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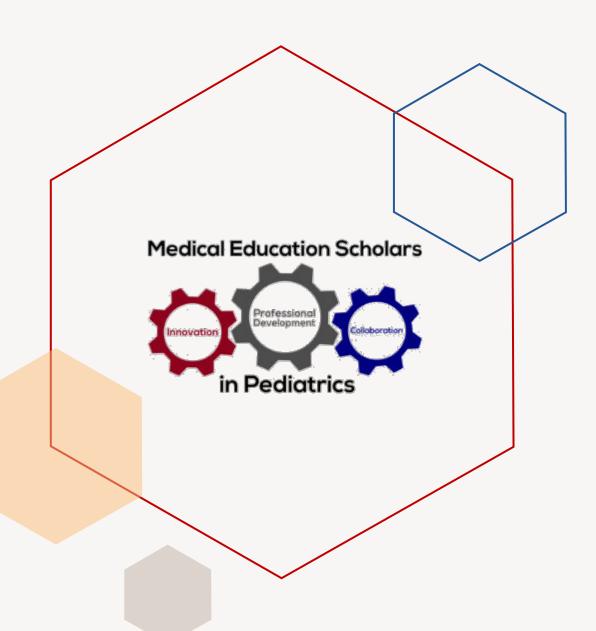




Research support for Scholars:

Lessons learned from the Complex Care & Hospitalist Division Researcher

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Overview

Study Life Cycle

• Identify general areas where outside perspectives or expertise may be advantageous

Examples of studies and challenges

• Provide resources for overcoming these challenges

Group discussion

• To identify your research needs so we may better understand the types of infrastructure and supports to create



Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this MESP Session, attendees will:

- 1. Illustrate the study life cycle and identify generalizable areas for outside expertise
- 2. Examine real-life examples of challenges within study design and data analysis
- 3. Evaluate aspects of their individual studies and skillset that may benefit from the addition of a researcher or other outside expertise, and
- 4. Summarize the opportunities for research support within the Department of Pediatrics



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Explore and identify potential challenges within data

Literature reviews

Hypotheses and outcomes

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Data analysis methods

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Literature reviews

Challenges

- Less familiar with literature reviews
- Volume of research, or lack thereof
- Formatting of a literature review
- Organization / compilation of manuscripts
- Key takeaways from the literature review



Resource:

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Review Article

A typology of reviews: an analysis of 14 review types and associated methodologies

Maria J. Grant* & Andrew Booth†, *Salford Centre for Nursing, Midwifery and Collaborative Research (SCNMCR), University of Salford, Salford, UK, †School of Health and Related Research (SCHARR),

| Label | | Methods used (SALSA) | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| | Description | Search | Appraisal | Synthesis | Analysis | |
| Critical review | Aims to demonstrate writer has extensively researched literature and critically evaluated its quality. Goes beyond mere description to include degree of analysis and conceptual innovation. Typically results in hypothesis or model | Seeks to identify most significant items in the field | No formal quality assessment. Attempts to evaluate according to contribution | Typically narrative, perhaps conceptual or chronological | Significant component: seeks to identify conceptual contribution to embody existing or derive new theory | |
| Literature review | Generic term: published materials that provide examination of recent or current literature. Can cover wide range of subjects at various levels of completeness and comprehensiveness. May include research findings | May or may not include comprehensive searching | May or may not include quality assessment | Typically narrative | Analysis may be chronological, conceptual, thematic, etc. | |
| Mapping review/ systematic map | Map out and categorize existing literature from which to commission further reviews and/or primary research by identifying gaps in research literature | Completeness of searching determined by time/scope constraints | No formal quality assessment | May be graphical and tabular | Characterizes quantity and quality of literature, perhaps by study design and other key features. May identify need for primary or secondary research | |

Literature review

DOI: 10.1111/j.1471-1842.2009.00848.x

Description. According to the Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) scope note, a literature review describes 'Published materials which provide an examination of recent or current literature. Review articles can cover a wide range of subject matter at various levels of completeness and comprehensiveness based on analyses of literature that may include research findings'.33 This is necessarily a very broad description making it difficult to generalize. However, common characteristics are that a literature review reviews published literature, implying that included materials possess some degree of permanence and, possibly, have been subject to a peer-review process. Generally, a literature review involves some process for identifying materials for potential inclusion whether or not requiring a formal literature search-for selecting included materials, for synthesizing them in textual, tabular or graphical form and for making some analysis of their contribution or value.

Perceived strengths. The literature review method seeks to identify what has been accomplished previously, allowing for consolidation, for building on previous work, for summation, for avoiding duplication and for identifying omissions or gaps.

Perceived weaknesses. Literature revi explicit intent to maximize scope or collected. Any conclusions they matherefore open to bias from the poter perhaps inadvertently, significant sec literature or by not questioning the statements made. Additionally, authorelect literature that supports their lending undue credence to a preferred

Example. Hall, A. & Walton, G. overload within the health care system review. Health Information and Libra 2004, 21(2), 102–8.



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PubMed: Tools for Better Searching

| Combining Searches using | Use Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) to improve your search: | | |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| AND, OR, NOT | Use OR to combine synonyms or like terms, e.g. vitamin c OR ascorbic acid. | | |
| Always capitalize AND, OR, | Use AND to combine different concepts that must be in the article, e.g. common cold | | |
| NOT when searching PubMed. | AND vitamin c. | | |
| | NOT removes concepts from your results (use with caution). | | |
| | Terms in parenthesis are processed first, e.g. common cold AND (vitamin c OR ascorbic acid). | | |
| Phrase Searching | Use quotation marks to search two or more words an exact phrase, e.g. "breast milk". | | |
| - | Truncation does not work with phrase searching. | | |
| Truncation | Use an asterisk (*) at the end of words to account for different endings, e.g. target* will | | |
| | retrieve target, targets, targeting, etc. | | |
| | Only the first 600 variants of a term are searched. | | |
| | Lengthen your root word or list different if your term has over 600 variants. | | |
| Searching Title or | Use the field tag [TI] to search words in the title of the record. | | |
| Title/Abstract | Use the field tag [TIAB] to search words in the title or abstract of the record. | | |



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EndNote

The Dept's Endnote license doesn't allow us to install it on computers we don't own, but it is available via a remote session at https://remotedesktop.pediatrics.wisc.edu, similar to Citrix. In order to access it, connect to the UW VPN, and there are setup instructions here: https://kb.wisc.edu/90370

Step 1: Import your reference. These steps are similar for most databases.

Google Scholar:

Parent perceptions of real-time access to their hospitalized child's medical

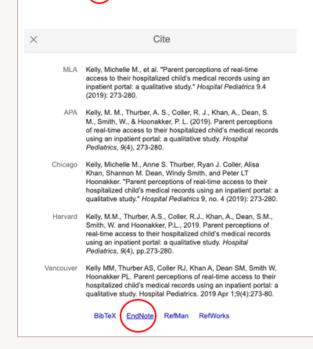
records using an inpatient portal: a qualitative study

MM Kelly, AS Thurber, RJ Coller, A Khan... - Hospital ..., 2019 - publications.aap.org

METHODS: Semistructured in-person interviews were conducted with 14 parents who were given a tablet computer with a commercially available inpatient portal application for use ...

