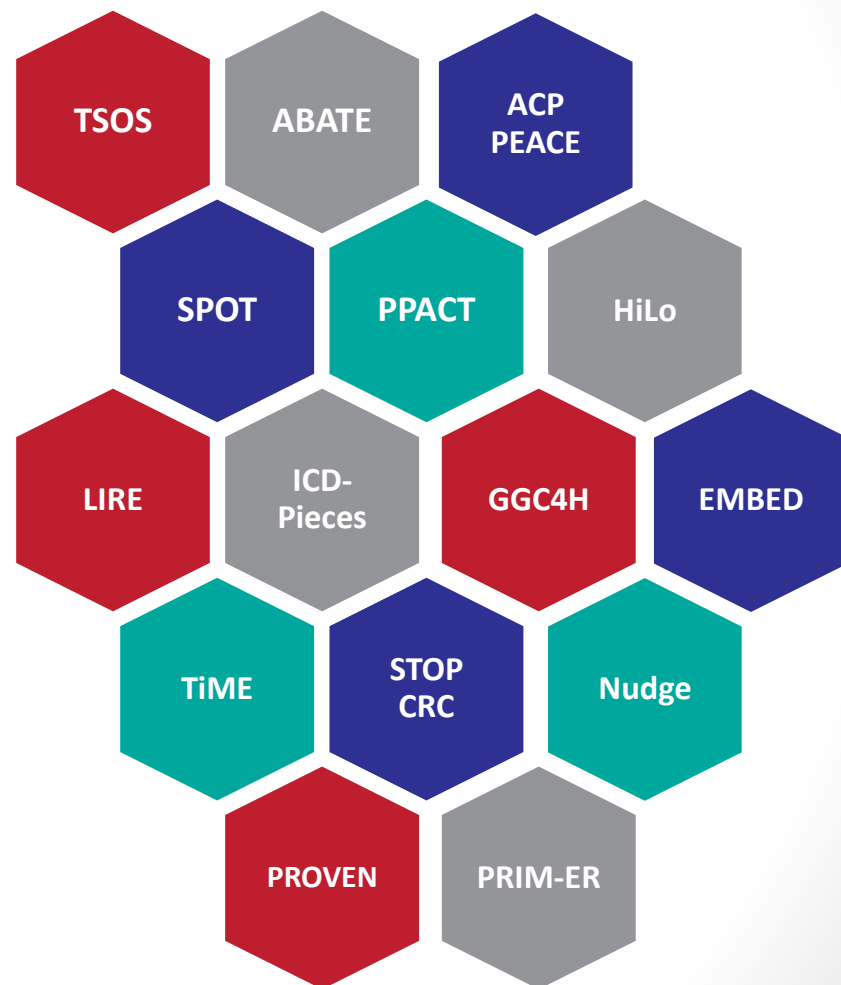
Distributed Research Network

Enables investigators to collaborate in the use of electronic health data while safeguarding protected health information

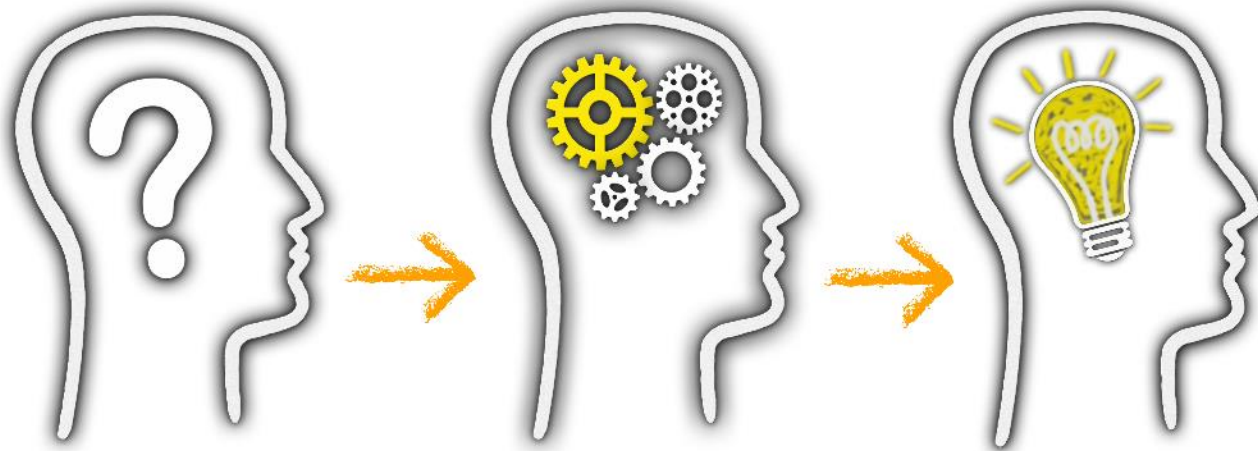


Demonstration Projects

- Collaboratory pragmatic trials conducted within health care systems to address questions of major public health importance
- Span multiple Institutes & Centers
- 1-year planning phase
- Implementation phase



What our projects contribute...



