Explanatory - Pragmatic Trials Continuum

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Eligibility
Who is selected to participate in the trial?

Highly selected patients, strict inclusion criteria

General patients, broader inclusion criteria

Recruitment
How are participants recruited into the trial?

Uses methods and resources outside of or in addition to, what is typical

Using streamlined resources within routine care, in usual healthcare settings

Setting
Where is the trial being conducted?

Specialised academic settings

Usual settings in which patients with conditions are in for

Organization
What expertise and resources are needed to deliver the intervention?

Changes the workflow, adds equipment or need for extra staff training, or affects how care is usually delivered

Changes to clinical delivery and resources are minimal, easy to implement in usual care during/after the trial

Flexibility - Delivery
How should the intervention be delivered?

Highly specified protocol-driven with timing of intervention tightly defined

Details of intervention delivery left to the care provider

Flexibility - Adherence
What measures are in place to ensure participants adhere to the intervention?

Monitors particpants' adherence, devotes resources to support adherence, and excludes non-adherent participants

No special measures to enforce intervention engagement or compliance

Follow-up
How closely are participants followed up?

Frequent and scheduled follow-up visits, extensive data collection

Minimal to no additional follow-up visits beyond usual care, with outcome data obtained through existing databases

Primary Outcome
How relevant is it to participants?

Uses surrogate measures that often don't represent how a patient feels, functions, or survives

Outcomes of importance to patients, providers, and healthcare system administrators

Primary Analysis
To what extent are all data included?

Excludes noncompliant participants and ignores practice variability

Intention-to-treat analysis