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Literature Review Template

| Lite | Literature Review Template: Neuromuscular Scoliosis Surgery Outcomes | | | | | | | | |
|------|--|--|--------------|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| Link | Read | Title | Author, Year | RQ | Notes | Sample | Outcomes | Methods | Results |
| 1 | | Comorbidities and Complications of Spinal Fusion for Scoliosis | Berry, 2017 | Relationship between specific chronic conditions of CMC and hospital resource use | - General pediatricians and hospitalists are increasingly summoned to optimize the comorbid conditions of children with | - n = 7252 - Age ≥ 5 years - Underlying CCC - Undergoing spinal fusion | - Hospital Length of Stay - Cost - 30 day readmission rate | - Retrospective analysis - Outcomes compared across comorbid conditions - Linear and logistic regression | - n = 7252, 59% with GE 4 CCCs - As # of CCCs ↑, median LOS, median hospital cost, and readmission rates ↑ |
| | | | | | medical complexity (CMC) undergoing major surgery. | - 2010 through 2014 - 41 Children's Hospitals | | accounting for demographics and clustering | |
| | | | | | | | | | |

| Takeaways | Future Research |
|--|---|
| - ↑ Hospital LOS, cost, and readmission: | - Additional investigation is needed to assess how well controlled, ahead of surgery, were the myriad |
| Comorbid conditions: chronic respiratory insufficiency, bladder dysfunction, | chronic conditions associated with increased hospital resource use in CMC undergoing spinal fusion. A |
| and epilepsy | detailed assessment of the preoperative severity as well as intra- and postoperative exacerbations of the |
| Acute Illnesses: decubitus ulcer, hypertension, and respiratory arrest | conditions may improve understanding of how to best manage them in the perioperative period. |
| | - Systematic screening, severity profiling, and care management for these conditions, and others, |
| | preoperatively could potentially preclude the likelihood that they adversely affect the health of the child |
| | during and after spinal fusion. |
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Key resource

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<u>List of relevant journals</u>

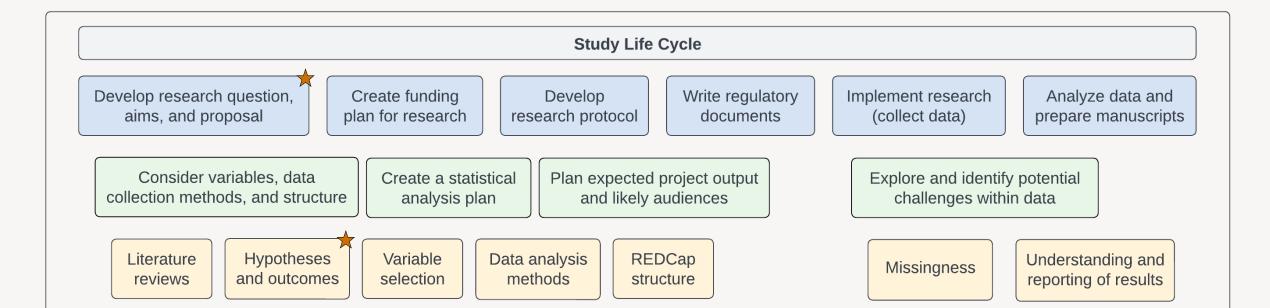
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Research Goals

Quality of Study Design

Capable of generating valid results

Effectiveness of Study Execution

Fulfills the promise of the design

Clarity of Results

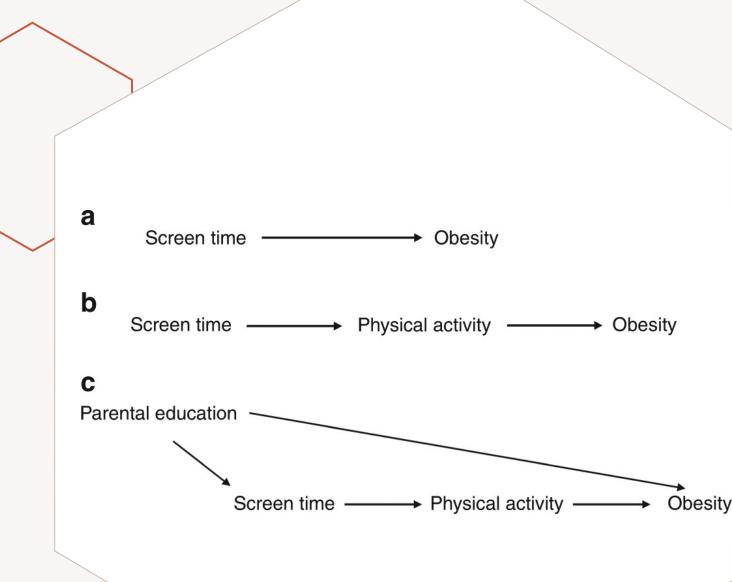
Reveals clear, internally consistent results Contribution to Policy

Provides useful information, even if inconclusive



Study Design

Are the methods for constituting the study population and assessing exposure, outcome, and covariates capable and appropriate to generate valid results?





Study Design Topics

- Variable Selection
- Survey Questions & Survey Design
- Partnerships



Variable Selection

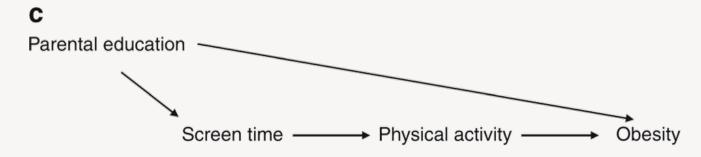
Exposure & Outcome

Screen time ———— Obesity

Mediator

bScreen time
→ Physical activity
→ Obesity

Confounder



Directed Acyclic Graphs (DAGs)

A set of graphical tools used to depict our understanding and assumptions about the causal structure of the problem of interest

Advantages:

- Identify and communicate our knowledge and knowledge gaps regarding the causal structure
- Force us to be explicit with the assumptions in study design and analysis
- Simplify conceptual questions about confounding, selection bias, and other structural problems



Variable Selection

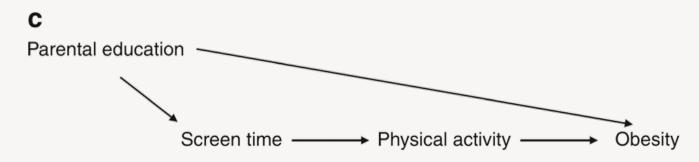
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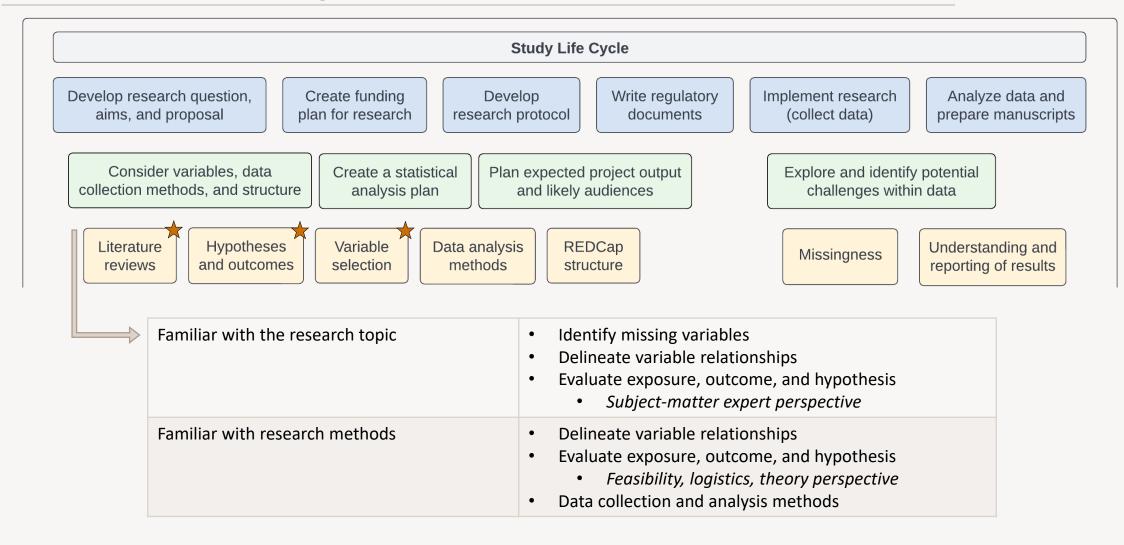
Why do we look at all these other variables?

