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A program in Peoria is training future doctors to think beyond the clinic and find innovative ways to improve health in underserved communities — here and around the world.

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OSF HealthCare and the University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria are partnering on the ***Equity Innovation Medicine program — or EquiMED***. It's a four-year track where medical students learn to use innovation and problem-solving to address real-world health challenges.

Dr. John Vozenilek with OSF Innovation says the goal is to develop physicians who listen and design solutions *with* patients, not just *for* them.

SOT-Dr. John Vozenilek

"They are using their innovation skillset every single day. She (a former student at a recent gathering) said that she is using these innovation tools when she interviews patients to go deeper into their needs so she can think of new solutions to their problems." (:12)

Students recently worked in Brazil. One group is working with Illinois State University to develop an educational game to teach children both traditional and modern medicine for common ailments. Another is working with the U of I to create a water quality alert system to warn communities about unsafe drinking water.