LESSONS LEARNED

JAMA Internal Medicine | Original Investigation

Effectiveness of a Mailed Colorectal Cancer Screening Outreach Program in Community Health Clinics

The STOP CRC Cluster Randomized Clinical Trial

Gloria D. Coronado, PhD; Amanda F. Petrik, MS; William M. Vollmer, PhD; Stephen H. Taplin, MD, MPH;
Erin M. Keast, MPH; Scott Fields, MD; Beverly B. Green, MD, MPH

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Daily Chlorhexidine Bathing in General Hospital Units – Results of the ABATE Infection Trial (Active BATHing to Eliminate Infection)



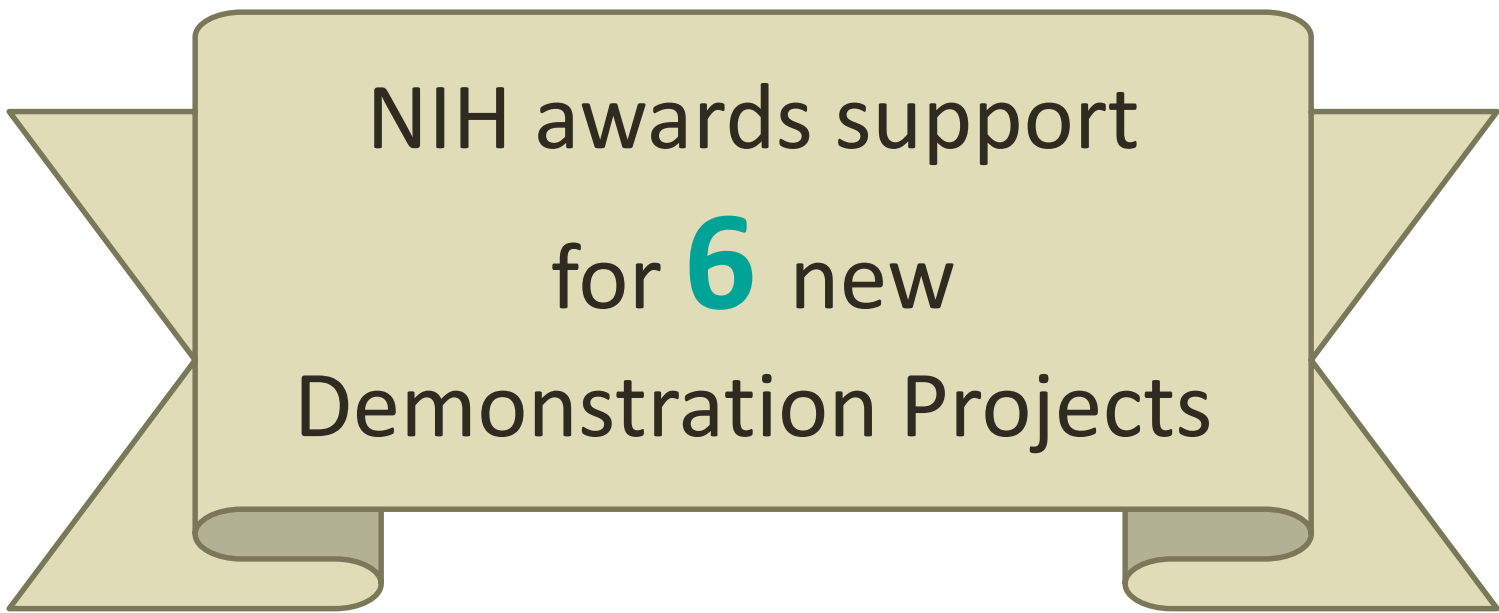
Primary Results of the Time to Reduce Mortality in End-Stage Renal Disease (TiME) Trial: A Pragmatic Trial Demonstration Project of the NIH Health Care Systems Research Collaboratory

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What are we working
on now?