- Goal is not to erase all the differences
- Goal is to understand and explore these relationships

Adjustment for Baseline Characteristics in Randomized Clinical Trials, JAMA



Partnerships





PRIME (St. Clair)

Trainee demographics,

Resilience,

Preparation for the elective, and

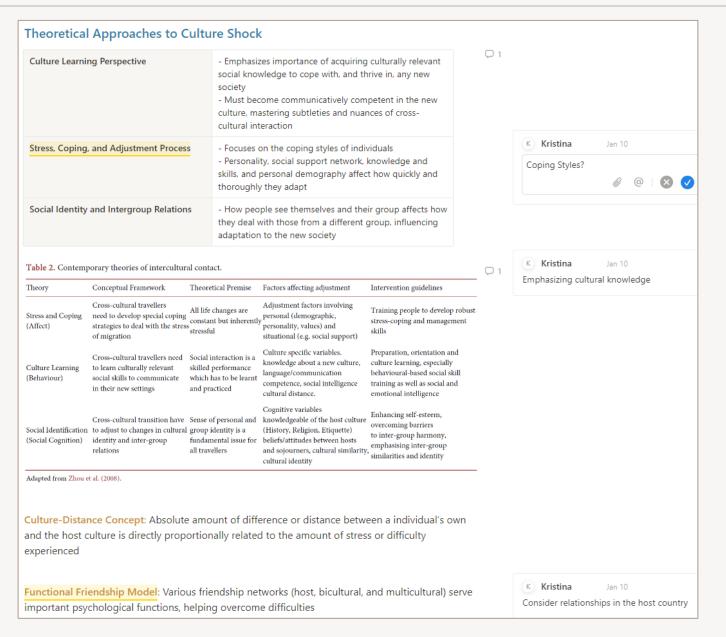
Elective site training conditions

The severity of stress/culture shock

experienced by individual trainees during short-term global health training experiences.



PRIME (Literature Review)







PRIME (Variable Selection)

PREDICTOR VARIABLES

Resilience (CD-RISC 10; proxy for immersion "readiness"; 0-10)

Perceived Stress Scale scores (continuous); used as a control for Culture Shock Profile

Age

Gender (M/F)

Ethnicity

Year of training (Med Student vs Resident / Fellow)

Elective site

Elective duration

of travel companions (0 vs any)

Language fluency

Prior travel to elective site country

Prior work at elective site

Any prior international travel

Any prior international medical work (Y/N)

Marital status

Significant other as travel companion (Y/N)

Home communication plans

Pre-departure motivations

Career plans (paired pre/post)

Cost effectiveness in decision making (paired pre/post)

Preparation activities (Simulation vs no simulation)

Self-perceived preparedness (paired pre/post)

Primary worries (narrative)

Helpfulness of on-site clinical supervisor (1-5)

Ease of communication w/ clinical supervisor (1-5 scale)

Helpfulness of non-supervisory personnel (1-5)

Ease of communication w/ patients (1-5 scale)

Sufficient resource to provide good care for patients (1-5)

Support network to deal w/ difficult situations (1-5)

Feel overwhelmed by medical needs in the community (1-5)

Clear sense of personal role (1-5)

Feelings of conflict related to own medical practice and local differences (1-5)

Level of match for trainee skills vs expectations from local providers (1-5)

Clinical role over past 5 days (observer to independent); Observer + educator (1, 2, 6) = 0;

patient deaths in past 5 days (any death = 1; no death = 0)

Average patient acuity in past 5 days (0-3)

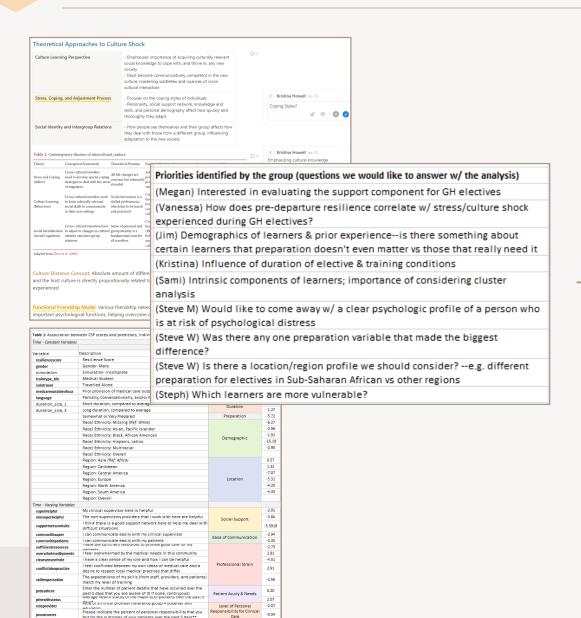
% personal responsibility for patient outcomes in past 5 days (0-100)

Current desire to incorporate GH into career

| Time - Constant Variables | | |
|--|-----------------------------|----------|
| Description | Rationale - Grouping | Estimate |
| Resilience Score | Resilience | -0.03 |
| Male Gender (Ref: Female gender) | Demographic - Gender | 0.10 |
| Medical Student (Ref: Resident & Fellow) | Years of Training | 0.07 |
| Travelled Alone (Ref: Travelled with others) | Solo Travel | 0.00 |
| Prior provision of medical care outside USA (Ref: no prior experience) | Prior Work | -0.14 |
| Completion of simulation activity (Ref: No simulation activity) | | 0.02 |
| Partially, Conversationally, and/or Medically Fluent (Ref: Not fluent) | Ease of Communication | -0.25 |
| Time - Varying Variables | ' | |
| My clinical supervisor here is helpful | | -0.11 |
| The non-supervisory providers that I work with here are helpful Social Support | | -0.12 |
| I think there is a good support network here to help me deal with difficult | | -0.1911 |
| I can communicate easily with my clinical supervisor | Ease of Communication | -0.13 |
| I can communicate easily with my patients | Ease of Communication | -0.13 |
| There are sufficient resources to provide good care for my patients | | -0.08 |
| I feel overwhelmed by the medical needs in this community | | 0.11 |
| I have a clear sense of my role and how I can be helpful | · | |
| I feel conflicted between my own ideas of medical care and a desire to respect local medical practices that differ | Professional Strain | 0.09 |
| The expectations of my skills (from staff, providers, and patients) match my level of training | | -0.11 |
| Enter the number of patient deaths that have occurred over the past 5 days that you are aware of (0 if none, continuous) | Patient Acuity & Needs | 0.03 |
| Average health status of the majority of patients over the past 5 days* | | 0.07 |
| Role of a clincal provider (Ref: observer and educator) | Level of Personal | -0.07 |
| Please indicate the percent of personal responsibility that you felt for the | Responsibility for Clinical | 0.00 |
| outcomes of your patients over the past 5 days** | Care | 0.00 |



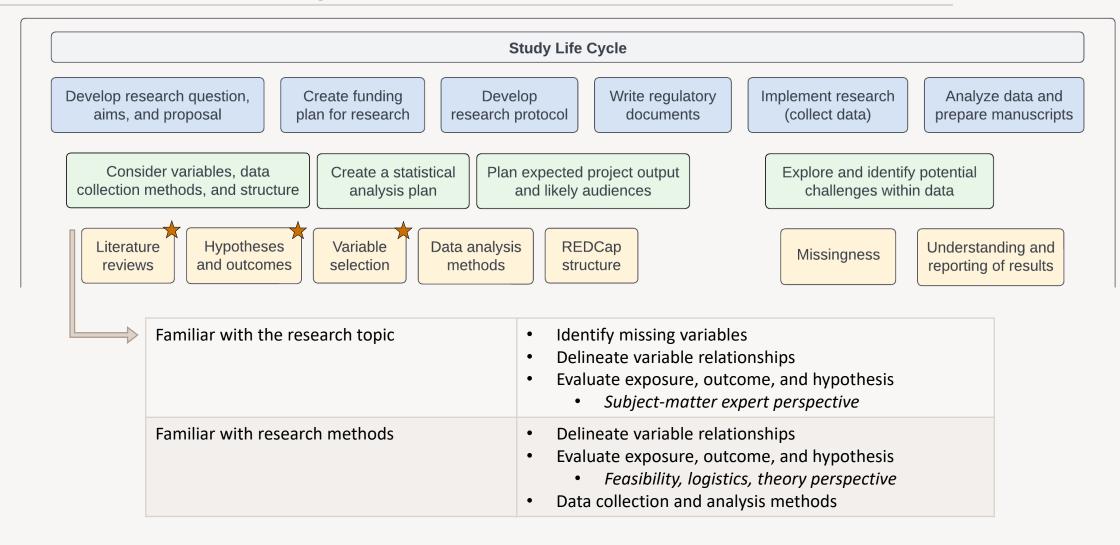
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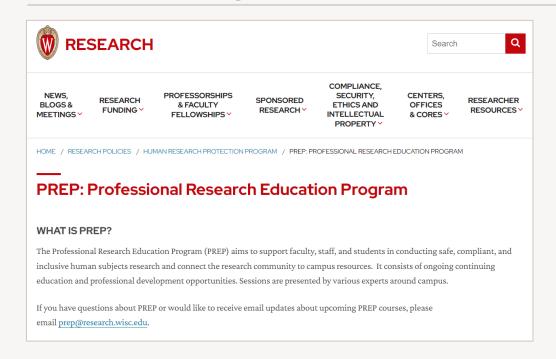


