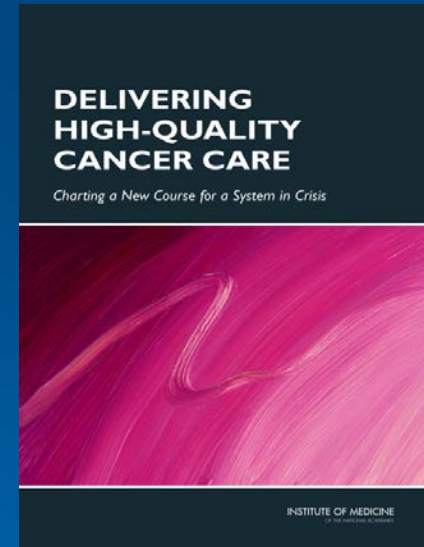


Barriers to enrolling vulnerable older adults to clinical trials

- Research question
 - Lack of data on tolerability
 - Inappropriate comparators
- Study design
 - Inattention to what is known about aging
- Infrastructure
 - Procedures are not patient-centered
- ?Ageism



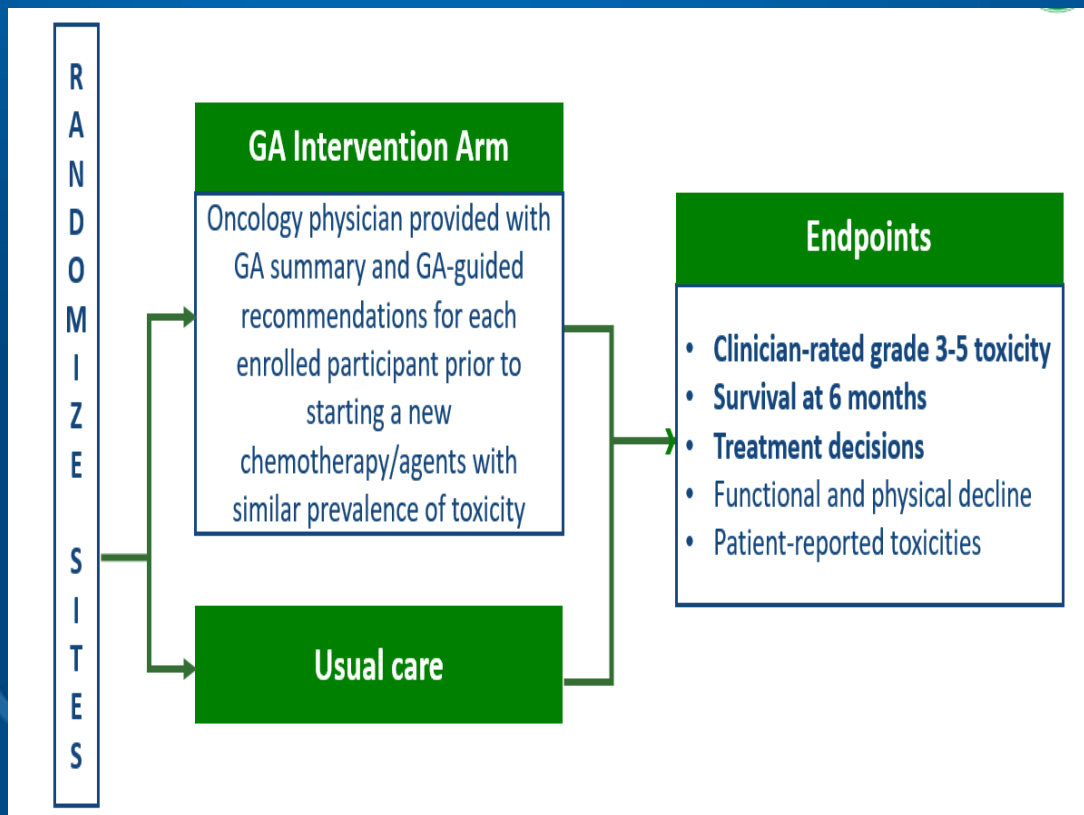
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Lessons Learned



- Relevant research question
- Multidisciplinary research team
- Stakeholder input to revise and modify procedures
- Ongoing interactions with clinicians and research teams
- Relevant assessment measures and tolerability endpoints

Solutions

- Stakeholder engagement
 - Patients; Caregivers and families
 - Community Oncology teams
- Multidisciplinary Input
 - Experts in aging and cancer should work together
- Standardization of:
 - Measures and criteria for vulnerability
 - Processes for developing and reviewing trials
 - Tolerability metrics: include patient-reported outcomes and function
- Novel study designs and infrastructure
 - Integration of geriatric assessment-guided interventions
 - Telemedicine for procedures



Development of a telehealth geriatric assessment model in response to the COVID-19 pandemic



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