

# The Secret Life of a Funded Study

What you always wanted to know about being  
a researcher but were afraid to ask

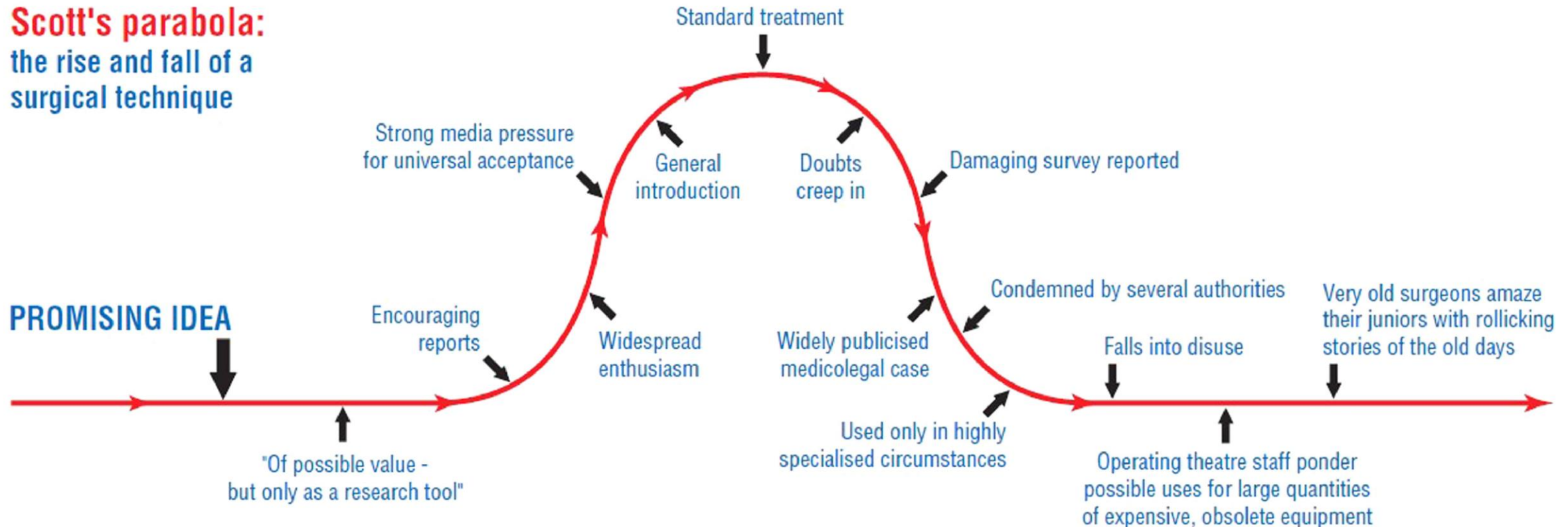
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## Scott's parabola: the rise and fall of a surgical technique



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[Scott's parabola | The BMJ](#) Accessed 18/04/2024

# Study Timeline or Gantt Chart

No	Task	Week		
		1	2	3
1.1	Selection of the topic	█		
1.2	Understanding the research idea	█		
1.3	Exploring and studying the research background	█	█	
1.4	Defining the problem		█	█
1.5	Understanding the need of the research		█	█
1.6	Setting an aim and objectives			█
2.1	Studying previous research work			█
2.2	Summarizing the findings from literature			█
2.3	Understanding the present status of the research area			█
2.4	Understanding the knowledge gap			█
2.5	Defining the scope and limitations			█
3.1	Development of a methodology			█
3.2	Identifying the resource requirement and budget			█
3.3	Pilot project			█
3.4	Data collection			█
3.5	Data analysis			█
3.6	Obtaining and interpreting results			█
3.7	Results validation and verification			█
4.1	Conclusions			█
4.2	Recommendations			█
4.3	Proposing future research ideas			█
5.1	Compiling the research thesis			█

Year	2015												2016												2017											
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Study set-up																																				
Obtain required regulatory approvals																																				
Liaise with HDA re approaching carers																																				
Identifying web and workbook design companies - preparing for tender																																				
<b>Monthly TMG Meetings</b>																																				
WP1 Study of Lived experiences																																				
Recruit HD carers																																				
Qualitative interviews with HD carers																																				
<b>Analyse data</b>																																				
Online stakeholder group meeting																																				
Initial logic model proposed																																				
WP2 Development of I-CARE Intervention																																				
Agree contracts and specification for website and workbook																																				
Develop format of workbook																																				
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Design workbook																																				
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Print workbook																																				
Test and refine web page in collaboration with user group																																				
Launch workbook/website																																				
Attend annual family HDA away day event																																				
Disseminate information about study to the HD community																																				
<b>Feasibility Study of I-CARE Intervention</b>																																				
Recruit carers for feasibility trial																																				
Deliver workbooks to participants in feasibility study																																				
Allow access to web site to participants in feasibility study																																				
Monthly phone calls with participants																																				
Qualitative interviews with participants																																				
Study Management																																				
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Months 1-12

Months 12-24

# 10 minutes in pairs

- What kind of timeline/flowchart do you both have?
- How much detail?
- What's missing?
- Are dependencies/contingencies noticeable?
- What can we learn from other researcher's timelines?
- How many times has it been revisited/updated?

