



# **Co-design and co-production as integral elements to successful implementation**

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**“IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE OR ROCKET SCIENCE?  
How to transfer knowledge into practice to reduce the use of  
coercion in mental health settings”**

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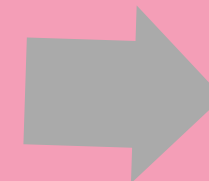
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# Enhancing healthcare & preventing coercion through research-patient-staff collaboration

Collaboration between researchers, staff, patients and family members/significant others = crucial to improve healthcare services and outcomes, incl. the prevention of coercion

Patients & family members actively participate in /make decisions about their care, alongside healthcare professionals/staff



Patients, family members and staff engage in research (not just as participants) - PAR

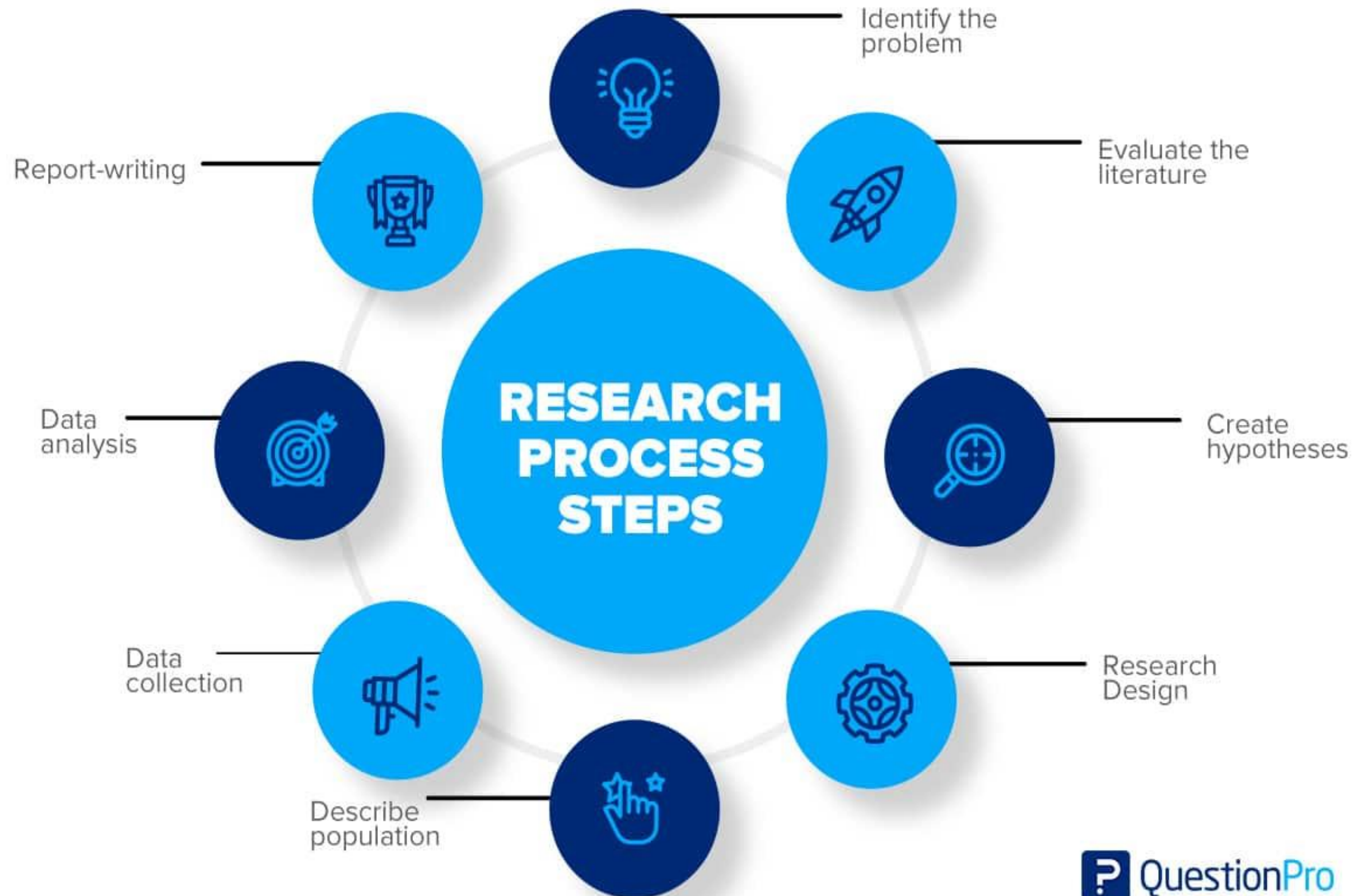
Better communication, personalised treatment plans  
Person-centred care  
Shared responsibility & empowerment of patients to take control of their well-being, leading to more effective and tailored healthcare solutions  
Co-design and co-production of research, interventions, care and outcomes



# Co-production = a 'must' in applied healthcare research

Health research used to inform policy and practice (from evidence production to knowledge mobilisation and implementation)

