

Guiding Good Choices for Health (GGC4H): Update and Lessons From the UG3 Phase

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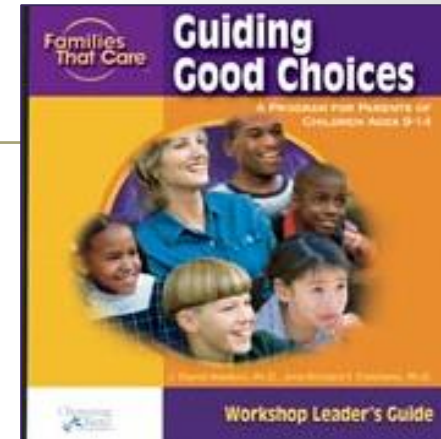
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Guiding Good Choices (GGC)



- **5- Session program for all parents of adolescents ages 11-14**
- **Evaluated in two RCTs**
 - ✓ Affects **Parenting Behavior** regardless of family risk (Spoth et al., 1998)
 - ✓ Reduced Growth in **Substance Use, Delinquency; Depressive Symptoms** (Mason et al., 2003, 2007)
 - ✓ **Cost-beneficial:** Benefit-Cost Ratio: \$2.77 (WSIPP, 2018)
- **Sessions emphasize**
 - ✓ Build family bonding
 - ✓ Establish and reinforce clear and consistent guidelines; monitor children's behavior
 - ✓ Teach children skills to resist peer influence
 - ✓ Improve family management practices
 - ✓ Reduce family conflict

➔ *GGC is organized around substance use prevention delivered universally, but skills generalize to other parenting concerns.*

GUIDING GOOD CHOICES SESSIONS	
Session 1	Getting Started: How to Prevent Drug Use in Your Family
Session 2	Setting Guidelines: How to Develop Healthy Beliefs and Clear Standards
Session 3	Avoiding Trouble: How to Say No to Drugs (with children in attendance)
Session 4	Managing Conflict: How to Control and Express Your Anger Constructively
Session 5	Involving Everyone: How to Strengthen Family Bonds

GGC Helps Fill a Service Gap in Pediatric Primary Care

- AAP recommends pediatricians provide anticipatory guidance to parents – but there are barriers to doing this.
- **Instead: Have pediatricians refer parents to GGC for delivery by behavioral health specialists within each HCS.**
 - ✓ Pediatricians have high credibility and parents' trust. They are good agents for validating positive parenting practices.
 - ✓ Care provided in a pediatric primary care setting is non-stigmatizing.
- ➔ *Advantages may create higher recruitment and retention rates in primary care compared to community settings.*
 - ➔ *This pragmatic trial, set in the context of real-world health systems, will allow us to examine recruitment and retention outcomes as well as adolescent behavioral health impacts.*

GGC4H: 4-Year Pragmatic Trial

- **Longitudinal cluster-randomized trial in 3 HCS:**
 - ✓ *Kaiser Permanente Northern California, Kaiser Permanente Colorado, Henry Ford Health System*
 - ✓ *Randomize pediatricians within clinic and HCS (24 per HCS), approximately **3,636 families** recruited to experimental or control arm*
- **Implement GGC universally during two years (Y2, Y3 of study)**
 - ✓ *Intervention arm pediatricians refer all parents of adolescents ages 12 during well-child visit*
 - ✓ *2 GGC delivery modalities: Group and self-guided*
- **RE-AIM* framework** used to evaluate implementation and effectiveness outcomes through Y5
 - ✓ **Implementation:** *Reach, adoption, fidelity, participant engagement and skills*
 - ✓ **Effectiveness:** *Evaluate GGC's impact on adolescent substance use initiation at Year 5 endpoint*

***R**each, **E**ffectiveness, **A**doption, **I**mplementation, **M**aintenance

Project Status: A Very Busy UG3 Year!

