

## **Is it Important to Explain the Definition of Pragmatic to Grant Reviewers?**

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When talking about pragmatic trials, one of the things we run up against is everyone seems to have their own definition of what it means to be pragmatic. And so it's really important in your application that you define it upfront and that you talk in your application about which elements of your study are more or less pragmatic. And it may make sense in some cases that there are some elements where you may be a little bit more explanatory because you really want to know, for example, that the intervention was delivered, and you've got a way to track that in your study.

So it depends on the sort of different elements of a particular study design. But I do really encourage you to be very clear in your application about why you've chosen which elements to be more pragmatic than others, and to define for the reviewers that'll be looking at your application, what you mean by pragmatic and what elements of your study are or are not pragmatic.