Services, programmes & interventions 'co-created', 'co-designed', 'co-evaluated' or 'co-implemented' (or a combination of terms), e.g., participation or involvement in any or all steps of the applied research cycle

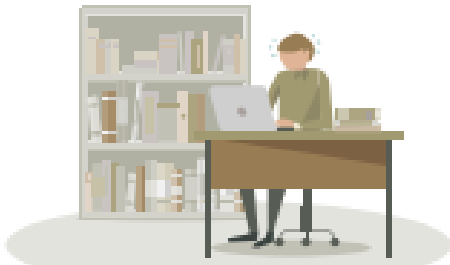






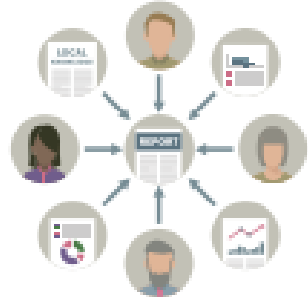




# Co-production in applied healthcare research



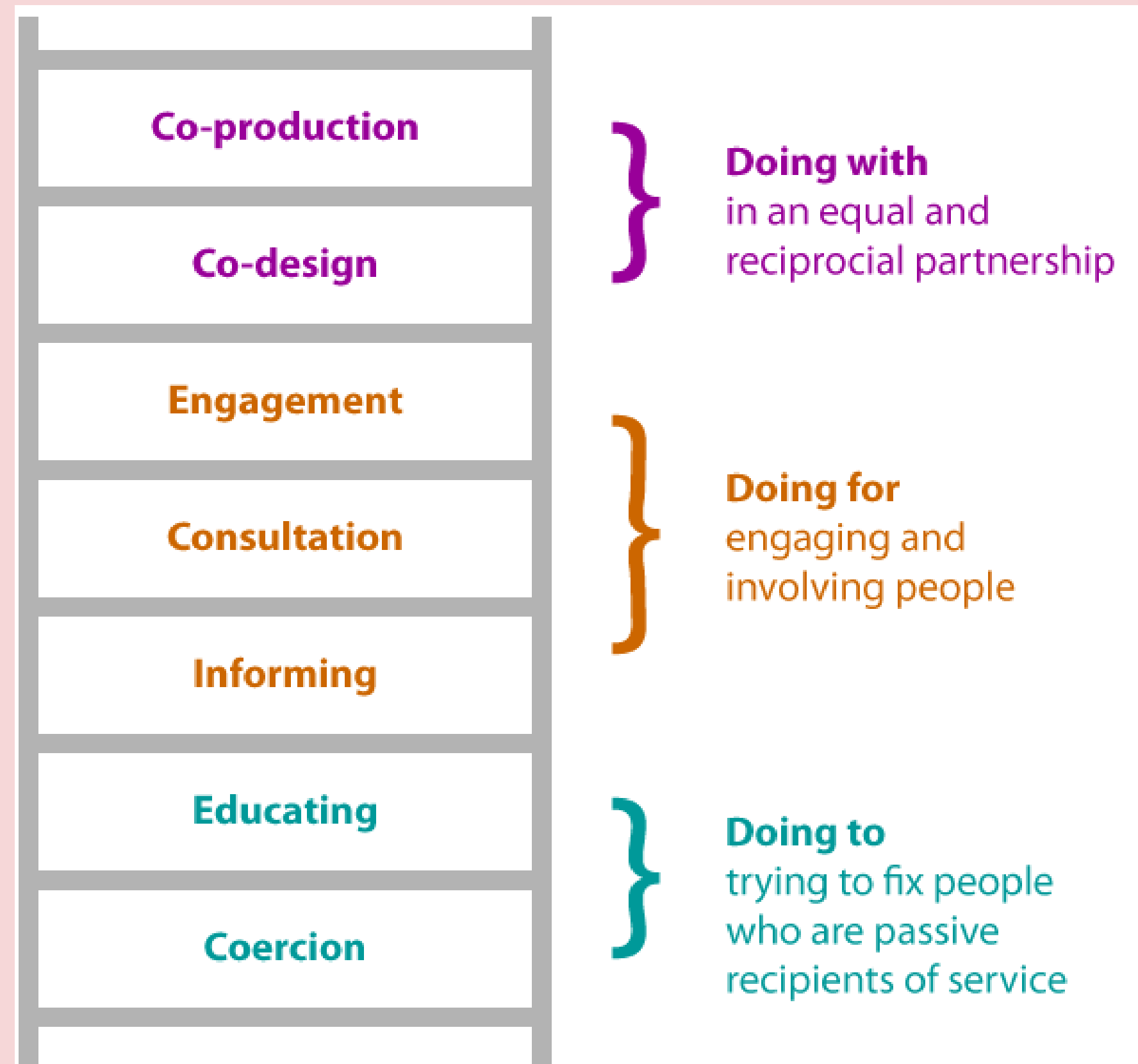
- Co-production < political economics (Ostrom, 1970's)
- Applied research: (i) research that is directed at evaluating quality and safety; (ii) developing and evaluating healthcare interventions or technologies; (iii) understanding implementation of evidence-based interventions
- Key feature: sharing of power in key decisions
- SUs working in partnership with researchers and health professionals
- Consensus - any or all research steps can be co-produced (image here showing different stages of evidence production)

Coutts (2019). The many shades of co-produced evidence. Carnegie Trust.

