**Title Slide: What Types of Evidence Do We Need to Produce Relevant and Sustainable Interventions?**
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**Slide 1: NCI Implementation Science Team Mission**  
The mission of the Implementation Science (IS) Team is to build and advance the field of Implementation Science by:  
- Promoting science that is rigorous, transparent and relevant in the real world;  
- Fostering rapid learning strategies for improving individual and population health; and  
- Building partnerships for the development, dissemination and implementation of evidence-based measures, initiatives and programs.  

**Slide 2: Evidence Needed: 2R’s and ‘RCCT’**  
- Relevant  
- Rigorous and  
- Rapid  
- Cost  
- Convergent  
- Transparent  

**Slide 3: Relevant (Contextual and Practical)**  
- Relevant to stakeholders (patients/family, clinicians, administrators, policy makers)  
- Relevant samples- representative of real world, including patients with co-morbid conditions  
- Relevant settings- similar to those in practice (not just the most advanced and well resourced)  
- Relevant clinicians- including those who have other duties and competing demands

**Slide 4: RE-AIM Implications: Transparent Reporting**  
CONSORT Pragmatic Trials Reporting Criteria:\(^1^,^2\)  
- Real-world *stakeholder* questions  
- *Multiple outcomes*...of interest to stakeholders—costs and Return on Investment  
- Real-world *comparison conditions* consider "Minimal Intervention Needed for Change" (MINC)  
- *Multiple settings*—replications  
- CONSORT “PLUS” flow diagram\(^3\)  
Slide 5: Rigorous…. and a word about RCTs

- Address most likely challenges to validity and conclusions for THAT question
- Both external and internal validity are important
- Design should fit the question- NOT vice-versa
- An RCT is not an RCT is not an RCT
- CONSORT delineation of Pragmatic trials is an important advance
- RCT is not the only design that is experimental- and it does NOT guarantee causality


Slide 6: Rigorous Designs

- Multiple Baseline Across Settings
- Interrupted Time Series (with replication)
- RCT- individual, cluster randomized, mTCT
- N of 1
- Regression-discontinuity
- Cross-over
- Prospective Meta-analyses
- Comparative Case Study
- Natural experiments- with replication and addressing contextual factors
- Preference
- Many hybrid and quasi-experimental designs

Slide 7: Rapid Evidence

- Need rapid learning research- especially for pressing issues such as obesity, HIV, explosion of health care spending, health inequities
- EMR, and their potential enhancements, make possible ‘rapid learning health care systems’*
  - Real time data on millions of real world patients in real world health care settings, treated under usual conditions

Institute of Medicine, A Foundation for Evidence-Driven Practice: A Rapid Learning System for Cancer Care, 2010. [Link](http://www.iom.edu/Reports/2010/A-Foundation-for-Evidence-Driven-Practice-A-Rapid-Learning-System-for-Cancer-Care.aspx)
Glasgow R, Chambers D. Clinical Translational Science, 2012, in press

Slide 8: How to Evaluate Technologies that Outpace Research?

[Image]
A figure showing how standard grants are outpaced by technology.
A timeline going from 2005 to 2011. On the top, is a series of boxes showing at what point major technology innovations occurred: YouTube (2005); iPhone (2007); Android (2008); iPad (2010).
On the bottom, is a series of boxes showing the key events of a grant: Grant Submit and Award (2005); Development and Pilot Testing (2006-2007); Recruit and Randomize (2008-2009); Follow-ups (2009-2010); Analyze and Publish (2011).

William Riley, NHLBI

**Slide 9: Cost Evidence**
- Replication costs and scalability costs are arguably most needed
- Perspective- patient and adopting setting
- Costs should be comprehensive and transparent
- ‘One persons costs are another’s profits’
- Cost-effectiveness analyses need not be overwhelming\(^1\)- cost per incremental unit change
- Should be harmonized and include costs frequently not counted that need to be - e.g., recruitment, overhead, training, preparation and supervision\(^1\)


**Slide 10: Public Health Cost Questions to Ask....**
- In this world of “the 4 P’s” of personalized medicine.... ALSO ask the 4 “W’s”:
  - **Who Benefits**
  - **Who Suffers**
  - **Who Pays**
  - **Who Profits**


