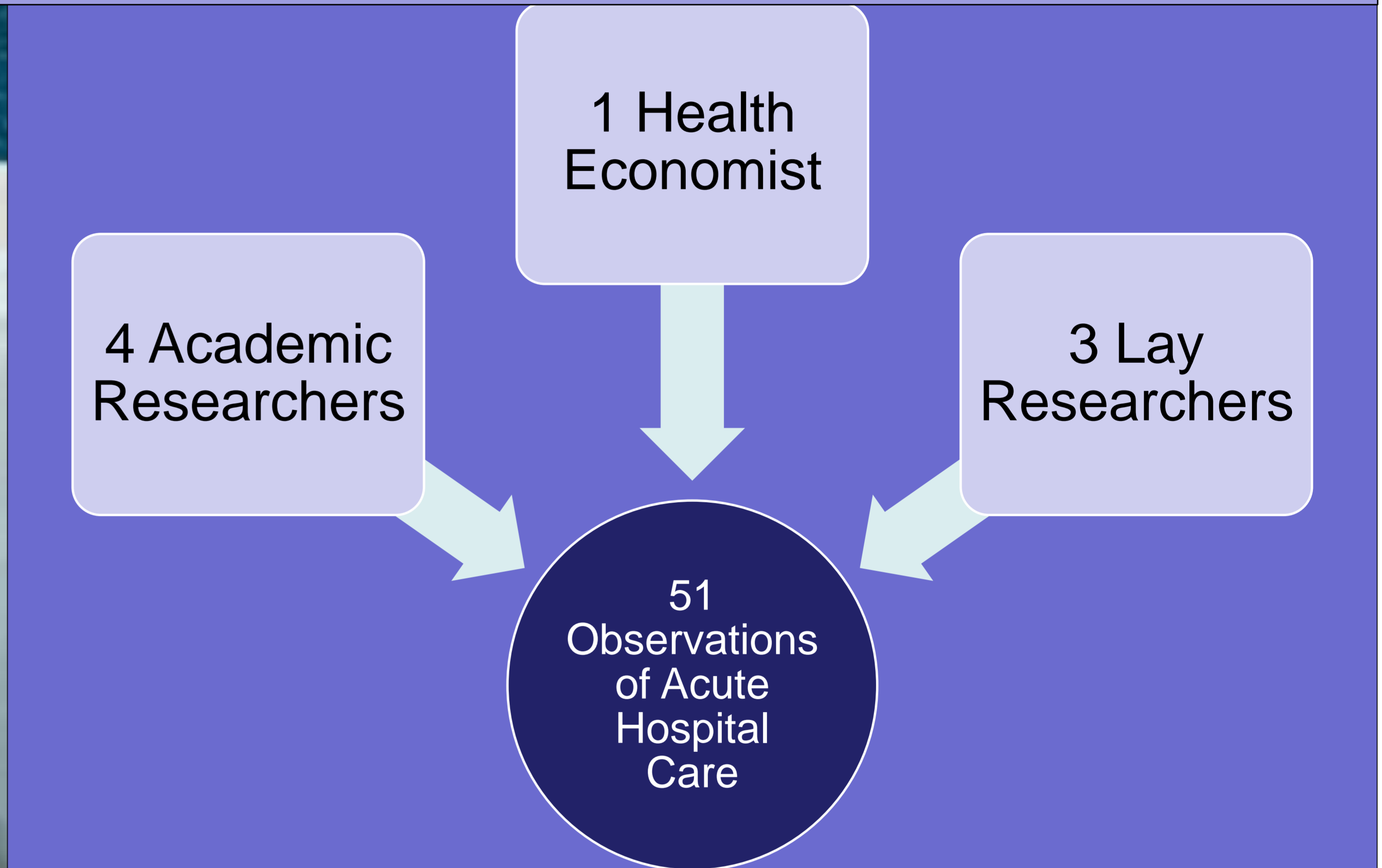


An observational study of acute hospital care to inform a recovery pathway for hip-fracture patients with dementia

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Study information	Aim for this phase	Method
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PERFECTED is a 5-year (2013-18) NIHR funded programme aimed at improving hospital care for hip-fracture patients with dementia. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To find out about current care practices on acute hospital wards to inform the development and implementation of a recovery pathway. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observations of usual practice on ortho-geriatric wards at three locations in England.



Observational research in acute hospital settings → looking at usual care practices → better inform and put into practice a new recovery pathway

<p>The observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Researchers observed for 3 or 4 hours at a time. Observations focussed on usual working practices. Four of the 51 observations took place in emergency departments. Observations covered weekends and the 24 hour period in each of the 3 wards. Observations were of the shared spaces on the ward. They did not cover 'behind curtain' care. Researchers wrote detailed notes during the observations. Researchers had informal chats with staff members to find out more information. Lay researchers were supported by academic researchers. 	<p>Initial findings:</p> <p>The analysis of the observation data is underway; we are already noticing key themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routines are important to get essential work completed. It can take a lot of work to maintain routines. There are multiple disruptions to ongoing work. These can be patient or staff led. Staff have to constantly re-prioritise their actions. Writing patient notes assists other staff members to carry out their work. Decision making by staff relies on written records, team work and staff conversations. Managing risk impacts on staff actions. 	<p>How the findings will be used:</p> <p>The observations of usual practice on acute hospital wards will help the PERFECTED team to better develop and put into practice the recovery pathway for hip-fracture patients with dementia. The pathway will be:</p>
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