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Top Barrier/Challenges and Recent Generalizable Lessons Learned
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Current Top Barrier/Challenge

• Conducting a pragmatic trial in healthcare systems that have not fully incorporated the intervention as a standard operating procedure
Recent Generalizable Lesson Learned

• Challenging to rely on adherence monitoring tools (e.g., our user defined assessment in the EMR) that is **not** embedded as a part of usual care
What We Wished We Had Known

• Social workers’ clinical activities are not consistent with their roles in our study

• Many social workers feel that advance care planning (ACP) is not their responsibility

• A better approach might have been to enlist NPs (who now get paid for ACP) for our study along with the support of social workers
Advice for New UG3 Projects

• Don’t introduce a user defined assessment or adherence monitoring tool in a very pragmatic environment

• Could be very distracting or provide misleading adherence data

• Must document implementation; HOWEVER, even pilot testing use of a new form may not be enough since generalized and sustained use is the problem
What We Have Gained from the Collaboratory

• We reflect more on our lessons learned

• We have thought more broadly and more holistically about methodology

• We would not have otherwise used the PRECIS framework in such a dynamic way