INTERVENTION	DATA COLLECTION/ EHR	SITE IMPLEMENTATION	OVERSIGHT	ADMINISTRATIVE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop, finalize self-guided intervention• Intervention available – all sites• Implementation and recruitment tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design finalized• Develop, finalize data collection methods• Finalize plans for ascertaining primary endpoint	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop, finalize recruitment methods• Engage HCS practitioners• Train all personnel• Finalize sub-contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop Governance Plan• Establish study-related committees• Finalize design, analysis plan• DSMB approval• IRB approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protocol to NIH for initial review• Protocol to PRC• Transition Request to NIH

- Completed an ambitious set of milestones
- Pilot Study conducted at all sites (5 clinics)
- Transition Request made, 3 NCCIH reviews, 2 PRC meetings
- Awaiting UH3 funding decision



Challenge 1: Study Design

Goal: Answer 2 critical study questions

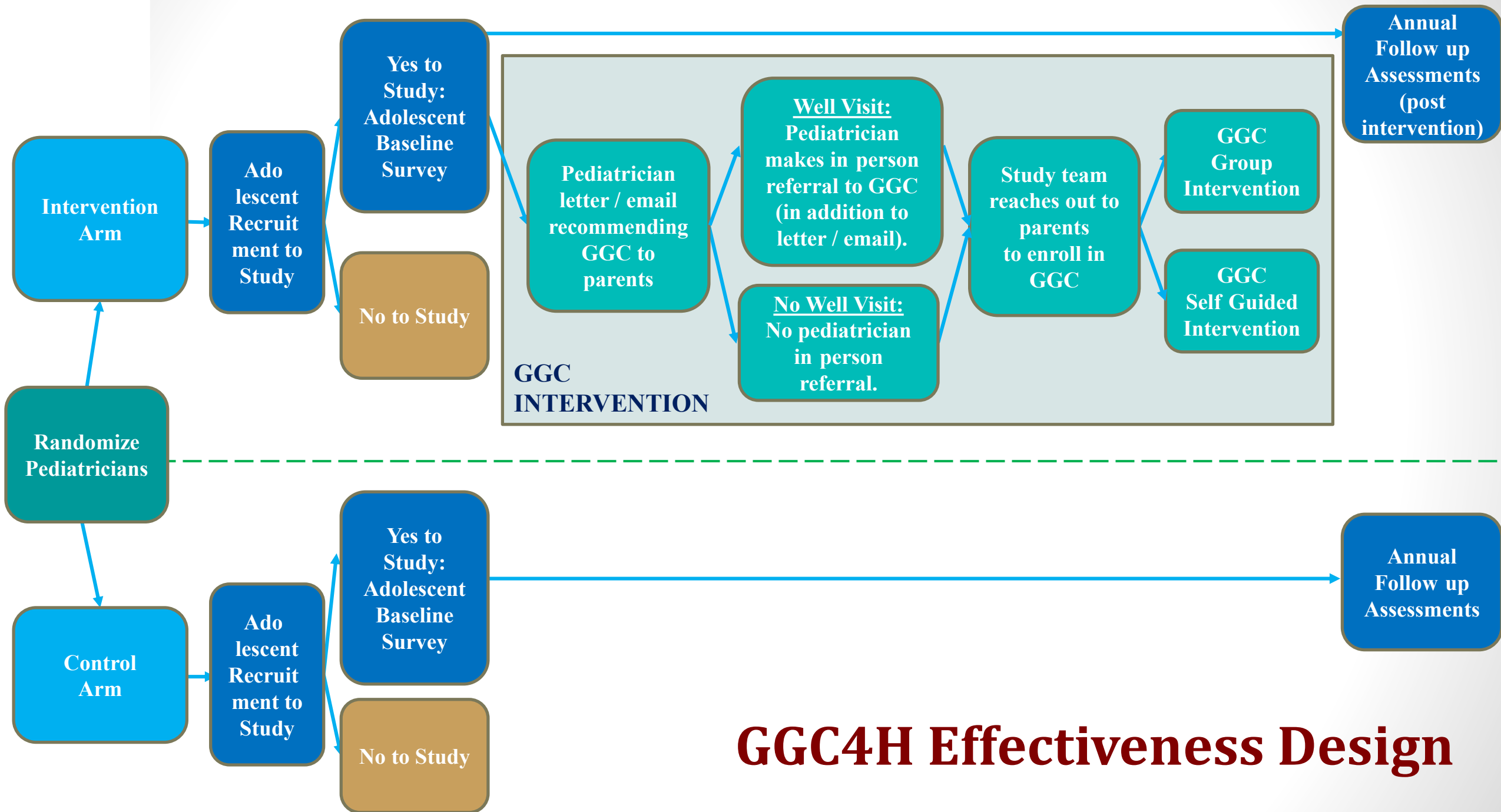
- 1) Assess GGC effectiveness
- 2) Understand GGC uptake in naturalistic setting