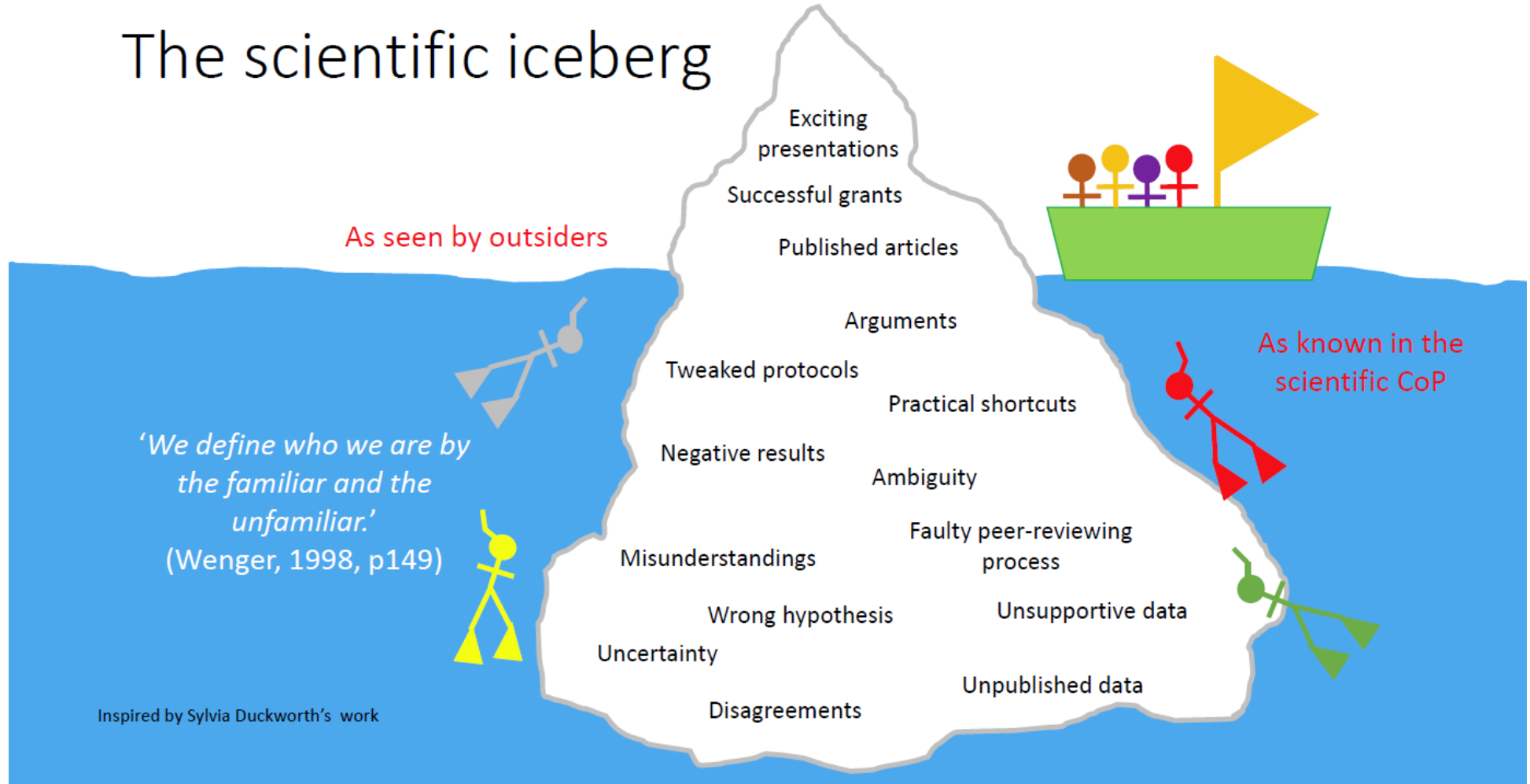


# Feedback – what did we find out...

- Publication plans (and back up publications plans)
- Planning for impact
- Contracting and procurement (Financials)
- Report writing
- Realistic recruitment based on site capacity
- Putting together an impact case study
- Communicating about your study

- Getting to know the policy leads in your field
- Knowledge exchange/mobilisation
- Planning the next study
- Making yourself known on committees etc
- Extensions – costed/uncosted(?)
- Risk assessments
- DBS checks

# The scientific iceberg



[The scientific iceberg - Centre for Higher Education Research and Scholarship \(imperial.ac.uk\)](https://www.imperial.ac.uk) accessed 19 April 2024

# Creating a new timeline...the one you keep internally – 20 minutes

Check in with yourself and your team  
Planning for changes/amendments etc