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## **Dr. Stuart Green to present NJCTS' patient-centered training program at Overlook medical symposium**

*Third annual event will take place Thursday, May 3, at the medical center in Summit*

The New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome & Associated Disorders (NJCTS) is proud to be taking part in the third annual Atlantic Health Humanistic Medicine Symposium, titled "Patient Voices: Honoring the Patient Perspective," from 11:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at Overlook Medical Center in Summit.

Presenting NJCTS' unique patient-centered training program, which was developed in 2011, will be Dr. Stuart Green, DMH, LCSW, the Associate Director of Overlook Family Medicine. Dr. Green will discuss the program during the "The Empowered Patient: Patient as Expert, Educator and Advocate" portion of the program from 1:45 to 2:30 p.m.



Patient-centered training – which has taken place at Overlook Medical Center, Saint Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick, Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick – is a learner-centered program to help physicians deepen their understanding of the perspectives, stresses and needs of families living with Tourette Syndrome.

With this approach, physicians play an active role in the learning process. The training is facilitated by a professional with expertise in the recognition and treatment of Tourette Syndrome. This professional works in collaboration with a teaching team consisting of TS patients and their families.

This team describes their personal experiences with TS, focusing on initial diagnosis, quality of life and encounters with physicians and the health-care system. This patient-led process engages physicians to deepen their understanding and appreciation for the experiences of TS patients and their families. By sharing their perspectives, patients feel empowered and understood.

In addition to his work with Overlook and NJCTS, Dr. Green is the founder and director of the New Jersey Coalition for Bullying Awareness and Prevention, a networking organization formed in 2000 in response to the bullying-related tragedy at Columbine.

Academic credit will be given for this symposium. Atlantic Health designates this symposium for a maximum of 3.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Atlantic Health is accredited by the Medical Society of New Jersey to provide continuing medical education to physicians. The symposium has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 4.0 prescribed credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Pre-registration is required for the symposium by calling 800-247-9580. For more information about other speakers and presentations at the symposium, please visit [www.atlantichealth.org](http://www.atlantichealth.org). For more information about patient-centered training, please visit [www.njcts.org](http://www.njcts.org).

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