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NIH awards support
for **6** new
Demonstration Projects

ACP PEACE

Advance Care Planning: Promoting Effective and Aligned Communication in the Elderly

- Cluster randomized trial testing whether clinician communication skills training and patient video decision aids will increase **advance care plan completion** in patients >65 with advanced cancer
- 4,500 patients in 36 oncology clinics across 3 systems



HiLo

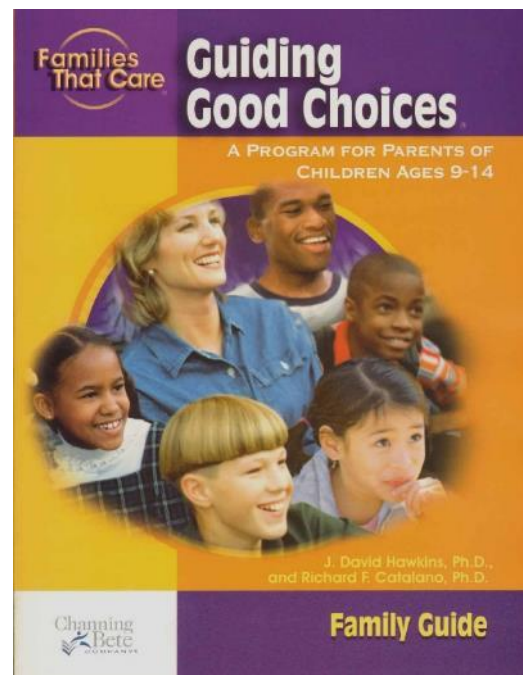
Pragmatic Trial of Higher vs. Lower Serum Phosphate Targets in Patients Undergoing Hemodialysis

- Cluster randomized trial testing whether less stringent control of serum phosphate levels will yield **non-inferior rates of all-cause hospitalization** in patients with end-stage renal disease undergoing hemodialysis
- ~4,400 patients across >100 dialysis facilities



GGC4H *Guiding Good Choices for Health*

- Cluster randomized trial testing whether an anticipatory guidance curriculum for parents of early adolescents will reduce **behavioral health problems and health service utilization**
- 72 pediatricians across 3 health systems; ~4,500 families



EMBED

Pragmatic Trial of User-Centered Clinical Decision Support to Implement EMergency Department-Initiated Buprenorphine for Opioid Use Disorder

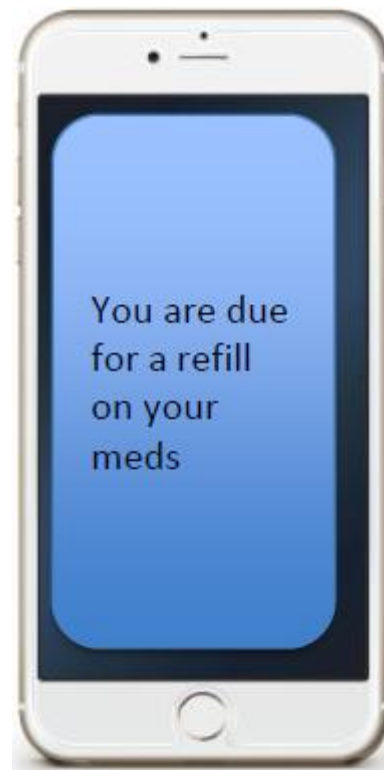
- Cluster randomized trial testing the effect of user-centered computerized clinical decision support on rates of **emergency department–initiated buprenorphine/naloxone and referral for ongoing medication-assisted treatment** in patients with opioid use disorder



Nudge

Personalized Patient Data and Behavioral Nudges to Improve Adherence to Chronic Cardiovascular Medications

- Patient-level randomized pragmatic trial comparing the effects of digital interventions (text messages and chat bot) on **medication adherence** in patients with chronic CV conditions
- 3 health systems



PRIM-ER *Primary Palliative Care for Emergency Medicine*

- Cluster randomized trial testing the effects of implementing primary palliative care in emergency medicine on **healthcare utilization and survival**
- 35 emergency departments across 18 health systems



Summary of New Projects

Study	Population	Intervention	Outcome
ACP PEACE	Patients with advanced cancer	Clinician communication skills training and patient video decision aids for advanced care planning	Advance care plans completion; medical orders for resuscitation preferences; palliative care consultations; hospice use
HiLo	Patients undergoing hemodialysis	Liberalizing serum phosphate target	Rate of hospitalization
GGC4H	Parents of early adolescents	Anticipatory guidance curriculum	Behavioral health problems; health service utilization
EMBED	Patients with opioid use disorder	User-centered computerized clinical decision support	Rate of emergency department-initiated buprenorphine/naloxone; referral for ongoing medication assisted treatment
Nudge	Patients with chronic CV conditions	Text messages and chat bot	Adherence to CV medications
PRIM-ER	Older adults (>65 years)	Palliative care education; simulation-based workshops; clinical decision support; provider audit and feedback	Healthcare utilization and survival

Sharing Challenges & Solutions

Collaboratory videos & interviews



Advice to New Pragmatic Trial Investigators

from NIH Research Collaboratory PRO 1 month ago



AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. JERRY JARVIK

Principal Investigator,
Lumbar Imaging with Reporting
of Epidemiology (LIRE) Trial
conducted April 20, 2015

Dr. Jarvik provided an update on the Lumbar Imaging with Reporting of Epidemiology (LIRE) Trial at the April 2015 Collaboratory Steering Committee Meeting (see slide). The LIRE trial is about halfway through its initial enrollment period with over 52,000 patients enrolled.

