

# Challenges Implementing



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#### **Outline**

- Challenges Implementing VOICE
- Strategies to Address These Challenges
- Lessons Learned

Unresolved Challenge



## Challenges Implementing VOICE

- Accrual
  - Recruitment
  - Clinical issues
- Duration of Study visits
  - Quality
  - Retention
- Turn around time (TAT) on QC review after visit and time to datafax

QUALITY CONTROL

Quality vs speed

### Challenge 1 : Accrual rates

- Lower than planned accrual rate
  - Initial challenge but noted improvement since initiation
  - Planned slow start to encourage staff confidence and proficiency builds with time
  - Expected



#### Strategies: Recruitment

- Weekly review of recruitment strategy
  - Targeting VCT (Scr enr ratio ~1.6)
- Increase community education and awareness
- Promote Community Interaction: e.g., Road Shows including CAGs, staff, participants





### Challenge 1: Clinical Issues

- Hypophosphataemia
  - Prevalence: ~10% of Screened ppts
  - Ongoing
  - Expected
- Hypertension Untreated
  - Prevalence: <5% of Screened ppts</p>
  - Ongoing
  - Expected



#### Strategies: Clinical Issues

- Counselling
  - Lifestyle and Dietary Changes Recommended



- Education on consumption of phosphate rich foods
- Referrals to public sector for Clinical Management

### Challenge 2: Duration of Study Visit

- Quality vs. Duration of Visit
  - Finding a balance between shorter length without compromising data quality
- Long Duration of Study Visits
  - Retention
  - Effect on Accrual word of mouth
  - Increased burden on staff
- Ongoing
- Expected



## Strategies: Duration of Study Visit

- Decrease Duration of Study Visit
  - Increase staffing
    - Division of Labour (Budget Constraints)
      - Nurses
      - Medical Technologists (TBA)



- Improving staff rapport with ppts
  - Provision of sandwiches and tea/coffee
- Improving staff morale

### Challenge 3: Long TAT in QC Process

QC Process

$$QC1 \rightarrow QC2 \rightarrow QC3 \rightarrow Datafax$$

(Prior to reimbursement, post, prior to datafax)

- Quality vs. Speed of Resolution
- Related to time from study initiation and clinic visit load



#### Strategies: Long TAT in QC Process

- Increase in staff proficiency reduces errors
- Clinical team roster implemented for time allocation to resolve queries
- Improve visit flow (product returns and split visits)
- Concise chart note
- Team Mentality

#### Lessons Learned

- Resource needs are high
  - Staff
  - Recruitment materials
- Adequate training is important
- Adequate clinic space is necessary

 Retention strategies (Research naive and highly mobile community)



# Unresolved Challenge

- Male involvement
  - What are other sites doing to encourage male partner involvement at the site level?