	TRADITIONAL RESEARCH PROCESS	CO-PRODUCTION OF EVIDENCE
<b>Stage One:</b> Research Project Development	 <p>Write grant proposal</p>	 <p>Co-design project</p>
<b>Stage Two:</b> Data Gathering	 <p>Interviewing</p>	 <p>Peer researcher interviewing</p>
<b>Stage Three:</b> Analysis	 <p>Desk-based data analysis</p>	 <p>Data analysis workshop</p>
<b>Stage Four:</b> Interpretation	 <p>Report production</p>	 <p>Multi agency co-assessment</p>
<b>Stage Five:</b> Research into Action	 <p>Dissemination</p>	 <p>Feedback to the community</p>

# Continuum of patient influence in healthcare: from ‘passive patients’ to ‘patient voice/influence’ to ‘partnership’

- Doing things with the patients, as active participants;
- Getting insight from patients, but also ‘doing the doing’ with them;
- Designing with and keeping them involved throughout.



# Co-production & co-design = different stages & focus within implementation

- Co-design – about the definition of a problem, then definition of a solution; important to start with it, the need for people's involvement ('experts by experience') to understand where the problems are
- Co-production – about the implementation of the proposed solution
- The way co-production is operationalised depends on the aim of the project, what is being co-produced and by whom
- Recognition that some people might just want to be involved in some parts of the process; others in co-producing the entire research project



# Co-design in implementation science research

- Co-design = a process of collaborative design thinking or a joint inquiry and imagination where different participants associated with the design process work together to identify the problem, develop solutions, and evaluate those solutions
- Patients are viewed as 'experts' of their own experiences and are central to the design process. Therefore, co-design is an active collaboration process involving different people with specific knowledge and experiences, providing an equal level of power to be creative and innovative to produce outputs such as health policy, practice manuals, strategies, new services, initiatives, etc. (PAR)
- Example: Experience-based co-design (EBCD) & EBCD cycles - collaboration - ownership - iterative process of stakeholder engagement, situation analysis, selection of intervention areas, co-producing implementation strategies and pre-testing implementation tools

# Bringing User Experience to Healthcare Improvement

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The concepts, methods and practices of experience-based design

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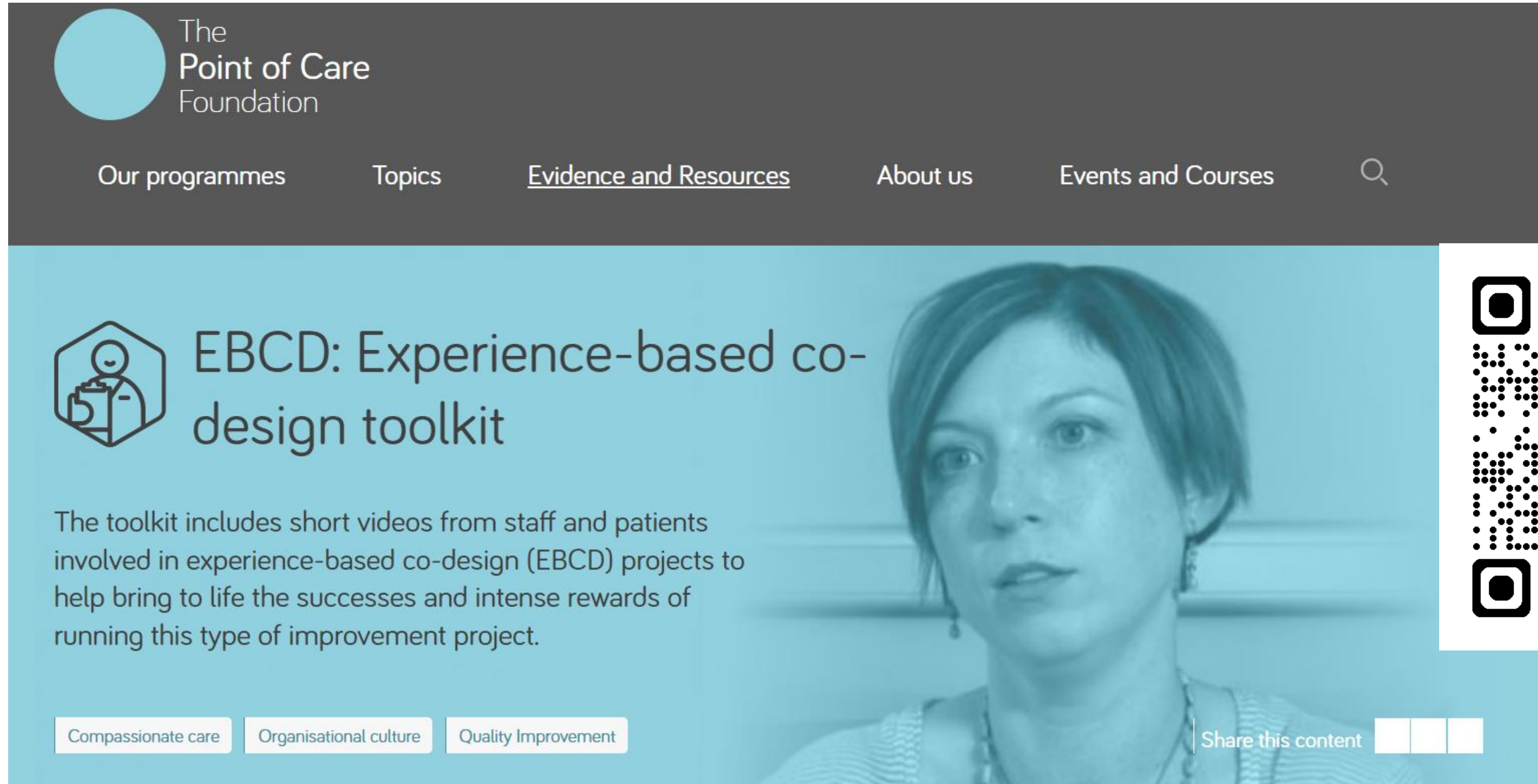
## EBCD at the beginning