Original study design

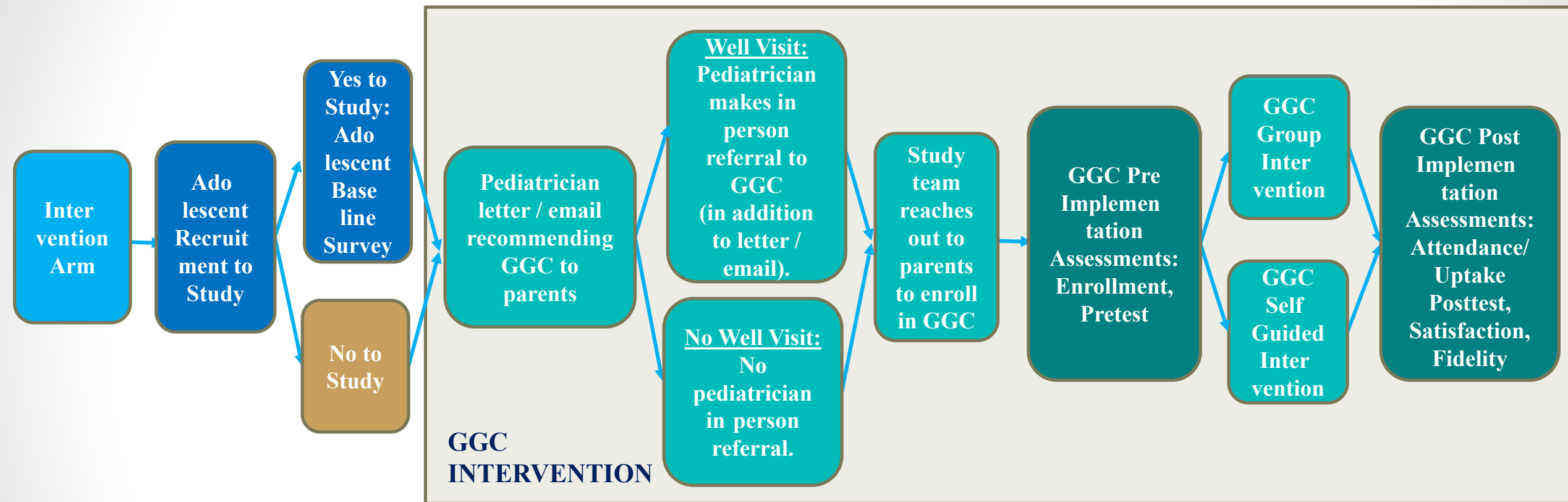
Pragmatic but problematic: Selection bias, no pre-intervention baseline data.

