

IMPROVING THE EVIDENCE BASE
FOR DECISION MAKING FOR
OLDER ADULTS

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PATIENT PERSPECTIVES - BARRIERS

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No Conflicts of Interest

PATIENT PERSPECTIVES - BARRIERS

- “This is the way we do clinical trials.”
- Regulatory issues
- Issues preventing patient participation
- Educating the senior population
- Patient profiles – medical/geriatric lifestyles
- Late enrollment of patients
- Access to trials – rural & poor people
- Reporting of trial results/data

PATIENT PERSPECTIVES - CONCERNS

- Value of Geriatric Assessments
- What is “older”? “senior”? “elderly”?
- Family histories – genetic data
- Protocols/compassionate use earlier?
- Cultural influences for decision making
- Disparities – trials for all?

PATIENT PERSPECTIVES - SOLUTIONS

- **Broader use of Geriatric Assessments**
- **Earlier collaboration with patients & advocates for trial design**
- **Education tools – work with advocates who are seniors**
- **Better enrollment of the rural and poor**
- **Reconsider protocols**
- **Better data collection & reporting**

CLINICAL TRIALS and the PANDEMIC

- Public access to what protocols and methodology were used
- Assessing the accuracy
- Wide range of demographics/nationalities
- Lessons learned; need to be published
- What can be applied to future trials for the older and frail populations?