- Developed by Prof Glenn Robert, Kings College London and Prof Emeritus Paul Bate, University College London in 2007
- Quite a radical departure from the way in which people were doing improvement work → now it's 'co-everything' (take it with a pinch of salt)
- 'Co-design' in healthcare means partnership between services/those providing care and those using these services/recipients of care (e.g., patients, carers, etc.)



# Point of Care Foundation: EBCD



The screenshot shows the website of The Point of Care Foundation. The header is dark grey with a light blue circular logo on the left containing the text "The Point of Care Foundation". To the right of the logo are navigation links: "Our programmes", "Topics", "Evidence and Resources", "About us", and "Events and Courses". A search icon is on the far right. The main content area has a light blue background with a large, semi-transparent image of a woman's face on the right. On the left, there is a hexagonal icon with a person and a clipboard, followed by the title "EBCD: Experience-based co-design toolkit". Below the title is a paragraph: "The toolkit includes short videos from staff and patients involved in experience-based co-design (EBCD) projects to help bring to life the successes and intense rewards of running this type of improvement project." At the bottom left, there are three white buttons with dark text: "Compassionate care", "Organisational culture", and "Quality Improvement". At the bottom right, there is a "Share this content" link followed by three small white squares.

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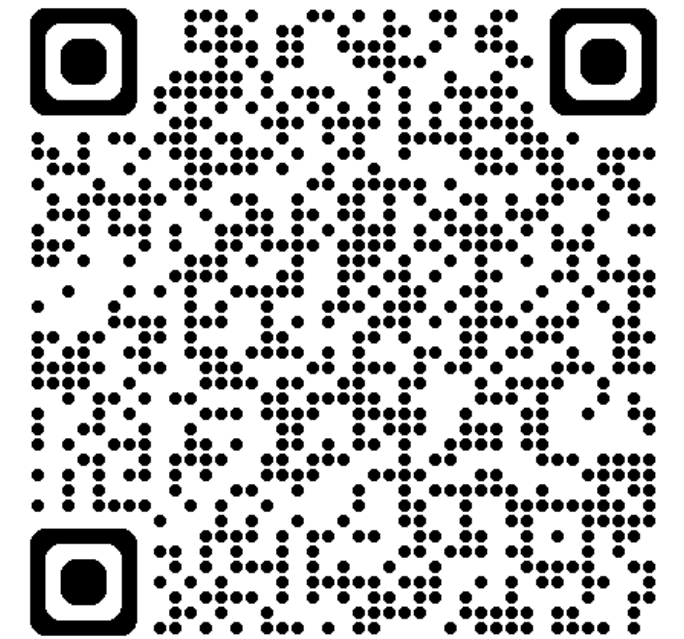
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EBCD toolkit: <https://www.pointofcarefoundation.org.uk/resource/experience-based-co-design-ebcd-toolkit/>

Also in depth courses on EBCD (for more details and support on running own projects)

# EBCD vs. QI

Patients are at the heart of the quality improvement effort, but do not forget or exclude staff (start with staff's experience first)

