

Check-list: Integrating patient perspectives into clinical trials incorporating PCS

Understand & integrate needs and preferences

- Start early Start patient involvement early enough in drug development so that the elements of the solution are robustly in place (integrated) by Phase III. Plan for upfront investment and processes required if patient involvement flags the need for new endpoints and measures, which are achievable but originally not included.
- Understand patient needs, preferences, context, environment and culture Adapt accessibility, process, shifts in responsibilities and delegation, data flows, and the like to fit patient needs.
- Capture, interpret and integrate feedback from those involved (i.e., patients, caregivers and the support system as a whole) at every relevant step of the way.

Accommodate needs to ensure accessibility

- Provide choices for patients and carers plan to address any issues this exposes in current fixed systems (e.g., inflexible protocol templates, new logistics, and/or new costing approaches, and justifying these to budget holders and governance).
- Purposefully engaging with care givers in the process, trial and solution delivery (including accompanying technology design thinking)
- ✓ Training, education and support for all involved and all who will be around patients, which address both successes and failures, taking into consideration cultural and disease stage differences.
- Reimbursement considerations including insurance implications and out-of-pocket expenses.

Manage change & expectations

- **Balance and manage expectations** during innovation, whilst also ensuring importance of stakeholder input and involvement is valued and communicated.
- Clear communication address environmental impact concerns, hesitation (sample and data security), friction in implementation and awareness levels, differing expectations and benefits in different approaches.
- Change management manage the culture change needed within an organisation as well as within environments for all others involved (e.g., site feasibility and training, phlebotomy services).