

ESPACOMP Pre-Conference Workshop Proposal

Workshop Title: Writing Effective Specific Aims and Objectives for Dissemination and Implementation Science

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Workshop Topics:

1. Discuss the essence of dissemination and implementation (D&I) science specific aims
 - a. Write realistic aims
 - b. Know when to develop hypotheses
 - c. Include theories or frameworks
 - d. Describe context and implications

2. Review examples of D&I specific aims pages that were successfully funded
 - a. Review U.S.-based NIH R21 and R01 specific aims pages
 - b. Review examples from the Netherlands
 - c. Review examples from Switzerland
 - d. Discuss similarities and differences, what worked well and what could be improved

3. Present examples of in-progress aims and proposals and generate group discussion (volunteer participants)

Workshop Format: The proposed workshop would be comprised primarily of small group work, with a few brief lectures, and ample time for small- and large-group discussion. We would propose to allow up to 20 participants. This will allow us to divide the large group into 5 smaller groups of approximately 4 participants each. This will enable opportunities for detailed group discussions.

The workshop will consist of several brief lectures (e.g., 20 minutes or less) on the following topics:

- Best practices for developing specific aims and/or objectives (speaker: Leah?)
- Innovative aims from the funder's perspective (speaker: XXX)
- Lessons learned from previous grant writing experiences (speaker: Liset or Sabina?)

Participants must bring a working version or idea of a specific aims page or proposal. This should be submitted at the time of course registration. This document will be iteratively modified and improved through small group work and informal presentations during the full-day workshop.