

Common Stumbling Blocks

Communication breaks down between author and faculty co-author

When frustrated, some authors will:

- Stop working or miss appointments to review progress with co-author mentor
- Make major errors and continue working

Prevention:

- Authors can:
 - Segment the project into smaller pieces on the first HDA
 - Create a timeline and ask for frequent meetings on early objectives
 - Read copies of EBP to for manuscript structure and tone
 - Do a peer review with faculty co-author or local editor of another HDA prior to starting their own. (Contact HDA Project Manager for a volunteer Peer review)
- Mentors can:
 - Balance suggestions for improvement with positive feedback
 - Create a schedule of meetings – more frequent if the author is unsure
 - Be ready to jump in and do some of the heavy lifting

Question is too big

Contact Project Manager if the question needs to be revised.

Re-focus

- Original: Does family therapy have any effect on outcomes in DM-2?
- Revised: Does family therapy have any effect on HbA1c in DM-2?

Split

- Original: What is the best way to diagnose and manage osteomyelitis?
- Revised: “What is the best way to diagnose osteomyelitis?” And “What is the best way to manage osteomyelitis?”

Abandon

- What is the best way to treat a myocardial infarction?

Papers use statistical methods that the authors don't understand

Resolution

- Find a local expert to help
- Find a good EBM reference and bone up
- Check out “Intermediate Statistics for Dummies”
- Contact Project Manager, hda@fpin.org