The INTERACT Trial developed and evaluated a tool aimed to increase primary care providers’ use of communication strategies with patients with communication disabilities. The study implemented the tool at 8 clinics in the US and compared the effectiveness of provider education compared to provider education + patient-directed communication tool. Over a year and a half, a total of 668 patients with communication disabilities participated in the study. The presentation will present the results of the study as well as discuss next steps.

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