Background

Over 15 years ago, Dr. Jarvik was involved in a Veterans Affairs (VA) study in which they obtained lumbar spine magnetic resonance image (MRI) reports of 148 asymptomatic patients (no back pain) and followed them longitudinally to see who developed back pain. They generated, in essence, a "normal range" of MRI findings in patients without back pain. Shortly thereafter, a paper was published by Martin Roland and Maurits van Tulder that questioned the clinical importance of MRI spine imaging findings and urged radiologists to include prevalence information in their imaging reports of the lumbar spine. Inspired by the paper, Dr. Jarvik incorporated the information from the VA cohort study—into the routine imaging at the University of Washington Medical center. This information was available as a template that could be inserted into the radiologist report. As it turned out, only a few of the radiologists used this template, giving Dr. Jarvik the opportunity to investigate the data to determine if epidemiologic information

had any effect on patient outcomes. He was surprised by the results. Even though they had relatively small numbers, there was evidence that the inclusion of the epidemiological information decreased utilization of spine-related interventions, and even more importantly, decreased opioid prescription rates. That was the spark of the LIRE trial, a pragmatic trial to answer this question: Does inserting prevalence information decrease downstream spine-related utilization or opioid prescribing rates by primary care physicians?

Design

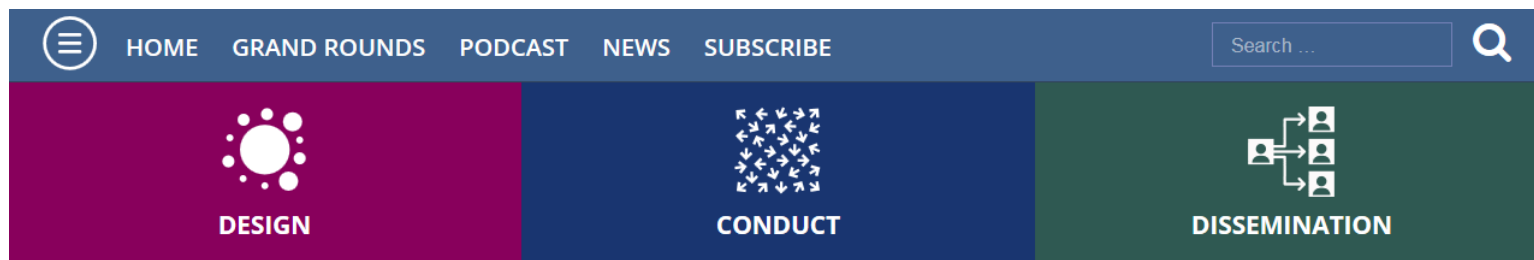
LIRE is a cluster randomized trial with a stepped-wedge crossover design. The primary unit of randomization is the clinic (cluster) rather than the primary care provider or the patient. They are randomizing 100 clinics in 4 health systems (Kaiser Permanente Northern California, Henry Ford Health Systems, Group Health in Seattle, and the Mayo Clinic). For the stepped wedge design, they have five waves (steps) of randomization: a fifth of the 100 clinics are exposed to the intervention during each wave (see Figure 1). By the end of the study, all 100 clinics will have had the intervention — hence a "crossover" design: all clinics eventually crossover from the control arm (no intervention)

Even the simplest ideas are complex to implement and rigorously study.



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Training Resources for Investigators



Rethinking Clinical Trials: A Living Textbook of Pragmatic Clinical Trials



Welcome to the Living Textbook of pragmatic clinical trials, a collection of knowledge from the NIH Health Care Systems Research Collaboratory. Pragmatic clinical trials are performed in real-world clinical settings with highly generalizable populations to generate actionable clinical evidence at a fraction of the typical cost and time needed to conduct a traditional clinical trial. They present an opportunity to efficiently address critical knowledge gaps and generate high-quality evidence to inform medical decision-making. However, these trials pose different challenges than are typically encountered with traditional clinical trials. The Living Textbook reflects a collection of expert consensus regarding special considerations, standard approaches, and best practices in the design, conduct, and reporting of pragmatic clinical trials. Given the rapid pace of change in this field, this electronic textbook will continue to be added to and updated.

