

It's Like Herding Cats:

Tips for Collaboration for Research Projects with Other Specialties

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Collaboration is Innovation

Collaborators

Physicians in other specialties (GI bleeding, stroke etc) - this is especially ripe to direct the agenda

Non-physicians within your specialty (PAs, RNs)

Non-medical researchers

Social workers

Political scientists

Engineering experts

Types of Collaboration

Research only

Flu trends

Intradisciplinary advising team: members help guide and support but not all are in a position for publishing

Community leaders, social workers

Multidisciplinary teams: RN, med students, research assistants

For educators: thesis advising

Success

Schedule meetings in advance

Scheduled phone calls

Accountability to your collaborators

Set aside writing time

Write as a group, same time, different place

e.g. Google docs

Pre-determine authorship line before project starts