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Survey Questions & Survey Design





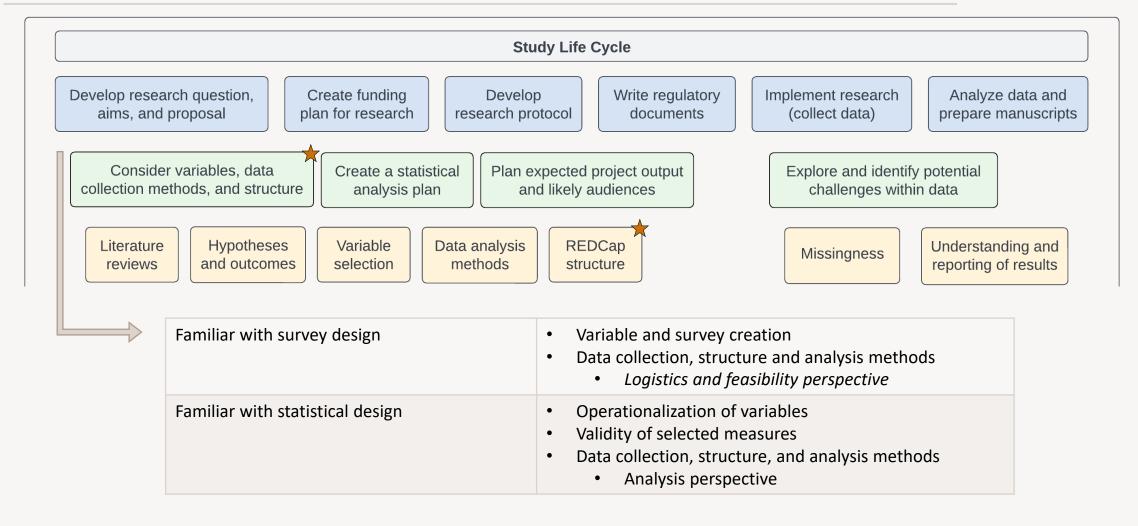
PREP > Study Conduct & Coordination > Introduction to Survey Best Practices (2022)

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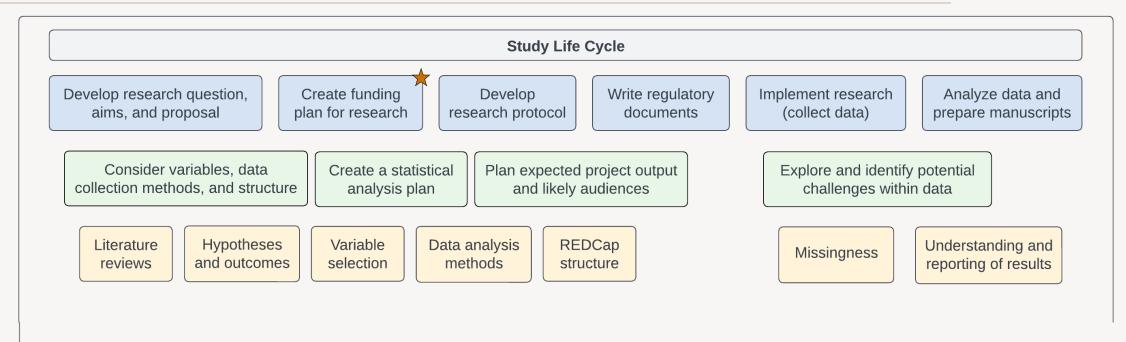
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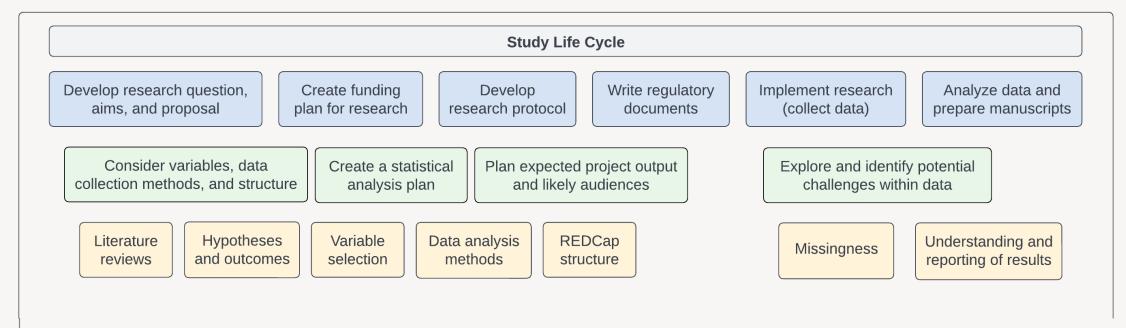


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- Anticipate what resources you may need
- Match what resources are needed to what may already be available within UW





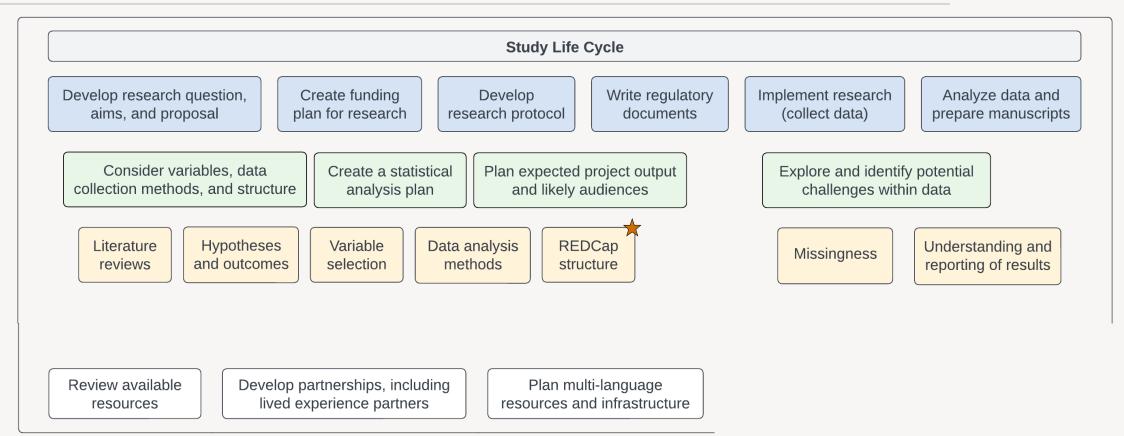
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Lived Experience Partnerships

- Individuals who have first-hand experience in the topic or population you're researching
- May provide perspective on your research methods and potential improvements





Multi-language infrastructure

- Individuals whose primary language is not English face different challenges
- Translation and implementation in other languages require time, effort, and resources



