

OSF Saint Francis Medical Center offering long COVID trials

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BROADCAST SCRIPT

INTRO

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TAKE VO

THAT'S WHY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH IS LEADING A NATIONWIDE PROGRAM TO UNDERSTAND LONG COVID BETTER. OSF SAINT FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER IN PEORIA WAS CHOSEN AS ONE OF THE STUDY HOSTS. IN ILLINOIS – THE PROGRAM IS CALLED THE ILLINET RECOVER STUDY. DR. JOHN HAFNER IS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS. HE SAYS TO BE ABLE TO TREAT LONG COVID... YOU FIRST NEED TO BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND IT.

TAKE 13 SECOND SOT

“We’re able to characterize exactly what the symptoms are of long COVID, be able to discuss how we would diagnose that, as well as enroll patients in future trials to try and improve long COVID symptoms.”

VO TAG

THIS IS THE HOPE FOR DR. KEITH HANSON... ANOTHER INVESTIGATOR.

DR. HANSON HAS KEPT IN TOUCH WITH MANY OF THE PATIENTS... AND SAYS THE RESPONSES HAVE BEEN VERY POSITIVE.

TAKE 21 SECOND SOT #2

“A year from now we’d like to see clinical trials with treatments in this population. Because right now we see the symptoms and try to define it. The next stage is seeing if there are treatments that can be effective. Maybe the patients we’ve enrolled will be interested in the treatment to see if it will alleviate their symptoms.”

VO TAG # 2

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TAKE 19 SECOND SOT

“We have patients enrolling, some had COVID, some didn't. People are really excited to learn more about what's going on. Patients that have had chronic fatigue or headaches from COVID and they want to know if this is related to COVID. They might wonder if it's just related to them getting older or if something else is going on.”

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