Patient Engagement in Clinical Trials: Key Considerations

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For our discussion

- Definitions
- Emerging promising practices
- Lessons from the field



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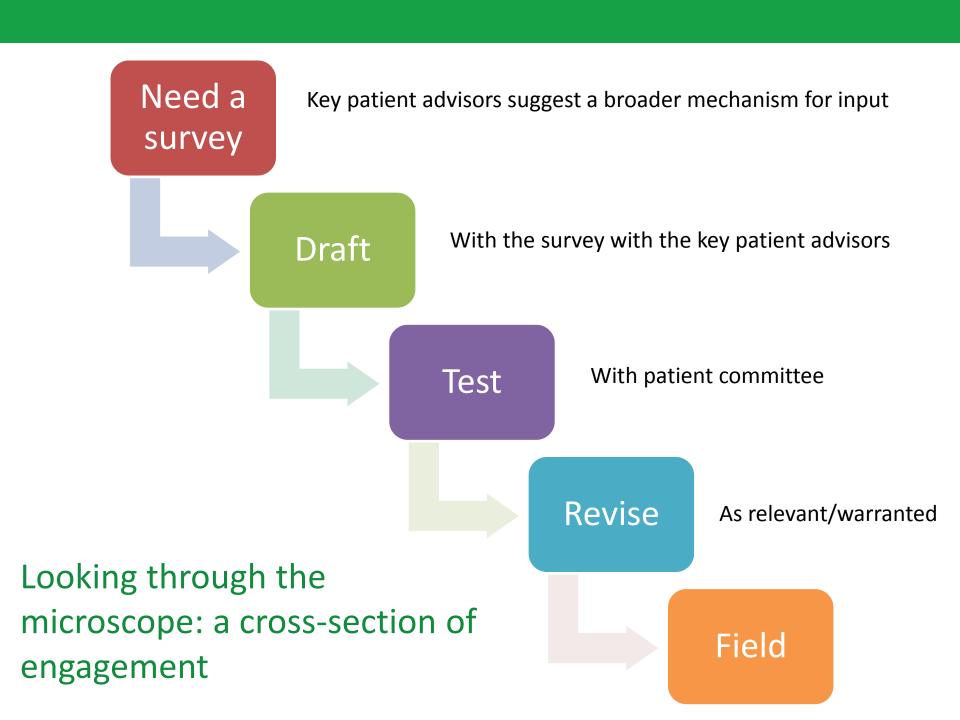
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From theory to practice

- Start at the beginning—or before
- Engagement can happen in many ways
- Aim for iterative





Lessons from the field

- Start with the goal, not the rule
- Seek diversity
- Allow the right of first refusal
- "Train" bi-directionally
 - Patients: translate to be actionable information
 - Researchers/clinicians: translate to be understandable
 - Both: recognize and appreciate each other's viewpoints



Turning to technology...

- Visual ability
- Dexterity/mobility/pain
- Empathy
- Access to my own data
- Profitability vs. privacy



Resources for promising practices in engagement

- PCORI/Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (rubric, literature tool, results tool)
- PFMD/Patient Focused Medicines Development (http://patientfocusedmedicine.org/wg-intro/)
- NHC/National Health Council (rubric, guidances)
- FasterCures
 (http://www.fastercures.org/programs/patients-count/science-of-patient-input-resources/)



Mobile technology-specific engagement insights

- Mobile Apps (MAPPS): Patient and Caregiver Attitudes, Behaviors, and Knowledge (https://www.pcori.org/research-results/2012/pilot-project-creating-app-helps-stroke-survivors-and-their-caregivers#toc-abstract)
- The DiabetesMine and #wearenotwaiting (https://www.healthline.com/health/diabetesmine/innovation/we-are-not-waiting)
- Development testing of mobile health interventions for cancer patient self-management: A review (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25916831)

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