Study Life Cycle Develop research question, Create funding Develop Write regulatory Implement research Analyze data and aims, and proposal plan for research research protocol (collect data) documents prepare manuscripts Consider variables, data Create a statistical Plan expected project output Explore and identify potential collection methods, and structure and likely audiences challenges within data analysis plan Literature Hypotheses Variable Data analysis REDCap Understanding and Missingness and outcomes selection methods reporting of results reviews structure

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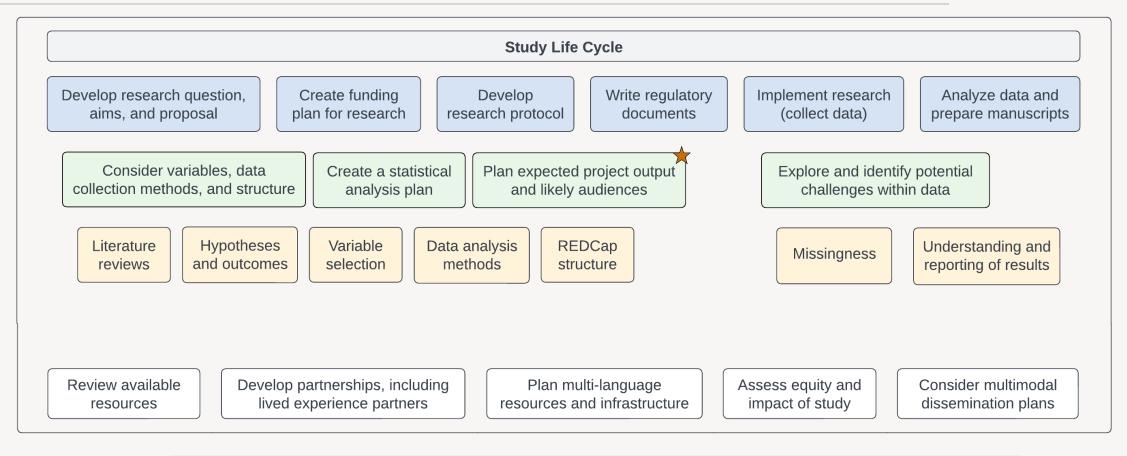
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Assess equity and impact of study

Assess equity and impact

- Consider study language, study inclusion, and the return of research to the population
- Review these topics with experts iteratively throughout your study

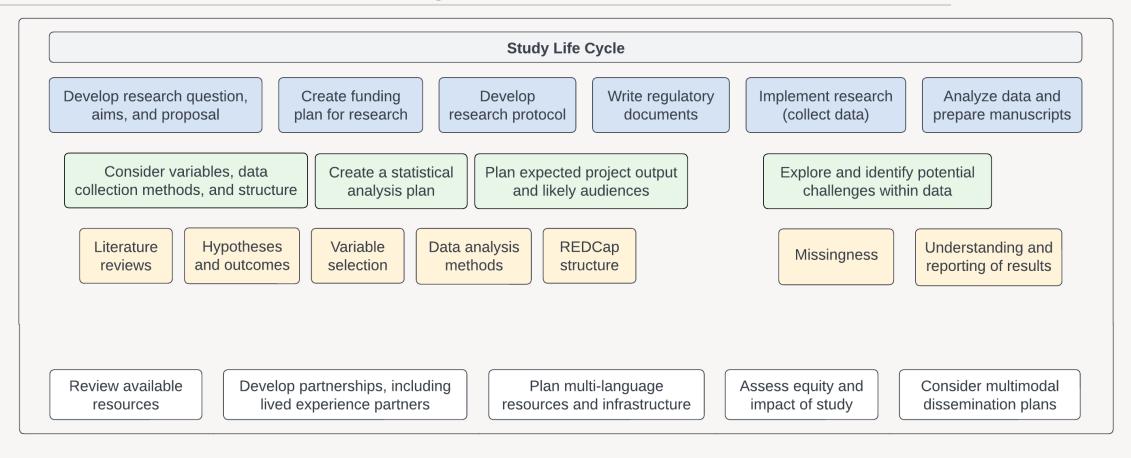




Multimodal dissemination plans

- Identify your audience and the expected takeaways
- Hospital Medicine & Complex Care Research Program: Research Takeaways for Families





Outreach to experts in these fields will aid in **recognizing** and answering these questions.



Study Design Topics?

We've covered:

- Variable Selection
- Survey Questions & Survey Design
- Partnerships
 - Briefly, additional fields to consider partnerships in (e.g., lived experience partners or dissemination).

What other topics do you have questions on?

Please submit your responses in the chat or feel free to unmute/raise hand.



Data Analysis

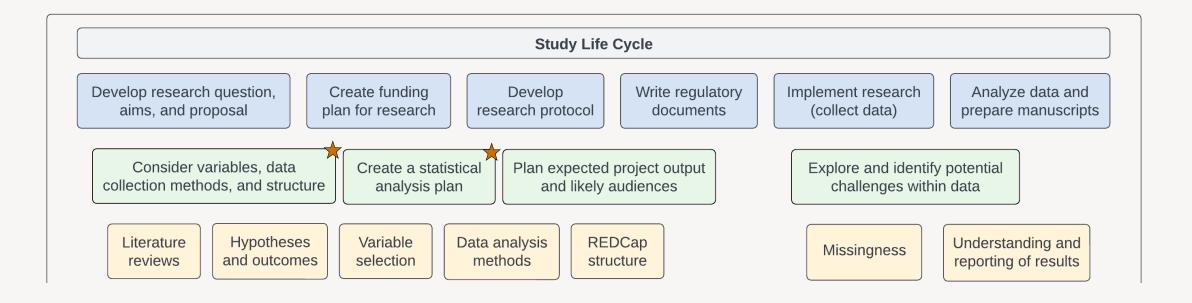
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Data Analysis Topics

- Create a statistical analysis proposal
- Challenges to data analysis
 - Missingness
- Interpretation of results
- Writing methods
- Partnership





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The following template can be used to help you think through an analysis plan. It can be used to frame conversations with collaborators and with analysts or biostatisticians. It will also help you write your paper and anticipate challenges in advance.

An example is included below the template for additional detail.

Project Title

Date

<u>Research Question</u> – What is the specific aim of the study, or what question are you hoping to answer with this work. Limit to 1-2 sentences

<u>Data Sources</u> – Where and when is the data for the study coming from?

<u>Inclusions</u> – Describe who /what is included in the study sample?

Exclusions – List the criteria used determine if someone / something is excluded from the study?

<u>Definitions of Key Variables</u> – List each study variable and define it (this may correspond to your data dictionary). Consider organizing into Outcomes (i.e., dependent variables) and predictors (i.e., independent variables, covariates, confounders). If there is 1 variable that is the key variable of interest to the study, identify it.

<u>Data Analysis</u> – what is the general analytical plan? How will missing data be handled? Are there any sensitivity analyses or secondary analyses you anticipate?

<u>Additional Considerations / Uncertainties</u> – what else might need to be considered or resolved prior to study completion?



Proposal for HCUP Analysis – Health System Dispersion

Ryan Coller, MD, MPH - October 2014

Research Question

Do children receiving inpatient and emergency care from a more dispersed set of health systems have different health services outcomes than children who receive inpatient and emergency care from a more concentrated set of health systems?

Data Sources

HCUP SID, SEDD from FL, CA, NY 2010-2012 Patients identified via "Visitlink" unique variable

Inclusions

All patients ≥ 2 years old during 2010 with at least 4 combined inpatient or emergency department
encounters during calendar year 2010 (may modify # of encounters for inclusion later). Note – if
patient is 2 at ANY point in 2010, all of their 2010 encounters are included (even if they were <2
during some encounters during 2010)

Exclusions

- patients < 2 for all of 2010 or > 22 years old at any point in 2010
- patients with known mortality in 2010 (DISPUNIFORM=20 or DIED=1)
- encounters for pregnancy-related reasons (NEOMAT=1 or 3), encounters with charges = "missing" & LOS=0, encounters with data missing for: VisitLink, Age



Definitions of Key Variables

- <u>Dispersion Index</u> = Modeled after "Continuity of Care index" (Christakis 2002)
 In our case, N=total number of hospital and ED encounters. n=total number of visits to a given facility. s=total number of facilities. <u>Dispersion</u> Index for all included patients is calculated for Year 1.
- Facility = DSHOSPID: "Data source hospital identifier": the data sources' own number scheme for identifying hospitals and facilities.

