

Developing an Approach to Enhance Recruitment for a Cluster-Randomized Implementation Trial: Leveraging Deliberative Participation and Credible Messengers

Objective: Recruit hospitals to a cluster randomized controlled trial (RCT) aimed at improving discharge antibiotic presribign

Setting and Participants

ROAD Home project (Reducing Overuse of Antibiotics at Discharge)

Settings: In-person meeting of a hospital

quality improvement collaborative

Participants: Representatives from 69 eligible

acute care hospitals in Michigan.





Interventions

Date of Recruitment: November 1, 2023

Method: Small group recruitment sessions

Approach: Deliberative Participation:

-Recruiting hospitals in structured

discussions

Credible Messengers:

-Trusted individuals presenting the trial



Outcomes

Primary: Recruitment Success:

-51 of 69 hospitals (74%)

Secondary: Participant Feedback:

-Clear trial purpose: 94%

-Clear time commitment: 87%

-Deliberative participation helpful: 82%

-Very satisfied with session: 82%



Conclusion: A novel, theory-informed recruitment strategy using deliberative participation and credible messengers is feasible and effective for engaging hospitals in cluster RCTs. Despite being timeintensive, it led to over-recruitment in a short timeframe.







