

Online Symposium  
**Innovative Methods for Trial Design in Health Services Research**

The conduct of (randomized) trials to assess the effectiveness of interventions in health services research is challenging. They demand considerable resources, and their external validity is often questioned. In our 6<sup>th</sup> NAVICARE symposium, we have invited Prof. Shaun Treweek, Dr. Katie Gillies and PD Dr. Lars Hemkens to discuss these challenges and present some innovative methods for improving the efficiency of trial design and using “real-world” data as complementing evidence.

We invite you to join us for an inspiring session and discussion!

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**Program**

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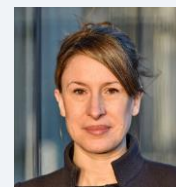
2 p.m.	<i>Nina Rieckmann &amp; Susanne Döpfmer</i> <b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>
2.20 p.m.	<i>Shaun Treweek</i> <b>SWAT – studies within trials</b>
2.50 p.m.	Discussion
3.05 p.m.	<i>Katie Gillies</i> <b>Designing better trials to improve trial retention</b>
3.35 p.m.	Discussion
3.50 p.m.	<i>Break</i>
4 p.m.	<i>Lars Hemkens</i> <b>Clinical trial designs with routinely collected real-world data</b>
4.30 p.m.	Discussion
4.45 p.m.	<b>Round Up Discussion</b>

**Speakers**

**Prof. Shaun Treweek, PhD** is chair in the Health Services Research Unit at the University of Aberdeen. He is a trained physicist and bioengineer. His expertise covers efficient trial design, complex interventions and presentation of research evidence. He is founder of the [Trial Forge initiative](#).



**Dr. Katie Gillies, PhD** is Director of the Health Care Assessment Programme and Senior Research Fellow at the Health Services Research Unit, University of Aberdeen. Her expertise covers the design, delivery and conduct of participants centred trials, using a mixed-methods multi-stakeholder approach.



**PD Lars G. Hemkens, MD, MPH** is Deputy Director of the [Basel Institute for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics](#) and Senior Scientist in the Department of Clinical Research at the University Hospital Basel. His expertise includes evidence-based healthcare, routinely collected data, pragmatic trials and meta-research.



**Registration**

Please register [here](#) for the online event or write an e-mail to [navicare@charite.de](mailto:navicare@charite.de). The meeting will take place via Zoom, more details will be sent to participants shortly before the event.

**NAVICARE – Patient-oriented Health Services Research**

The NAVICARE network aims to analyze and reduce barriers and inequalities in the healthcare of patients with age-associated diseases. Currently in our second funding phase (2020-2023), we are examining the feasibility of a patient-navigation program for patients with stroke and lung cancer and collect estimates for the program’s efficacy (CoreNAVI). In a second project (COMPASS), the feasibility of connecting General Practitioner (GP) care with the service of community care points is evaluated.

**Organization**

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