

# Challenges implementing VOICE at CAPRISA Aurum Klerksdorp

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# Presentation Outline

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



# Challenges

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- ❑ 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

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- 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

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- ❑ 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

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- 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