GET STARTED

What is the

NIH COLLABORATORY? ➤

What is a

PRAGMATIC CLINICAL TRIAL? ➤

ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS ➤

and building partnerships to ensure a successful trial

TRAINING RESOURCES ➤



Partner Organizations

Grand Rounds

- Shared PCORnet/
Collaboratory forum
- Frequent presentations by
partner organizations

Collaboration on

- Workshops
- Regulatory/ethics
publications

Shared tools & resources

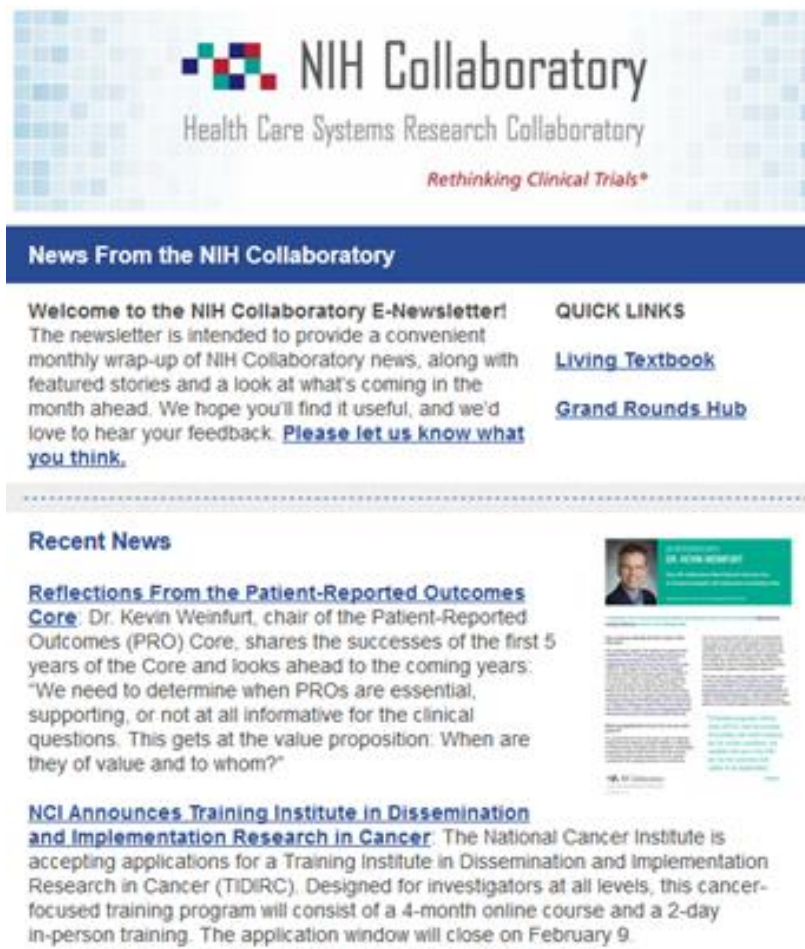
- Links to external resources
in Living Textbook



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What should be next?

Value of Pragmatic Clinical Trials

- Embedded Research Leverages Health Systems
 - What are the fixed costs being leveraged?
 - Large?
 - What are the variable costs?
 - Small?
- What's the net value?
 - Potential return of investment
- What's the ideal state for economies of scale?
 - Multiple trials can achieve highest value



Expanded Education and Training

- Training for new investigators/NIH Staff on PCT methods
- Publicly available training materials, such as handouts , slides, videos, Living Textbook chapters/additions, or other content to be made available on the Collaboratory website.

Regulatory & Ethics

- Ethical and practical issues associated with incidental findings
 - Planned Administrative Supplement application
- Data safety and monitoring
- Nested Studies

- [illegible]

Sustainability for embedded PCTs

- Define what's needed
 - What will it take for health systems to make this routine as opposed to the exception?
- Establishing a roadmap for eliminating barriers
 - Regulatory/Ethics
 - Engagement
 - Costs
 - Data silos
 - Others....

Conclusions

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- Take advantage of continued interest in real world evidence and learning health systems
- Multiple lessons learned from rethinking research integrated with practice
- Cost-effective, large-scale research is possible and we have the charge to scale it...
 - By learning, sharing, and helping the ecosystem evolve

For More Information

Living Textbook

- Comprehensive, searchable information on design, conduct & dissemination of embedded PCTs
- www.rethinkingclinicaltrials.org

Knowledge Repository

- Archives for the Living Textbook including presentations, videos, stakeholder interviews, guidance documents & more

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