The PATIENTS Program's project, Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award: DISRUPTS, helps the research team of rural upstate New York's St. Lawrence Health System's (SLHS) Clinical and Rural Health Research Department develop their ability in patient-centered outcomes research. We will also look at best ways to teach the SLHS community ways to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Part I of the web series “Learning Together, Leading Together: Shaping Patient-Centered Research in the North Country” regarding Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) took place on October 14th. Attendees included caregivers, patients, healthcare providers, physicians and community members. The first training covered an introduction to and examples of patient-centered research.

For the COVID-19 project, the first focus group is currently being scheduled to review the community survey about issues surrounding COVID-19. People at the focus group will also be surveyed, asking them how they want to get information and what questions they may have about the virus. The first education session is October 28th. The speaker is Kylie Broughal, a Physician's Assistant in Infectious Disease who will talk about "COVID-19: Fact versus Fiction."