



# Towards a Culture of Equal Partnerships with Patients

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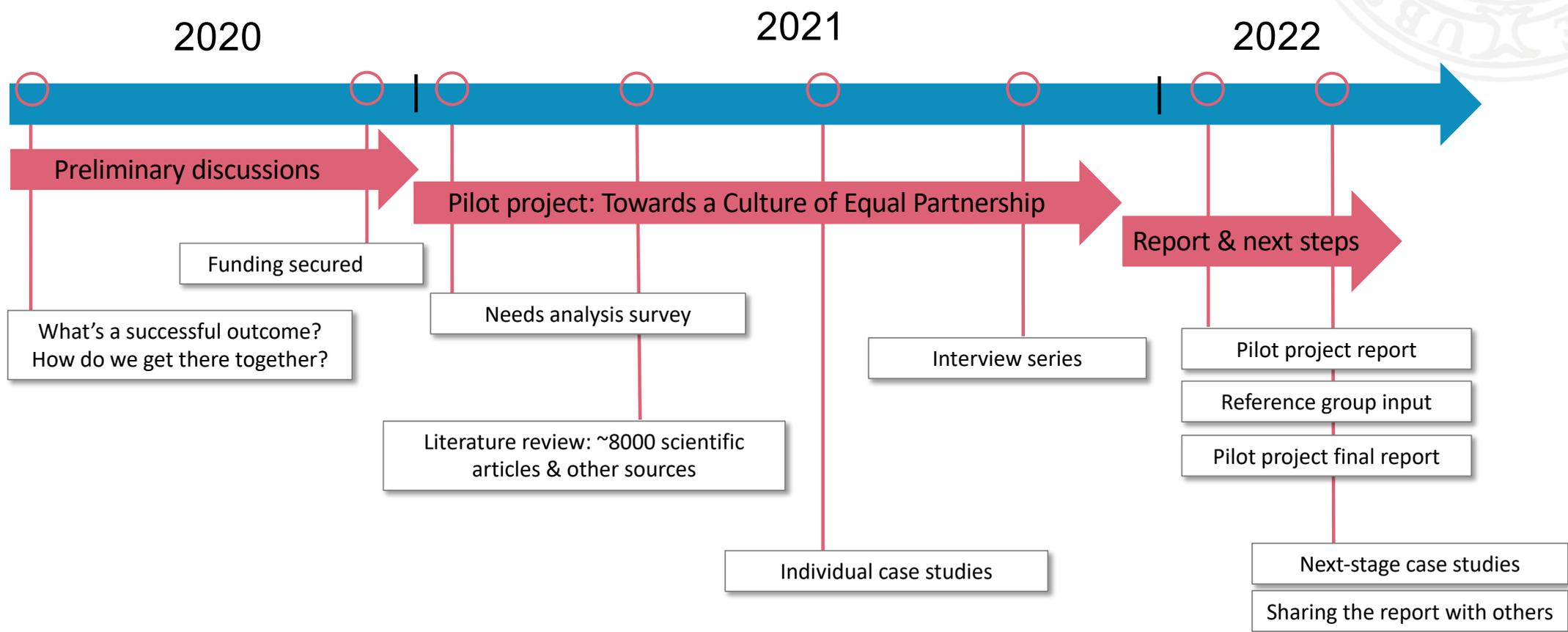
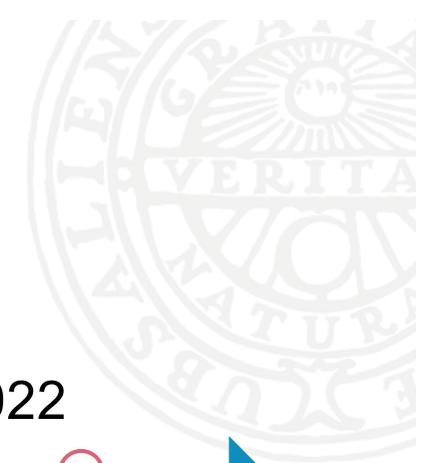
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# Project timeline 2020-2022



# Positive outcomes of equal partnerships



## Equal partnerships...

- build trust, both in partnership initiatives and in the system as a whole
- contribute to efficiency, quality and patient safety
- give a better overview of the full scope of the healthcare process
- contribute more perspectives – and as a consequence more potential solutions to challenging problems
- lead to better healthcare economy
- contribute to improved study protocols
- help us measure results better
- make it easier to recruit study participants
- increase the individual's commitment to their own care process
- boost public interest in and support for research
- lead to a wider dissemination of research results
- contribute to a better quality of research
- improve chances of research funding

...so with all these positive outcomes in mind, why don't we see more successful partnerships in healthcare and the life sciences? In our work with the report, we've identified six major stumbling blocks.

# How does the report help?

It helps potential partners...

- 1 ...define clear goals and evaluation criteria - together
- 2 ...confront power imbalances in partnerships
- 3 ...communicate in a way that builds trust
- 4 ...create the right conditions to ensure representativity and compensation
- 5 ...build long-term structures for equal partnerships
- 6 ...share both positive and negative experiences and outcomes with others



# Equal Partnerships: the report



## Topics addressed in the report\*:

- What are the potentially positive outcomes of partnership initiatives?
- Why do some potential partners, like clinicians and researchers, hesitate when it comes to partnering?
- What are the most common challenges faced and mistakes made in patient and next of kin partnerships?
- What can be done to overcome those challenges and avoid those traps?

## Questions we have been getting frequently:

- Starting small and building up towards better partnerships little by little – can it be done? (Yes.)
- Is there a checklist for that ? (Yes, go to page 34.)
- Are there any guides to other resources if we want to learn more about the patient and next of kin partnership field? (Yes, check out appendix 6 and 7.)
- What do all these acronyms mean anyway? (There are so many! But appendix 5 will hopefully help.)

\*The individuals in our reference group raised many interesting points that were beyond the scope of this report, but that have been included as topics for further discussion in an appendix.



# Thank you!

A digital copy of the report can be downloaded via the QR code on the right.

If you're interested in the forthcoming English version of the report, please e-mail me, so we can add you to the list:

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