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## **MEI Partners with Docola in Winning KidneyX Covid-19 Proposal**

*Madison, Wisconsin*—The non-profit [Medical Education Institute](http://mei.org) (MEI), which develops easy-to-read, evidence-based kidney patient education, and [Docola](http://docola.com), a social-good organization with a secure, online, HIPAA-compliant patient education platform, are partners in a winning KidneyX proposal.

Through a national [KidneyX COVID-19 Kidney Care Challenge](#), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the American Society of Nephrology sought ways to reduce coronavirus spread among people with kidney disease and/or reduce the risk of kidney damage among people who do contract the virus.

MEI will create patient content about chronic kidney disease (CKD) and reducing COVID-19 transmission which will be available for clinicians to e-prescribe to patients through Docola. Patients can view the material on a web-enabled phone, tablet, or computer—reducing in-person contact, while improving care.

Docola is free to healthcare providers and patients, does not collect or sell patient data, and is not ad-driven. The platform can track and assess patient understanding, and allows providers to create and deliver surveys to learn about patients' concerns, goals, and preferences; including social isolation and depression, both increasingly common due to COVID-19.

MEI Executive Director Dori Schatell, MS, notes that this project is just the start of a planned collaboration with Docola. *“We are very excited about the potential to offer education that can be tailored and prescribed to meet patients’ needs, and delivered in a way that they can use—and we plan to make additional mobile courses available beyond the COVID19 content.”*

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Docola CEO Eran Kabakov says this project will transform communication in and around dialysis and CKD care. *“We are very proud and excited to have been selected as a KidneyX COVID19 Challenge winner in collaboration with the MEI team,”* says Kabakov. *“Combining the excellent content from MEI and Docola's care communication platform will enable CKD clinicians to share important information on maintaining kidney health during the COVID pandemic.”*

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