

# Future priorities and directions from NIA's perspective

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**Interlinkages between HRS Parent and HCAP Studies**

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Three key  
topics we've  
discussed  
during this  
meeting

- Stand-alone HCAP studies may not have all HRS core variables, but we need to identify why key explanatory variables are necessary for rigorous dementia studies
- Parent HRS studies that do not have HCAP studies – we need to determine what cognitive tests should be collected
- What constitutes a minimum HCAP?



# Stand-alone HCAP studies must haves – key take-aways

- Gateway White paper recommendations regarding must haves – calibration exercises – pilots?
- Watch out for selection effects – ELSA and depression
- Biomarkers – contact with ADSP

Parent HRS studies with no HCAP studies  
must have – key take-aways

# What's a minimum HCAP – key takeaways

- Cases versus continuous measure
- Informant – can individual batteries be shortened? Could we build a more efficient battery? Time to revisit these issues.
- Balancing the needs of local measurement and cross-national harmonization
  - Agree that construct validity – non-negotiable
  - HCAP – a protocol or an approach?
- Should we explore adaptive measures?

# Thank you

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