

Implementation Science: routine PROMs in cancer

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So how can we do this?

What barriers to solve?

What are the benefits?

How to reuse for research?



Typical challenges to routine implementation and research reuse



Implementation challenges

- **Funding:** monitoring nurses, technology integration
- **Workflow integration:** care pathways, managing recall capacity
- **Patient survey fatigue:** simple & easy instruments vs complex, more accurate
- **Multidisciplinary implementation:** IT – care pathway design and clinical

Research interoperability challenges

- **Need:** same instrument, same cohort, same point in pathway
- **Reality:** many instruments, highly confounded by timing in pathway

Our panel today



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The benefits and
challenges of
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**Cédric Van
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St. Luc's experience
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standards in breast
cancer

**Ludwig Maximilian
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Large scale PROM
pilots in Germany