Focus on designing experiences, not just systems or processes

Staff and patients in partnership with one another

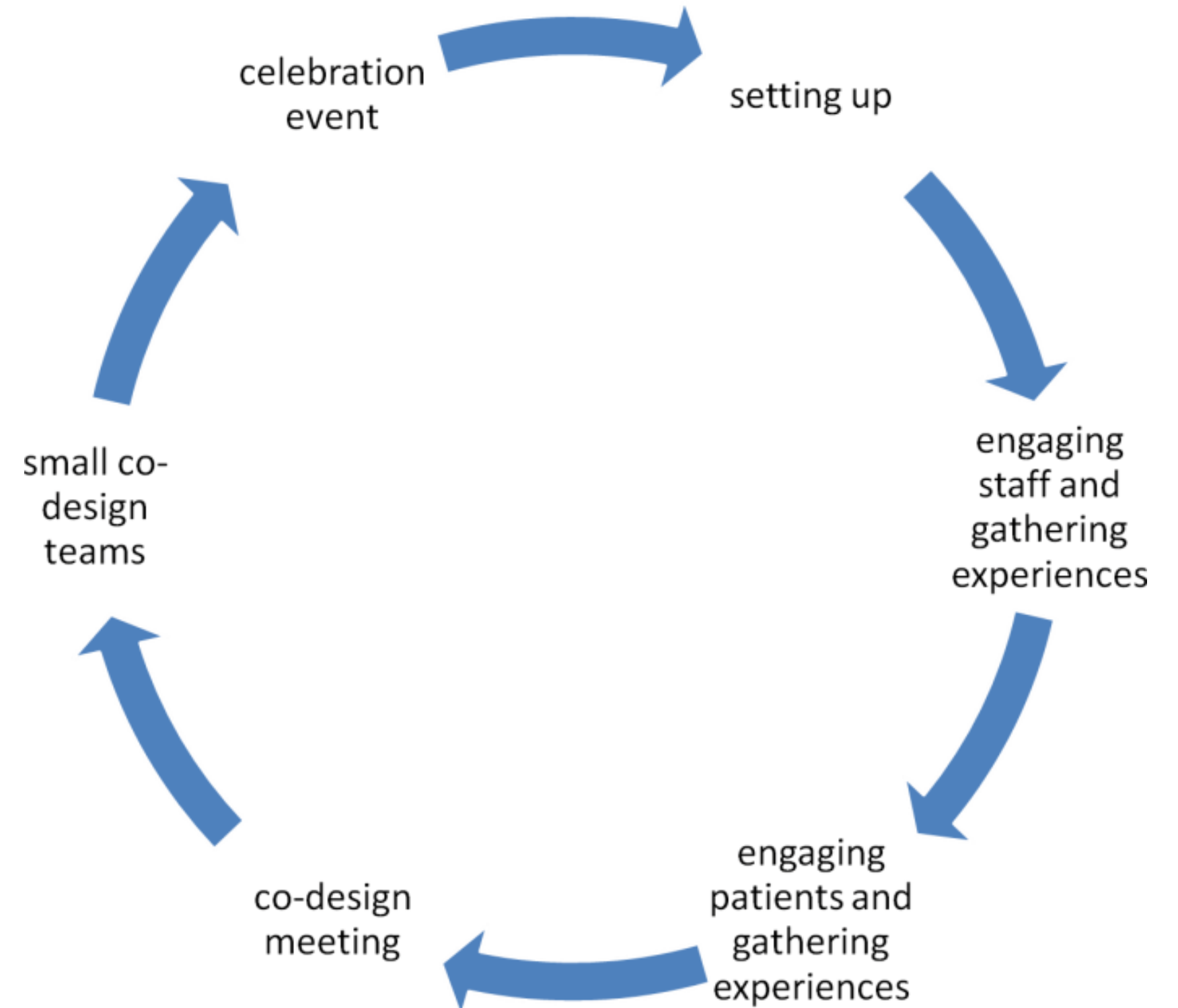
Setting up – lots of resistance

EBCD project → qualitative methods (research interviews or observation) - need for early discovery phase/not sure where the problems are

→ these come from the staff and patients' insights/may have some assumptions about key issues, but they may be challenged when we go on the discovery journey

QI project – problem well defined; not experience-based

# EBCD cycle(s)



Using Experience-based Co-design (EBCD) to improve the quality of healthcare: mapping where we are now and establishing future directions S. Donetto, V. Tsianakas, G. Robert

Observe clinical areas - gain an understanding of what is happening on a daily basis

Interview staff, patients and families - exploring niggles

Edit interviews into 25-30 minute film of themed chapters

Hold staff feedback event - agree areas staff are happy to share with patients

Hold patient feedback event - show the film to patients. Agree improvement areas

Hold joint patient-staff event to share experiences and agree areas for improvement

Run co-design groups to meet over 4-6 month period to work on improvements

Hold a celebration event

## E.g. EBCD Steps

**Project steering group**  
meets at critical stages:

1. Before the project starts
2. Before feedback events
4. After first co-design group
5. After celebration event



# The role of (trigger) films

- Easier to film nowadays (than it was years ago, when EBCD was developed) – one can use their mobile phone and editing is much more accessible
- Films are not an essential component of EBCD, but are way more powerful – people's narratives/experiences are used to trigger action and do something about it; although they are sensitive and potentially distressing, they only happen once (and therefore protect the participant in sharing their experience over and over again)
- Identifying key touch points = the moments within a person's experience journey that really stood out for them → patient event – emotional mapping (process mapping) = using touch points and asking people how they felt at each time point → use this info to identify things that need prioritising
- Co-design event = key (beyond experiences), prioritising work in a collaborative way and ask people to join groups to do improvement activities within those areas
- Co-design groups of patients and staff; service improvement log & other creative data collection methods (group observation)

# Feedback & Joint Events

- The film is shown to service users/family members. The interviews and observations are fed back to staff. These are separate feedback events.
- Aim is to identify issues needing improvement within both groups. Narrow this list to four or five key areas. These lists are merged to produce the final list, to be discussed at the joint patient-staff event.
- At the joint event, the trigger film is shown as a tool for structured conversations. Smaller co-design groups are formed to collaboratively design quality improvement outcomes based on co-designed and mutually agreed priorities for change.

