Challenges implementing VOICE at CAPRISA Aurum Klerksdorp

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Presentation Outline

- Challenges in Implementation
- Strategic Solutions
- Lessons Learned
- Unresolved Challenges
Challenges

- Participants under-report: Baseline Medical and Menstrual History. (still ongoing and unexpected)
- Disclosure to partners and key family members (ongoing.)
- Social problems (ongoing and expected)
- Adherence to study product. (ongoing)
Strategic Solutions

- BMMH:
  - Asking probing questions around protocol identified specific medical eligibility criteria.

- Disclosure:
  - Coaching ppts on disclosure dialogues (role play)
  - Male focus groups
  - Community awareness and education
  - CAG involvement

- Social problems:
  - Referral for social welfare, counseling and therapy
  - Inviting family/partners to clinic
Lessons Learned

- Good counseling skills vital - identify early in screening process if participant is a good candidate for Enrollment.
- Establish good relationships with participants
- Creative ways to streamline clinic flow reduce visit times – positive impact on retention.
- Involve partners and family members in initial discussion and decision-making process
- CAG/Community involvement essential to retention and adherence
Unresolved Challenges

- Participants reporting difficulty swallowing tablets despite no problems with onsite initial dose
- Participants proceeding to enrolment then reluctance to sign ICF
- Participants reporting partner objection to participation, despite initial agreement – difficulty getting partner on site to discuss