

## The Critical Path Institute Podcast: Connecting the Dots with COA VP Dr. Cheryl Coon

If you have attended one of C-Path's stakeholder meetings, read one of our impact stories or engaged through our social channels, you are aware that Critical Path Institute (C-Path) has many compelling and inspiring stories to tell and news and insights to share. As the newest venue to share these experiences, we are excited to launch The Critical Path Institute Podcast.

"To finally put the pieces in place and launch The Critical Path Institute podcast is an extremely exciting accomplishment," said C-Path CEO and podcast host Dr. Klaus Romero. "This podcast is more than just a discussion forum — it's a place to connect the dots. From drug development and clinical science to regulatory science and public health, we explore the collaborative efforts that drive innovation. We really hope all of our stakeholders enjoy it, learn more about C-Path, the great work we are doing, and about the industry in general."



The series also explores how C-Path's consortia and programs learn from one another, build on shared expertise, and collectively advance solutions for patients worldwide. Klaus is joined in this the inaugural episode by guest Dr. Cheryl Coon, Vice President of C-Path's Critical Outcome Assessment (COA) Program, who explores how COAs are essential in measuring patient experiences and determining drug efficacy.

Cheryl and Klaus discuss how clinical outcome assessments are designed to measure how people feel and function, thus providing critical evidence to evaluate drug efficacy and safety. The episode emphasizes the significance of capturing meaningful experiences from people participating in clinical trials and how these experiences can be captured through rigorous methodologies. They also delve into various types of

metrics used in clinical trials, the role of digital health technologies, and the importance of understanding which unmet drug development needs COAs are intended to address.

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