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Predictor of Interest

COC, dispersion index, will create categories (quartile), with highest COC being the ref.

Covariates

Demographics:

age (age): categories = 2-4, 5-9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-22 → needed to change to this set (based on CA's ranges) because they perturb this variable for patients within these ranges depending on their other demographics. Thus, these categories reflect patients within the actual ranges, but just looking at 7 y/o's might include kids whose actual age is between 5 and 9 y/o and have been perturbed to 7...age 2-4 is ref.

gender (female), male is ref

race/ethnicity (race), categories are "White (ref)", "Black", "Hispanic", "Asian", "Other", combined Native American and Other into 1 category.

payer category (pay1), categories = "Private (ref)", "Public", and "Other", combined Medicare, Medicaid & Other into "Public" (Florida's "other" category for this variable is a bunch of government programs like Tricare and VA, etc). Combined Self-pay, No Charge, Missing into "Other"



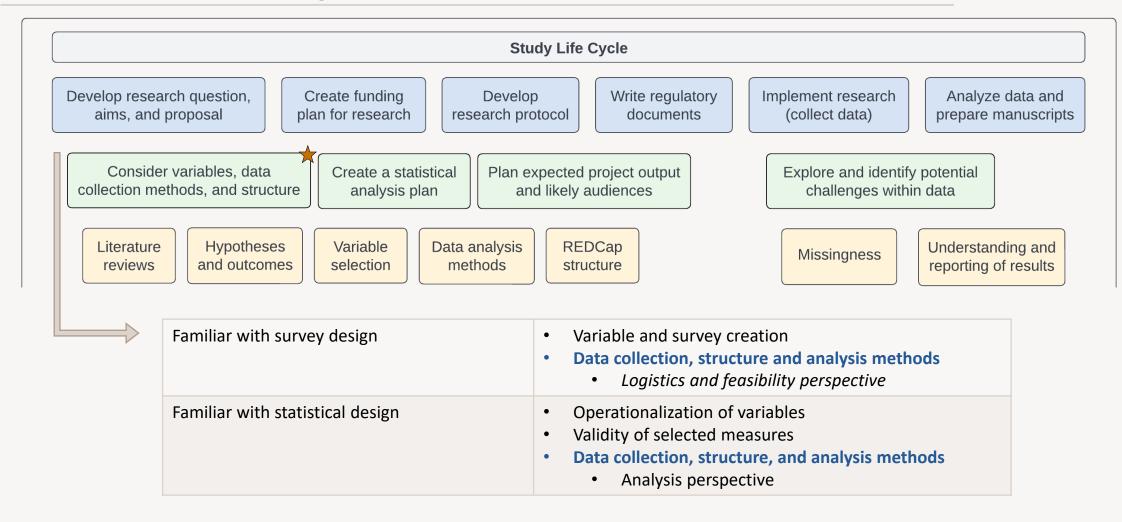
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- Data organized at person-level (not discharge level), using VisitLink across encounters
- 2. Weighted logistic and negative binomial regressions for each outcome
 - a. Univariate first
 - b. Multivariate second, adjusting for each of the covariates noted above
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 - d. Multilevel modeling needed? (hospital or state levels).
- 3. Perform complete analysis with all patients and then repeat sub-analyses for
 - a. 5 most prevalent diagnoses
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 - c. Organ systems organized by PMCA
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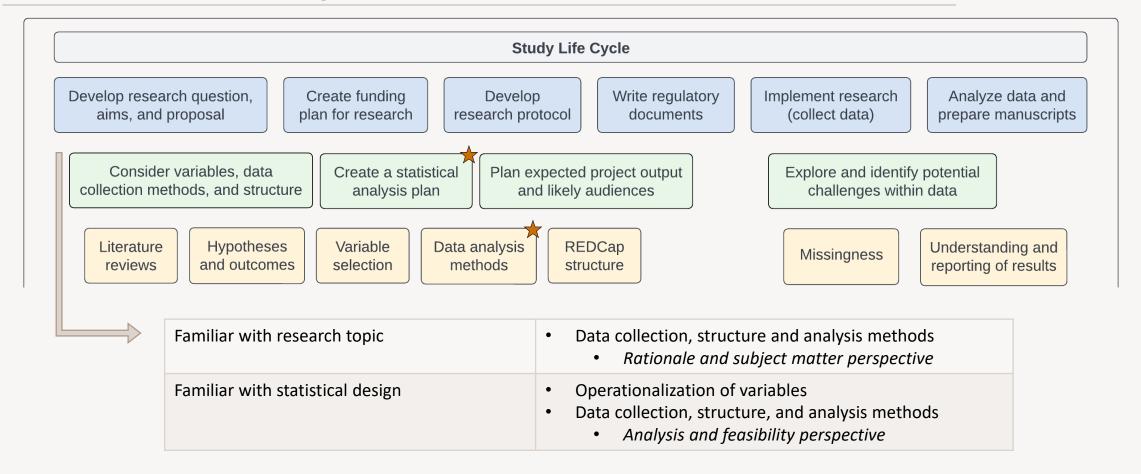
Data Structure

How the collected data is stored and organized, allowing for efficient access and modification











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<u>Confounder</u>: Extraneous variable that distorts the association between the exposure and outcome.

<u>Effect measure modification</u>: The association between an exposure and outcome is thought to vary across strata.

Sub Analyses

Outcomes = From 2011 and 2012 data

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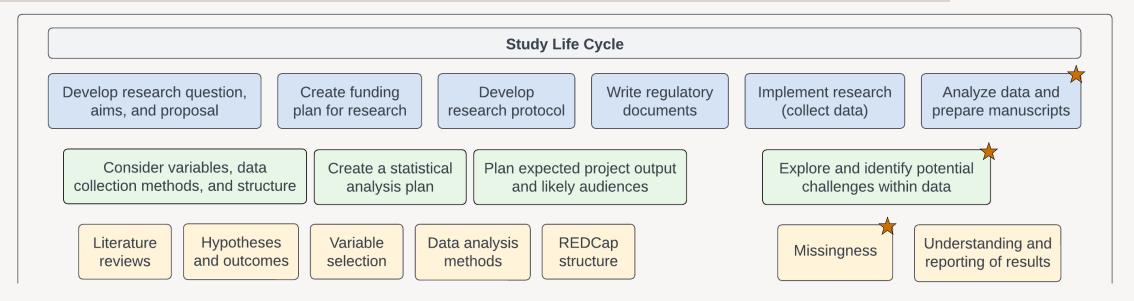
Additional Considerations / Uncertainties

- Concern: Are ED encounters truly representing an ED visit followed by discharge home. Do we need
 to worry that ED visits in which you are admitted to another hospital are counted as 2 encounters?
 This does not appear to be the case. Note the description on the HCUP website: "The SEDD capture
 emergency visits at hospital-affiliated emergency departments (EDs) that do not result in
 hospitalization. Information about patients initially seen in the ED and then admitted to the hospital
 is included in the State Inpatient Databases (SID)."
- Concern: What to do if someone dies during study period? Should this be an outcome?
 Turns out this number is tremendously <u>small</u>, we are just excluding them from analysis and also not using it as an outcome
- Concern: age-weights vs other approach for missing visitlink. Previous work with this data for us has
 identified that age is the primary variable driving missingness. If editors or reviewers want
 something more robust, we can do it (but we don't expect it will change much).
- 4. Additional Long-term Considerations
 - Need to decide what to do with transfer patients (identified by DISPUNIFORM or TRANOUTfrom transferring out hospital and TRANIN from receiving hospital)

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Missingness

Occurs when no data value is stored for the variable in an observation

Missing Completely at Random

Missing data are randomly distributed across the variable and unrelated to other variables

Missing at Random

Missing data are not randomly distributed but they are accounted for by other observed variables

Missing Not at Random

Missing data systematically differ from the observed values

Example

- A few missing values in a dataset on holiday spending amounts,
 - But you still have a wide distribution from low to high values. It is likely that the missing data is truly random.
- Equipment malfunctions or lost samples

Example

- There are more missing values for ages
 18-25 regarding their holiday spending.
- There is still a wide distribution of values for the holiday spending amount,
 - The reason for missingness is probably not due to the amount, but for other reasons

Example

- In holiday spending dataset, there are fewer low values.
- Participants with low incomes avoid reporting their holiday spending amounts because they are low.