Final study design

- 1) Design challenges solved with input from Biostats core, PRC, and our own creative thinking
- 2) Allows us to address GGC effectiveness and uptake questions



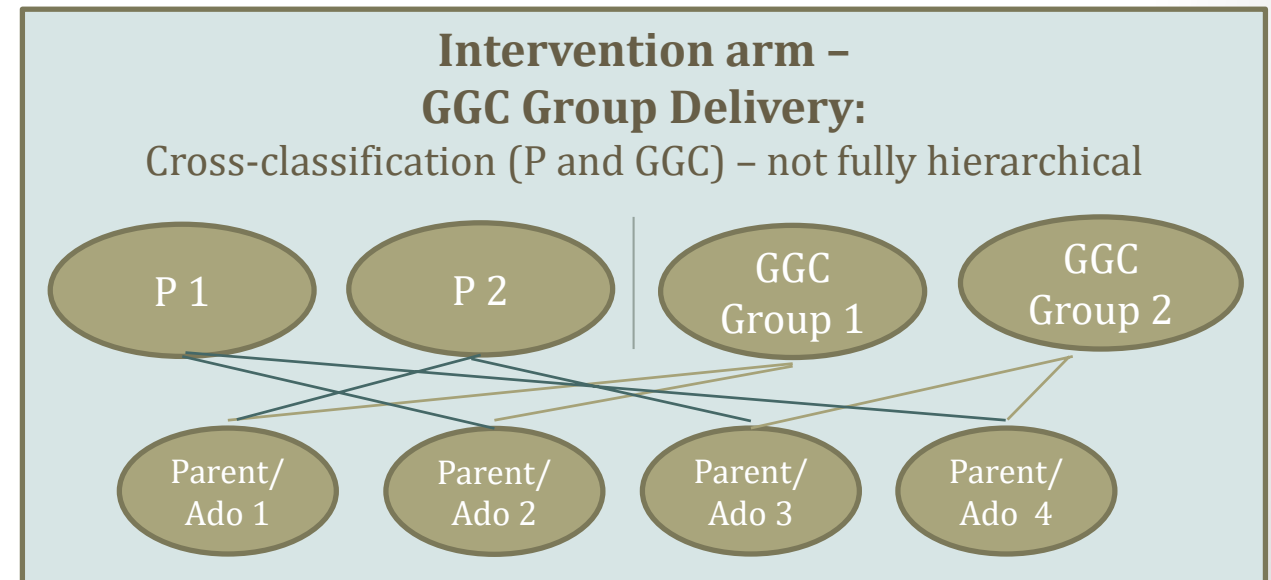
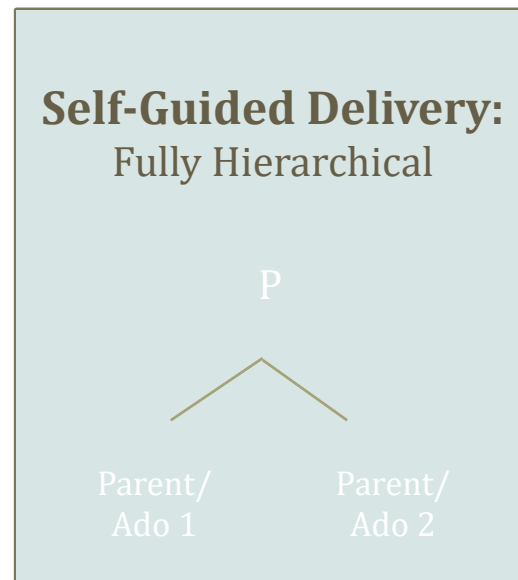
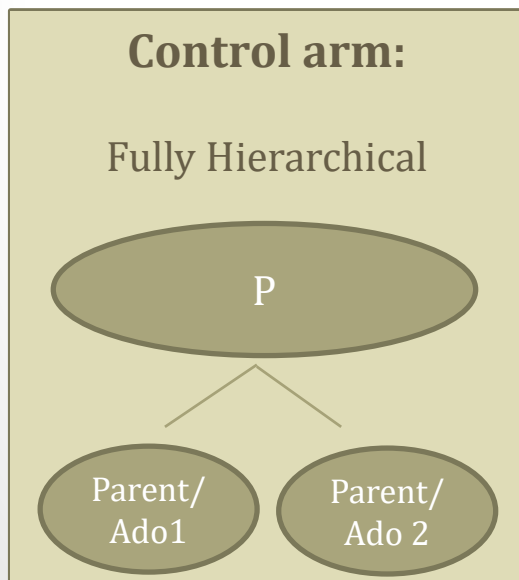
GGC4H Effectiveness Design