## 4. IMPROVE

Use collective experiences and include everyone in identifying opportunities for improvement

ASK



How might we...?



Prioritise and agree on areas for improvement together

# Importance of the Facilitator



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xc9HtIsUpw&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xc9HtIsUpw&feature=emb_logo)



# Co-Design Improvement Implementation Groups

- From the joint event, **co-design work streams** are identified and created with **different aims**, each planning to meet regularly to do the co-design work
- Made up of patients, family members and staff. Teach on shared decision making if this is new to the service
- The facilitator can run all the groups, or separate '**co-leaders**' can run each group, overseen by the central facilitator.
- Each group needs to meet often enough to maintain the momentum, but with enough time for outcomes to be achieved.





## Celebration Event

- This stage involves **gathering data** and **communicating outcomes** to others to **demonstrate the value of the project**.
  - Returning to the lists created in the co-design event and reporting on the improvements suggested by patients and staff, detailing what has been achieved to date.
  - EBCD is an emotional investment from staff and patients. Holding a celebratory event for everyone involved **6-9 months after the joint event** is a way of thanking participants, reporting achievements, and providing a clear ending point to the project.
  - Co-Design implementation groups often continue after this.
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**“Co-design makes vulnerable people  
powerful and powerful people vulnerable”**  
(Catherine Dale, Point of Care Foundation)

- Equalising the relationship between staff and patients
- Key distinction = vulnerability
- Shifting the balance
- Transformative



# Co-production in implementation research

- Implementation science = collaboration between researchers and key stakeholders/implementers for the dual purpose of capacity building and context-adaptation
- Co-production ensures that knowledge created with inputs from various groups of stakeholders is more reflective of local contexts
- To achieve improvements in programme implementation, research findings need to be integrated into practice → need to move results from efficacy and effectiveness to scalability and sustainability in the real world of implementation.

# From co-production to co-implementation

More evidence re: engaging stakeholders in earlier research stages & co-design

Gaps in evidence and practice re: co-implementation

What then, is co-implementation, and what could this concept offer for the future of implementation science in the health sciences?

Co-implementation is embedded research, a collaborative and concurrent approach to implementation

Next: Example of good implementation in practice re staff: TELLA

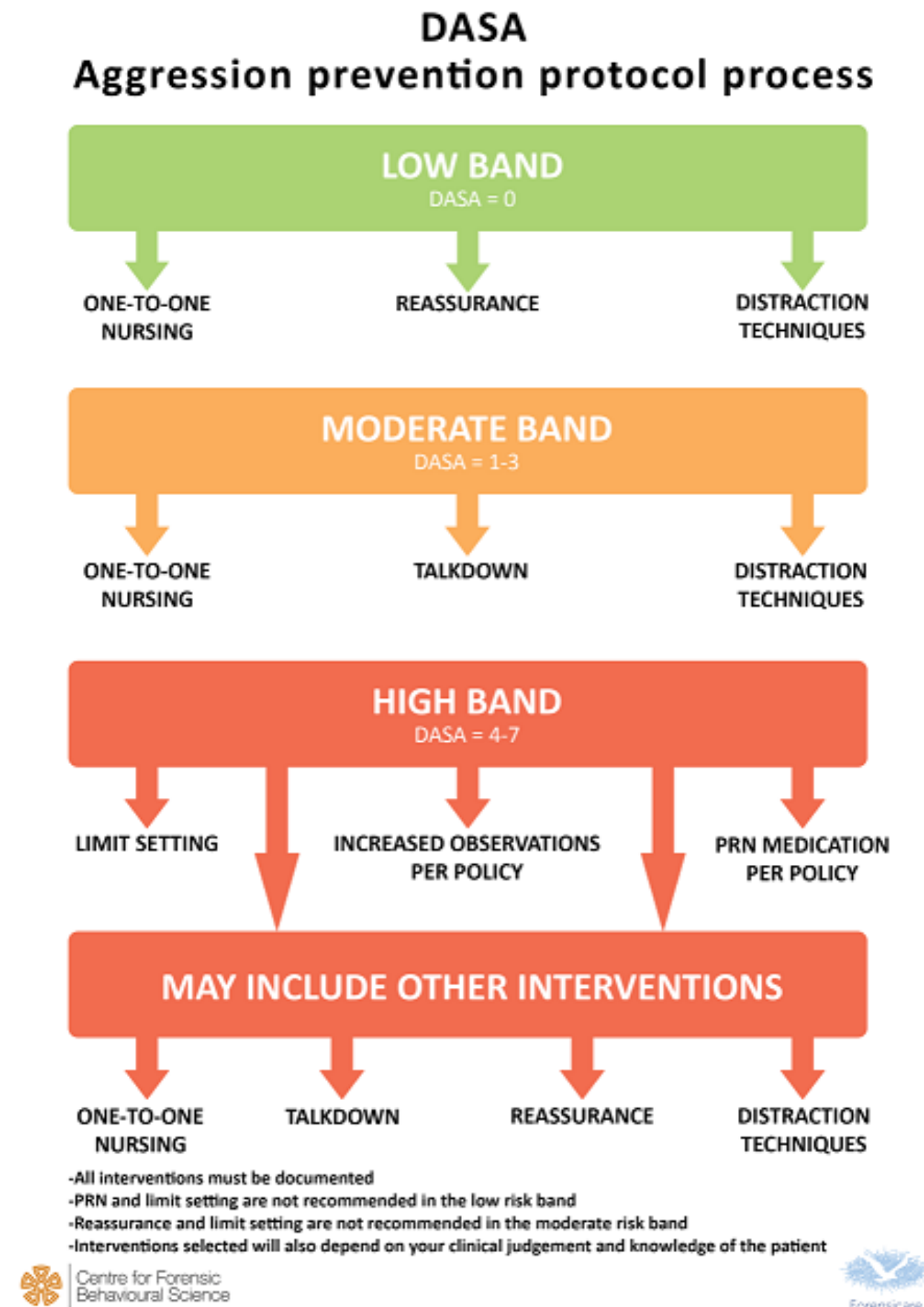
# Example of good practice related to co-designing a locally adapted intervention with end-users





