Project ECHO Overview
(Extension for Community Health Outcomes)

Moving Knowledge Instead of Patients

At ECHO, our mission is to democratize medical knowledge and get best practice care to underserved people all over the world.

The goal is to touch the lives of 1 billion people by 2025.
To expand the capacity to provide best practice care for common and complex diseases in rural and underserved areas and to monitor outcomes.

Goals of Project ECHO®

1) Use telehealth technology to leverage scarce healthcare resources
2) ... to share best practices and reduce variation in care ...
3) .... to improve outcomes through practice-based learning that develops specialty expertise among primary care providers,
4) and monitor outcomes.

Typical teleECHO™ Clinic: Hub and Spoke
It is important to understand what ECHO® is, and what it is not

- ECHO is not simply a patient-care clinic, and we do not do telemedicine.
- ECHO is educational, not merely consultative.
- We build expertise at the primary care level to safely and effectively manage common, complex conditions so that these experts can meet some of the need for specialty care within the community.
- ECHO clinics are all different, based on the disease focus and the style of the teams involved.

Methods

- Use technology
- Sharing “best practices”
- Case based learning
- Web-based database to monitor outcomes

Benefits to Rural Clinicians

- No cost CMEs and Nursing CEUs
- Professional interaction with colleagues with similar interest
  - Less isolation with improved recruitment and retention
- A mix of work and learning
  - Access to specialty consultation with GI, hepatology, psychiatry, infectious diseases, addiction specialist, pharmacist, patient educator
Behavioral Health ECHO

- Started 1/19/2016

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Endocrine ECHO

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- Tell us how it can benefit your practice
- Share the message
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