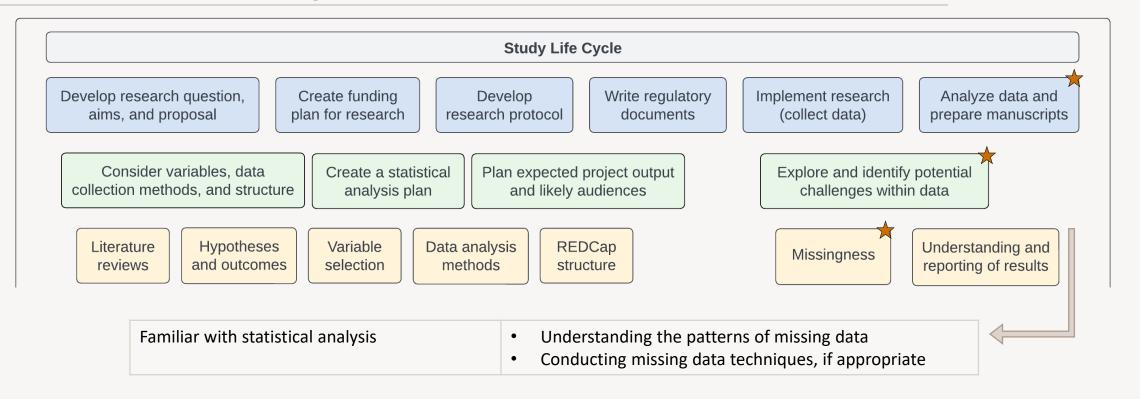
Truly random Missing due to another factor (Age)

Missing due to the value itself (Low)

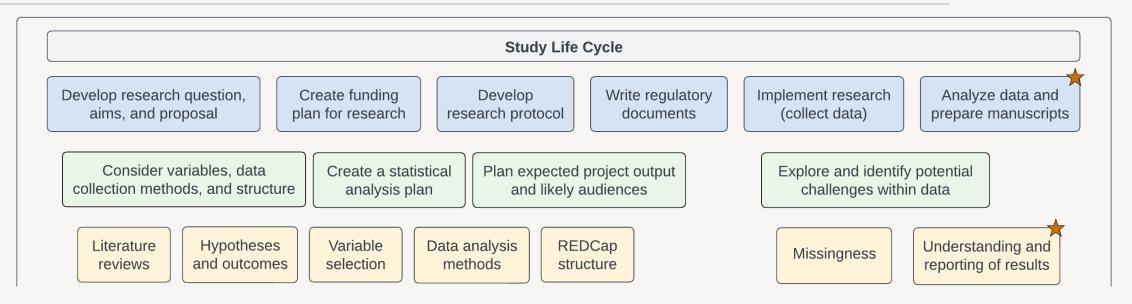
Missing data could introduce bias to your results

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Interpretation of Results

What is happening with your data and why?

- 8. Wondering about some of the missing covariate sections (example income \$50-75k)
 - The missing covariate sections are with the variable name in the header of each section (e.g. 50-74k). When we include a variable in a logistic regression model, we have to select one level of the variable to be the referent group.
 - For example, when we look at income, the odds of having positive vaccine intent are lower for those with income less than 35k compared to those with income 50-74k.
 - We're looking at this variable's relationship (income) with the outcome (vaccine intent), while attempting to hold all other variables constant (e.g., education, age, CCCs).
 - **Does this make sense?** Keep in mind that we've spent years studying stats and oftentimes it's still not intuitive to explain- so please feel free to ask as many questions as you need. Would you want me to send over some videos or reading on regression?



Statistical vs. Clinical Significance

Statistical Significance:

Indicates the reliability of the study results

Dependent on mathematical factors, such as the study sample size, the effect size, and the spread of the data

Odds Ratio = 1.495% Confidence Interval of (1.26 – 1.31) P < .001

Clinical Significance:

Reflects its impact on clinical practice

Dependent on the extent of change, whether the change makes a real difference to subject lives, how long the effects last, consumer acceptability, cost-effectiveness, and ease of implementation

Implementation of provider education on the appropriate prescribing of a certain drug class increased from 78% to 100%.



Writing Methods

What is happening with your data and why?

Tips:

- Draft your methods section before you start your analyses
- Record what's happening and why
- Reference other manuscripts with similar methods

| Methods | | |
|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Step | Description | Goal |
| Data organization + introduction | Search for outliers / incorrect data / etc. Data cleaning, restructuring, etc. Summary statistics and visualizations of outcomes | Understand the data and prepare it for analysis |
| Assess missingness | Identified participants with almost none to no data (e.g., did not fill out any data, did not participate in the medical elective) Identified the amount of missingness in the data | Understand the effect of missingness in the analytical process |
| Predictor selection | Identified the predictors we would to like examine in relation to culture shock | Determine which predictors we will include in the model and why |
| Individual predictor analysis | Conducted a linear mixed methods analysis for each individual predictor on culture shock profile score | Determine if there are individual associations between each predictor and culture shock |
| Met with UW biostatistician | Discussed our analytical plan - methods, missingness, challenges | |
| Subscale analysis | Assessed internal consistency in the identified subscales. Additional analyses in progress. | Identify subscales that were directed towards a particular theme / emotion |
| Individual predictor analysis | Conducted a linear mixed methods analysis (with a log transformation) for each individual predictor on culture shock profile score | Determine if there are individual associations between each predictor and culture shock |
| Full CSP LMM analysis | Conduct a linear mixed methods analysis of all predictors on culture shock score | Determine the associations between each predictor and culture shock, accounting for the other factors in the model |
| Met with UW biostatistician | Discussed our results, model diagnostics process, next steps for sensitivity analyses | |
| Model diagnostics | Automated variable selection, Collinearity Analysis | Assess potential changes to the model / Improve model fit and stability |
| Multiple imputation process | In progress | Conduct imputation to address missing data |

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Group Discussion

What areas would you like more support in?

What would you like this support to look like?





Poll

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Create a statistical analysis plan

Plan expected project output and likely audiences

Explore and identify potential challenges within data

Literature reviews

Hypotheses and outcomes

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REDCap structure

Missingness

Understanding and reporting of results



Research Support Topics?

We've covered:

Study Design

- Variable Selection
- Survey Questions & Survey Design
- Partnerships
 - Briefly, additional fields to consider partnerships in (e.g., lived experience partners or dissemination).

Data Analysis

- Understanding tests
- Challenges with conducting data analysis
 - Missing Data
- Interpretation of results
- Writing a methods section
- Partnerships



Group Discussion

Which areas would you like to receive more support in? How would you like to receive this support?

Please feel free to be more specific and add suggestions or questions to chat!

Please feel free to unmute and ask your questions!