# eDASA + APP

- Electronic DASA (Dynamic Appraisal of Situational Aggression, Ogloff & Daffern 2006)
- Aggression Prevention Protocol (APP)
- The APP offers recommendations for aggression prevention strategies or nursing interventions that correspond to the low, medium or high risk level (as measured using the eDASA)
- Based on two Australian studies the use of the eDASA+APP helps to reduce incidents of aggression and restrictive practices in mental health units



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# Developing and testing eDASA + APP FI – example of a co-design process (2022-2026)

1. Exploring nurses' attitudes towards risk assessment, management, and positive risk
2. Modifying eDASA + APP to Finnish context in workshops – co-design
3. Development of training modules
4. Integrating eDASA to Apotti (EPIC based EHR) and testing FI version in 24 inpatient mental health units(civil and forensic)
5. + ethnograph sub-study about current practices and nurses' collaborative documentation with service users

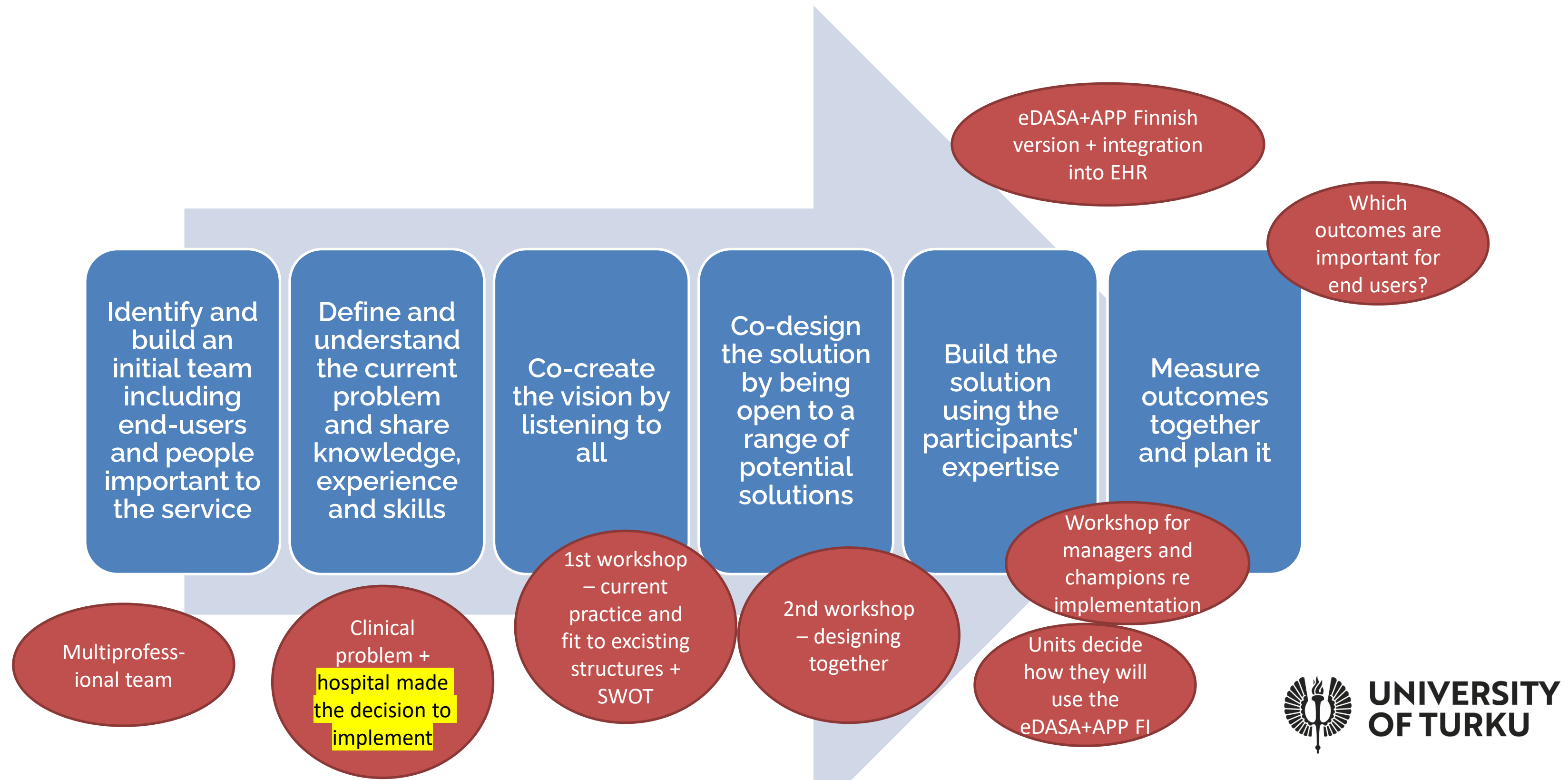


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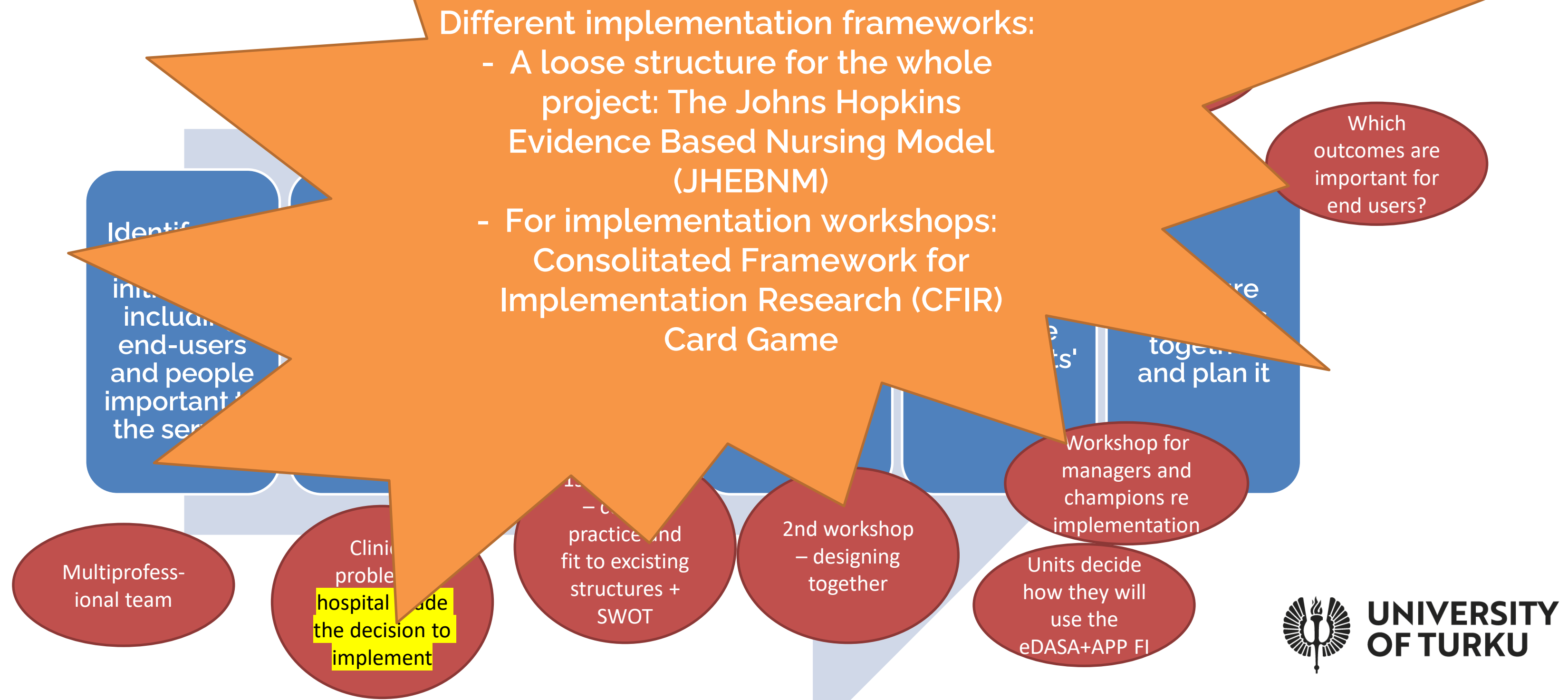
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# Thank you

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