**Protocol for a hypothetical target trial and target trial emulation**

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| **Protocol Component** | **Description** | **Target Randomized Trial** | **Target Trial Emulation in Observational Data** | **Observational Data Needed** |
| Data Source | What observational data will be used to emulate the randomized trial? | NA | Observational data source: | |
| Eligibility criteria | Who will be eligible for inclusion in the study? |  |  |  |
| Treatment or intervention strategy | What intervention or treatment will eligible persons receive? |  |  |  |
| Treatment assignment | How will eligible persons be assigned to the intervention or treatment? |  |  |  |
| Outcome | What outcome in eligible persons will be compared among intervention or treatment groups? |  |  |  |
| Follow-up | When will you start following eligible persons in the study and for how long will they be followed? |  |  |  |
| Estimand | What counterfactual contrasts will be estimated using the data? |  |  |  |
| Statistical Analysis | How will the counterfactual contracts be estimated? |  |  |  |