

Reflective questions

Imagine you have been asked to oversee the qualitative component of a large complex trial. What kinds of issues might you wish to agree with your co-investigators in advance? What kinds of analysis might be appropriate for your data?

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In your view, is it ever truly possible to ‘marry’ research findings from different epistemological perspectives or are they doomed always to be ‘unhappy bedfellows’? What steps might a research team take to minimize the effects of this?