GGC4H Implementation Design

Challenge 2: Valid Statistical Inference

- **2 GGC delivery modalities:** Group and Self-guided
- **Pragmatic enrollment approach:** Parents from the same pediatrician (P) enroll in different groups, parents from different pediatricians (P) enroll in the same group
→ **cross-classification**
- **Result:** Cluster-randomized trial with partial cross-classification in the intervention arm
- **If not modelled appropriately:** Threats to inference (bias), increased Type I error



Solution: Include Strong Study Biostatisticians on the Team

- **Lead Biostatistician Quesenberry → Innovative statistical approach**
 - ✓ **Extended Luo et al. (2015)** for a generalized linear model with binary outcomes
 - ✓ **Key: Appropriate modelling of random effects** in control (pediatrician), self-guided GGC (pediatrician), and group GGC (pediatrician, GGC group)
 - ✓ **Analysis focus:** Point and interval estimation of trial arm indicator regression coefficient
- **Biostatistician Oleg Sofrygin conducted simulation study**
 - ✓ **Goal:** Evaluate power for assessing primary outcomes, alpha levels, coverage
 - ✓ **Varied:** Sample size, ICC for GGC groups and pediatricians, effect sizes for binary outcomes (based on prior GGC trials), group size
 - ✓ **Result – 2000 virtual cohorts: Strong power, nominal alpha levels, adequate coverage at 100%, 90% of expected adolescent recruitment levels**

GGC4H Data Sharing Plan

- **Internal Data Sharing Plan**
 - ✓ Remove all 18 Protected Health Identifiers.
 - ✓ Therefore do not need to execute data sharing agreements among 4 site partners.
- **External Data Sharing Plan: Supervised Data Archive with Monitored data sharing**
 - ✓ Protect against deductive disclosure.
 - ✓ De-identified individual data.
 - ✓ Requests must be of high scientific merit.
 - ✓ Co-authorship of at least one study PI or MPI.

GGC4H Barriers Scorecard

Barrier	Level of Difficulty*				
	1	2	3	4	5
Enrollment and engagement of patients/subjects			X		
Engagement of clinicians and health systems	X				
Data collection and merging datasets			X		
Regulatory issues (IRBs and consent)		X			
Stability of control intervention	X				
Implementing/delivering intervention across healthcare organizations			X		

*Your best guess!
1 = little difficulty
5 = extreme difficulty

Many “Barriers” weren’t because of Team Skills, Experience

- Challenge was accomplishing so much so quickly!
- Great breadth and depth in skills, experience of team members
 - IRB: *Boggs*
 - HCS-embedded research and relationships, data sharing: *Sterling, Beck, Braciszewski, Hartman, Daley, Perrin*
 - GGC intervention: *Catalano, Haggerty, Kuklinski, Casey-Goldstein*
 - GGC intervention delivery: *Negusse, Jones, Williams, Barela, Kazan, Elsiss*
 - Cluster-randomized trials in real-world settings: *Catalano, Sterling, Kuklinski, Beck, Braciszewski, Brown*
 - Biostatistics/methodology: *Quesenberry, Sofrygin, Oesterle, Brown*



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Summary and Conclusions

- GGC4H: A pragmatic test of anticipatory guidance for parents of adolescents in primary care
- High levels of support and partnership from all three healthcare systems
- Excellent progress in UG3 phase—aided by Collaboratory input. Experience will benefit UH3 trial
- Simulation study showed statistical innovations provide more than adequate power to evaluate primary outcome at study endpoint
- We have a strong study team. We are enthusiastic and well-prepared for the larger trial.

Thank You!

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