

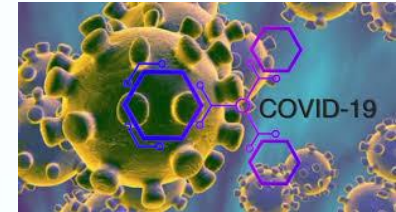
# **Working together to beat COVID-19: engaging and involving patients and public**

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# The COVID-19 Reality



- Impacts on patients, caregivers, and consumers at varying degrees
- Unprecedented disruption in healthcare services
- Far reaching societal impact and consequences

## So what does it mean for patient & public involvement in research?

- Evidence based medicine 
- Definition of lived experience 
- Number of citizens impacted by research 
- Number of decision makers 
- Patient & public involvement in research 

# So what's the problem? What are the solutions?

- Demands on researchers
- The danger of making assumptions
- The importance of relationships
- Were patient & public partnerships truly embedded or by invitation?