

Case Study:

ADVANCE-PC: Testing Critical Components for a Trial of Advance Care Planning in Primary Care for Dementia

An NIA IMPACT Pilot Study

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Background



Prior experience

PrimaryCareACP.org

- PCORI-funded Cluster RCT of Advance Care Planning (ACP)
- 40 Primary Care Practices in US and Canada
- Excluded patients without cognitive capacity

Potential need/interest

- Interest among practices
 - how to do ACP well for patients/families with dementia in busy, often under-resourced primary care

Goal and Aims



Goal: Foundation for future trial to inform policy and practice



Aim 1: Assess feasibility of using an ECHO format for training and implementation support



Aim 2: Test outcome ascertainment

Details: Aim 1

PBRN Consortium

- Practice recruitment and participation support
- Target: 2 PBRNs, 6 practices

Modified ECHO

- Communications/Serious Illness Care Conversation Training
 - Include multiple practices (Scale)
 - Practice facilitation between sessions

Advance-PC Program

Communications Training

- SICIP Conversation Guide
 - Didactic, role play, expert coaching
- Dementia and Decision Making
- Family Dynamics
- ACP Tools and Documents

Implementation Support

- Workflow assessment
- Process development, testing, refinement
 - Identification of patients
 - Initiate conversation
 - Engage in ACP
 - Document
 - Follow-up

Details: Aim 2

Identification

- Assess EHR capacity and level of use
- Adapt for identification of appropriate patients in defined time period (denominator)

Tracking

- Definition of 'ACP occurring'
- Counts of ACP in defined time period (numerator)

Challenges (perhaps opportunities)



Variation in practices



Ongoing pandemic pressure on primary care

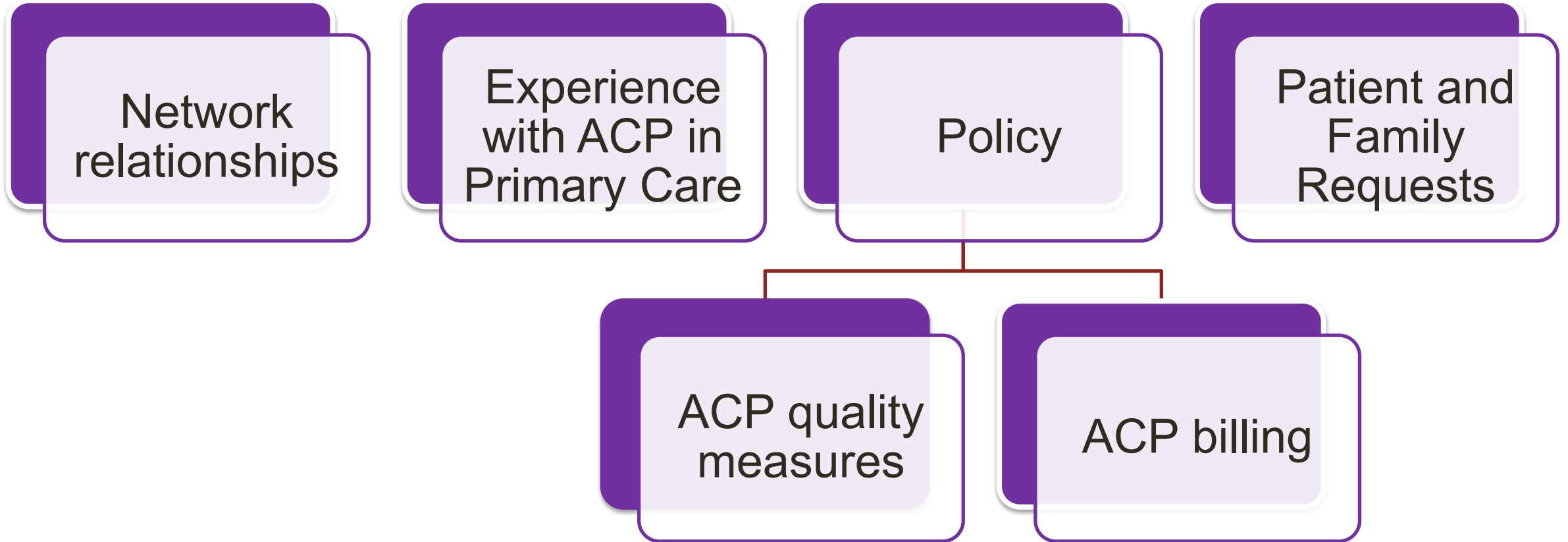


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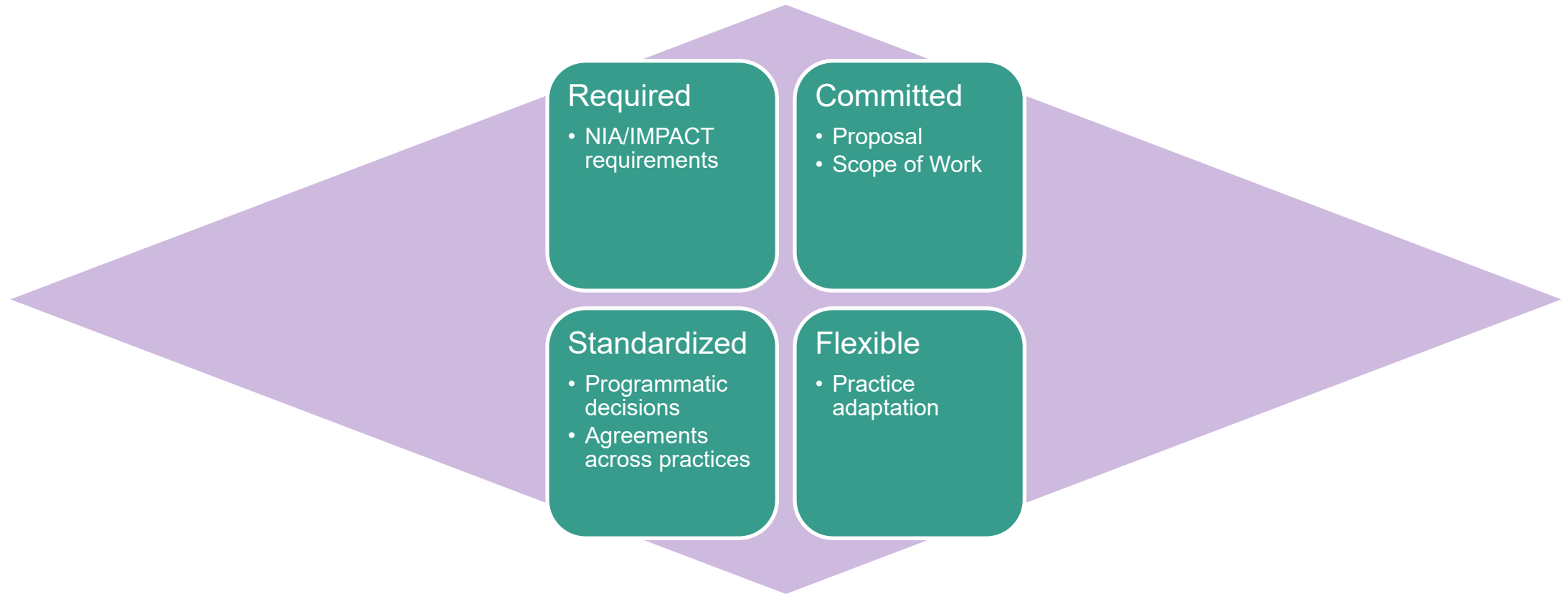


Competing priorities

Facilitators (we hope)



Pragmatic Approach



Questions?



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