**Slide 11: Convergent Evidence**
- Much to learn from well conducted observational studies
- Huge amount of potential for simulation modeling- esp. re: interactions and unintended consequences\(^1,2\)
  - Evaluability\(^3\)- aka initial ‘sniff test’
- Mixed methods\(^4\) and qualitative
- Practice-based evidence on efficiency and feasibility
- Emphasis on replication and consistency
- Combine with experimental


**Slide 12: Transparent Evidence on.....**
- Info needed to replicate or implement
- Resources required- costs for patients and delivery setting perspectives
- How were settings, clinicians, and patients selected- (who was excluded and why)
- Adaptation- changes made to protocol, to intervention, to recruitment, etc.
Differences across settings

Slide 13: The Pragmatic-Explanatory Continuum Indicator Summary (PRECIS)
Describes ten domains that affect the degree to which a trial is pragmatic or explanatory.
- Participant eligibility criteria
- Experimental intervention flexibility
- Practitioner expertise (experimental)
- Comparison intervention
- Practitioner expertise (comparison) outcome
- Follow-up intensity
- Primary trial outcome
- Participant compliance
  - Practitioner adherence
  - Analysis of primary outcome

Slide 14: PRECIS Figure 1
[Image]
A circle with 10 lines emanating from the center. Each line is titled.
1. Follow-up Intensity
2. Practitioner Expertise (Comparison)
3. Flexibility of Comparison Intervention
4. Practitioner Expertise (Experimental)
5. Flexibility of Experimental Intervention
6. Eligibility Criteria
7. Primary Analysis
8. Practitioner Adherence
9. Participant Compliance
10. Outcomes
[End Image]

Slide 15: PRECIS Figure 2
[Image]
Two figures with
A circle with 10 lines emanating from the center. Each line is titled.
1. Follow-up Intensity
2. Practitioner Expertise (Comparison)
3. Flexibility of Comparison Intervention
4. Practitioner Expertise (Experimental)
5. Flexibility of Experimental Intervention
6. Eligibility Criteria
7. Primary Analysis
8. Practitioner Adherence
9. Participant Compliance
10. Outcomes
In Figure 1, the lines are connected at points near the ends. In Figure 2, the lines are connected at points close to the center
[End Image]
**Slide 16: Future Evidence Needs- Keys to Advance Translation**
- Context- key factors that may be moderators
- Scalability
- Sustainability
- Health inequities impacts
- Patient/citizen/consumer and community perspective
- Multi-level interactions, especially between policy and practice

**Slide 17: Evidence Integration Triangle (EIT)**
[Image] Intervention (Program/Policy) (e.g. design; key components; principles guidebook; internal and external validity) has a bi-directional connection to "Practical Progress Measures (e.g. actionable & longitudinal measures)". "Practical Progress Measures" has bi-directional connection to "Participatory Implementation Process" (e.g. stakeholder engagement; team-based science; CBPR; patient centered care). "Implementation Process" has a bi-directional connection to "Intervention (Program/Policy)". Each bi-directional arrow displays the word “Feedback” above it. This completes the circular connection from "Intervention (Program/Policy)" to "Practical Progress Measures" to "Implementation Process" back to "Intervention (Program/Policy)". Two ovals with the words, "Evidence and Stakeholders" are in the middle of the triangle. A circle encompasses the whole triangle and lists the six Multi-level contexts: (1) Intrapersonal/biological; (2) Interpersonal/Family; (3) Organizational; (4) Policy; (5) Community/Economic; (6) Social/Environment/History.[End Image]


**Slide 18: EIT Conclusions**
- The evidence-based movement is a good start, but only gets us so far
- To make greater progress, two other elements also need attention:
  - Practical MEASURES to track progress, and
  - Implementation PROCESSES that use partnership principles
- These 3 legs of the 'EIT” are each necessary but not sufficient by themselves

http://cancercontrol-dev.cancer.gov/IS/presentations/

**Slide 19:**
The same research methods, policies, paradigms and approaches that produced today's inequities are not likely to reduce them

“The significant problems we face cannot be solved by the same level of thinking that created them.”
A. Einstein
[Image] Albert Einstein Photo [End Image]

**Slide 20: Questions? Comments?**
[Image] A cat with big ears [End Image]
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