The PATIENTS Program Gets Funds for COVID-19 Education Efforts

The PATIENTS Program’s project, Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award: DISRUPTS, currently looks at how patients within the St. Lawrence Health System (SLHS) get health information. We got more money for this project to also look at best ways to teach the SLHS community ways to stop the spread of COVID-19.

We plan to create virtual ways to provide information such as virtual town halls to help the community understand patient-centered research as well as ways to help stop the spread of the virus. We also plan to have a focus group about best ways to teach people information about the virus. People will also get a survey asking them how they want to get information and what questions they may have about the virus.

“The St. Lawrence Health System DISRUPTS team is excited for the chance to expand upon our current PCORI Engagement Award to include COVID-19 education,” says Carly Lovelett, MS, CCRP, Manager of Clinical Research with the St. Lawrence Health System. “As the North Country is reopening and preparing for both grade schools and colleges to resume, there has never been a more important time for us to have a united understanding of the importance of ways to stop the spread of COVID-19. By using local expertise and national guidelines, we will teach our community best ways to stay safe both now and in the future.”