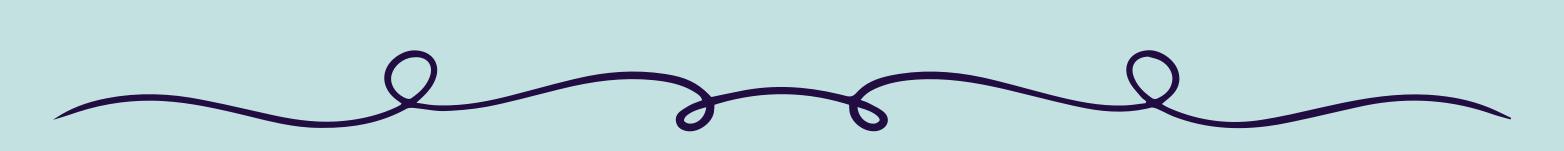


Designing a virtual course for essential care partners (ECPs) in long-term care (LTC): A pre-implementation study

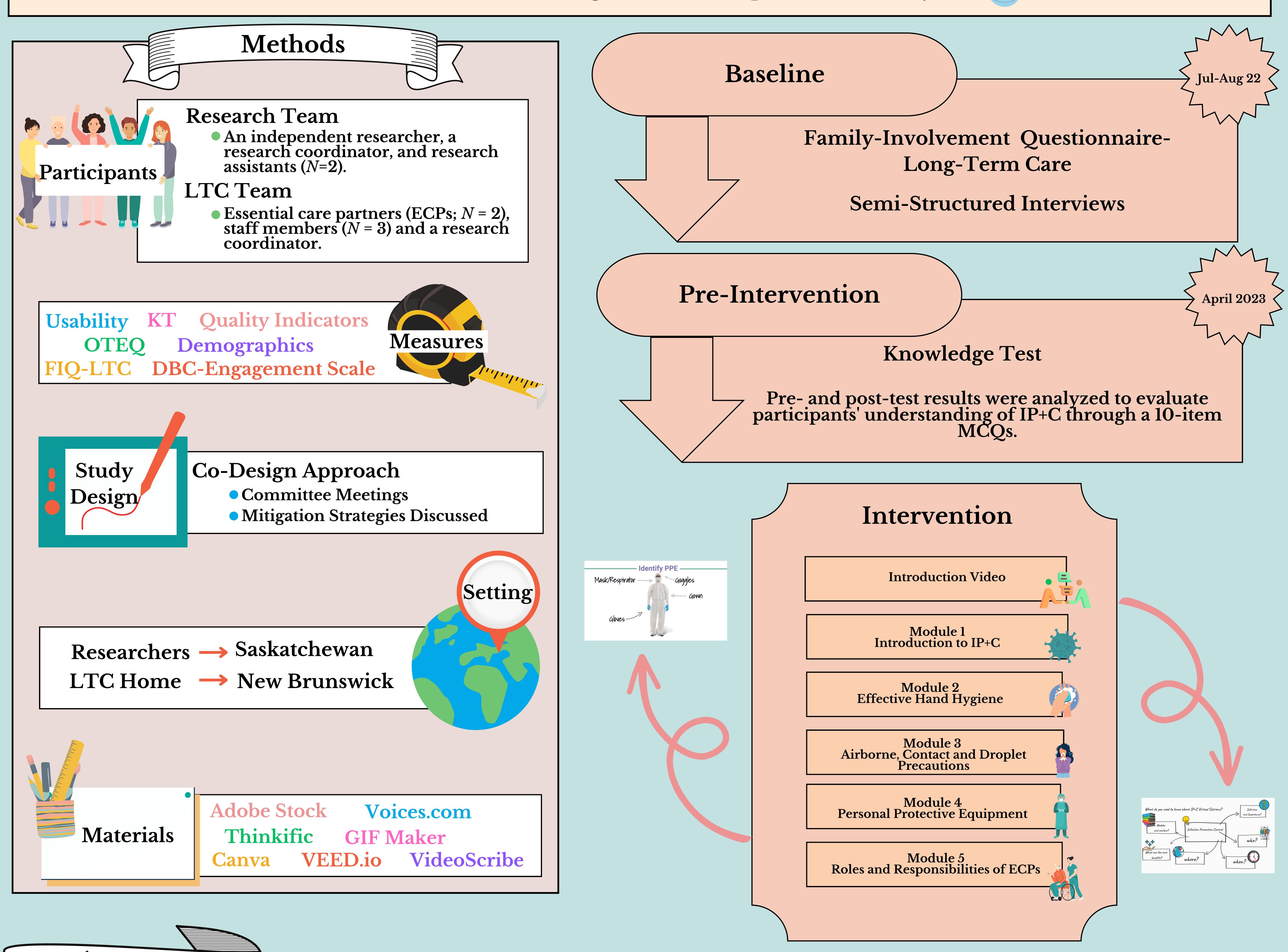


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Background

- During the pandemic, ECPs were denied LTC access, increasing loneliness and isolation for older adults.
- The research team aimed to tackle the challenges faced by older adults and find ways to enhance their lives during and beyond COVID-19.
- <u>Objective</u>: Based on Healthcare Excellence Canada's recommendations (2021), we developed an intervention about IP+C to address resource limitations inside LTC homes during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.



Conclusion

Our intervention harnesses technology to achieve multiple goals:

- 1. Enhancing the LTC environment for staff members, ECPs, and residents.
- 2. Delivering vital information about Infection Prevention and Control (IP+C) in the context of COVID-19 and beyond.
- 3. Equipping ECPs with the necessary knowledge to ensure the safety of both themselves and care recipients.
- 4. Enabling flexible, self-paced learning from any location and at any time.