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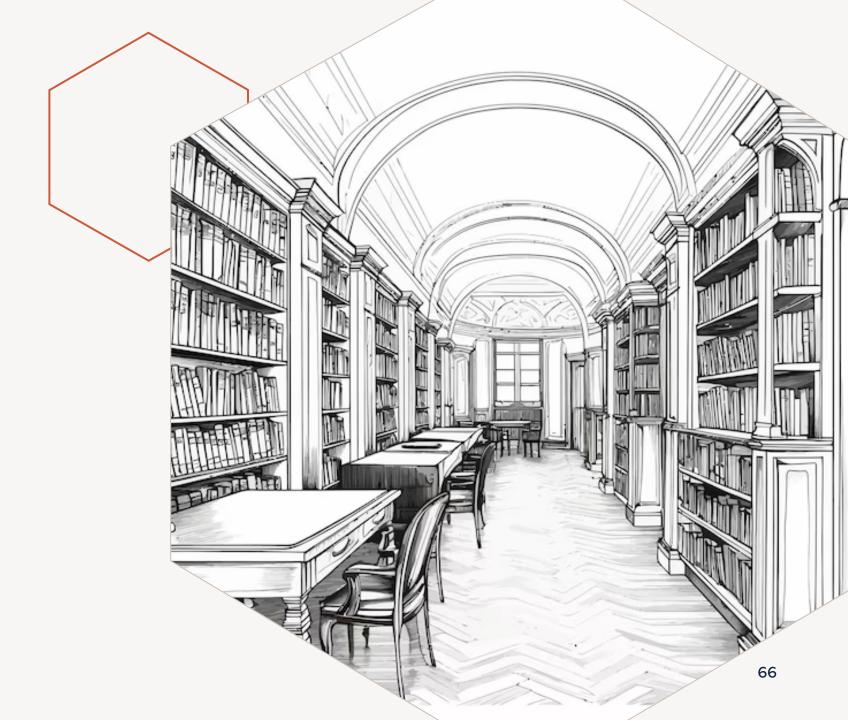
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Research Support

• Topics? Questions?







Departmental Resources



Slide Deck

- Resources are linked in each section of this slide
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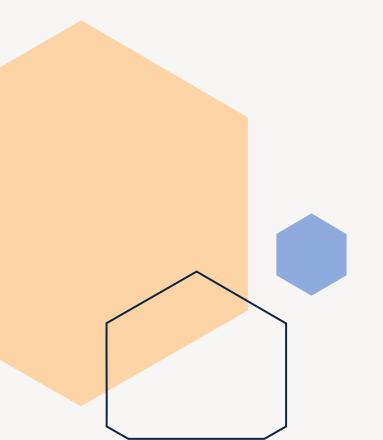
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Array of resources for all aspects of research in a single location

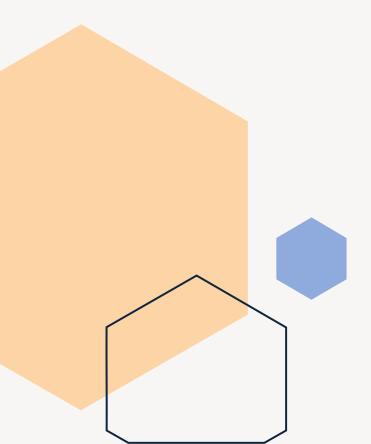


Curriculum & Resource Facilitation

- <u>UW Department of Pediatrics Research Resources & Tools</u>
- Professional Research Education Program
- Institute for Clinical & Translational Research
- INSPIRE Quality Improvement







Statistics

StatsTest.com

- Choose your own adventure but for statistical tests
- Includes descriptions, assumptions, appropriate usage scenarios, examples, and FAQs
 - E.g., Chi-Square Test

UCLA Statistical Methods and Data Analytics

- Resources for a variety of topics
 - How do I interpret odds ratios in logistic regression?
 - Choosing the correct statistical test

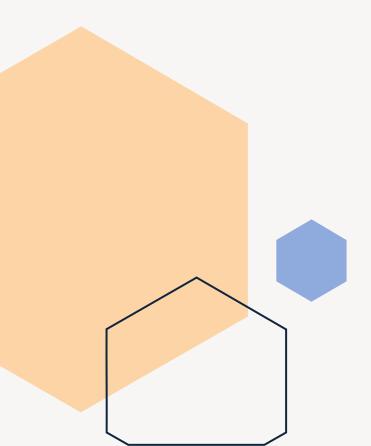
Columbia Population Health Methods

- Description, strengths, challenges, and further resources for statistical tests
 - Generalized estimating equations (GEE) for repeated measures
 - Causal mediation

YouTube Resources

- StatQuest: Fun introductory explanation for simple to complex stats
 - Linear Regression
 - P-values
- Matthew E. Clapham: Beautiful visualizations and explanations
 - Testing for Normality
 - Linear Mixed Effects Models
- Mikko Ronkko: In-depth explanations for simple to complex stats
 - Missing Data Lecture Series

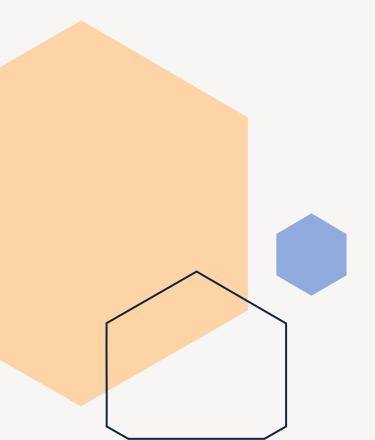




Statistics

- <u>Statistical Horizons</u>
 - Courses on statistical analysis and coding
 - E.g., Sample Size Justification
- Perspectives in Clinical Research
 - Common pitfalls in statistical analysis series
 - Understanding the properties of diagnostic tests Part 1
 - Understanding the properties of diagnostic tests Part 2: Likelihood Ratios
 - Odds versus Risk
 - The use of correlation techniques
 - Measures of agreement
 - · Absolute risk reduction, relative risk reduction, and number needed to treat
 - Linear regression analysis
 - · Logistic regression
 - Intention-to-treat versus per-protocol analysis
- Edinburgh Medical School: Experimental Design & Data Analysis
 - <u>Chapter 16. Understanding covariates: simple regression and analyses that combine covariates and factors</u>
- JAMA Guide to Statistics & Methods





Study Design

The Lancet

- An overview of clinical research: the lay of the land
- Descriptive studies: what they can and cannot do
- Bias and causal associations in observational research
- Cohort studies: marching towards outcomes
- Case-control studies: research in reverse
- Increasing value and reducing waste in research design, conduct, and analysis
- Compared to what? Finding controls for case-control studies
- Sample size calculations in randomised trials: mandatory and mystical
- Blinding in randomised trials: hiding who got what
- Sample size slippages in randomised trials: exclusions and the lost and wayward

Perspectives in Clinical Research

- Study Design Series
 - Study Designs: Part 1 An overview and classification
 - Study Designs: Part 2 Descriptive studies
 - Study Designs: Part 3 Analytical observational studies
 - Study Designs: Part 4 Interventional studies (I)
 - Study Designs: Part 5 Interventional studies (II)
 - Study Designs: Part 6 Interventional studies (III)
 - Study Designs: Part 7 Systematic reviews
 - Study Designs: Part 8 Meta-Analysis (I)
 - Study Designs: Part 9 Meta-Analysis (II)
- Interpreting Epidemiologic Evidence: Connecting Research to Applications
- CU Dissemination Resources, Readings, & Presentations
 - Designing for Dissemination & Sustainability to Promote Equitable Impacts on Health

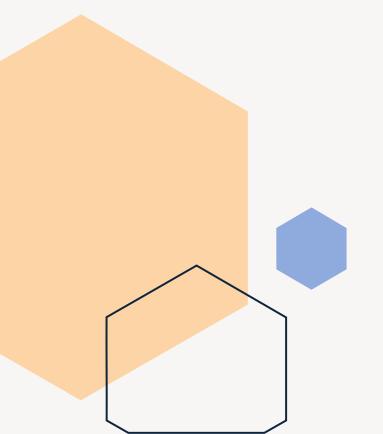


Departmental Resources



DATA Group

- Division scholarship data analysis-oriented group
- Consultation regarding study and analytical design



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