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Episode: "Onwards and Upwards: Jen and Emily check in"

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Jennifer 00:01

Hey, Emily.

Emily 00:03

Hi, Jen.

Jennifer 00:04

It's really exciting to finally be here, wrapping up season three and thinking about what's next.

Emily 00:09

Yeah, honestly, I had no idea how far we get when we started. Especially since we only did maybe three or four interviews in person before the pandemic shut things down. But I guess like a lot of people, we learned how to change how we work, and we managed to carry on.

Jennifer 00:26

Yeah, we sure did. It feels like it's gone fast. But at the same time, it feels like we've been at this a lot longer than just two and a half years. I know the pandemic has played tricks on everyone's sense of time. But I do think it's more than that. Over the course of all these episodes now, what is it, 28? We've done so much talking, thinking, analyzing, it really has been a long and rich learning journey.

Emily 00:53

Yeah. So you know, we're thinking about this episode as a bit of a transition. We're moving forward with some new ideas, some new formats. And we're expanding our scope beyond patient engagement and partnership...

Jennifer 01:05

...and still in the realms of healthcare, health research and health policy. But we're going to expand what all of that means. So far, we've had a pretty narrow scope, where engagement is a specific thing organized by institutions and involving patients. But as we know, lots of people are engaged in pushing for change, and they do so on their own terms. So we'll be looking through a much wider frame and including many other aspects of health care and society.

Emily 01:34

Right. So aside from this episode, there shouldn't be much disruption for listeners, we'll just keep making episodes and aim to release one every two to three weeks or so. And from time to time, we'll pause and regroup. I'm especially excited about our next batch of episodes, we're working on a series related to public engagement in health policy. And it's a natural extension of what we've been thinking about already.

Jennifer 01:59

Plus, we've got a couple of other projects on the go, which we can talk about later. Anyway, we're really focused right now on continuing to produce interesting episodes while expanding our reach and building a network of support for sustainability.

Emily 02:14

Well, on that note, a couple of things. If you have ideas for a topic, or you want to share a story, or otherwise, just want to get in touch, you can reach us through our website at [matters of engagement.com](http://mattersofengagement.com) or on Twitter, at [matters engage](https://twitter.com/mattersengage). And we also have a phone line. So leave a message and we may use it in a future episode. The number is 647-812-2909. So 647-812-2909.

Jennifer 02:46

Oh and if you're part of something that you think would be a good focus for an episode, we'd also like to hear from you. It could be a research project or a community initiative. Or maybe you've noticed something that could use further investigation. Let us know it's impossible for us to track all the interesting critical work going on. So please do reach out.

Emily 03:07

Okay, well, that's it. Thanks for listening and more to come.