

About Us

Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is a movement to demonopolize knowledge and amplify local capacity to provide best practice care for underserved people all over the world. The ECHO model™ is committed to addressing the needs of the most vulnerable populations by equipping communities with the right knowledge, at the right place, at the right time.

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Our Story

Launched in 2003, Project ECHO grew out of one doctor's vision. Sanjeev Arora, M.D., a social innovator and liver disease specialist at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center in Albuquerque, was frustrated that he could serve only a fraction of the hepatitis C patients in the state. He wanted to serve as many patients with hepatitis C as possible, so he created a no cost, virtual mentoring platform and mentored community providers across New Mexico in how to treat the condition. The ECHO model is a telementoring, guided practice model where the participating clinician retains responsibility for managing the patient. A study published in the New England Journal of Medicine found that hepatitis C care provided by Project ECHO trained community providers resulted in outcomes equal to those provided by specialists at a university.

When?

Every other Wednesday
beginning
September 21, 2022
12pm-1pm Central
1pm-2pm Eastern

Where?

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Who?

Tennessee Department of Health
(TDH) Hepatitis C virus (HCV)
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The TDH HCV Project ECHO will be the first ECHO within a state health department in the nation. We will bring together three subject matter experts (SMEs) with adult HCV, pediatric HCV, and pharmacy expertise to discuss case presentations submitted by you. The SMEs will also provide brief didactic presentations at each session including the topics below.

Presentation Schedule:

- **Screening and Diagnosis of Hepatitis C Virus in Adults, Pregnant Persons, and Children**—Dr. Cody Chastain and Dr. Claudia Espinosa (September 21, 2022)
- **Linkage to Care and Hepatitis C Virus Resources for Adults**—Dr. Cody Chastain (October 5, 2022)
- **Linkage to Care and Hepatitis C Virus Resources for Children**—Dr. Claudia Espinosa (October 19, 2022)
- **Initial Hepatitis C Virus Evaluation for Adults**—Dr. Cody Chastain (November 2, 2022)
- **Initial Hepatitis C Virus Evaluation for Postpartum Persons and Children**—Dr. Claudia Espinosa (November 16, 2022)
- **Initial Hepatitis C Virus Treatment Selection for Adults**—Dr. Cody Chastain and Dr. Clark Allen (December 7, 2022)
- **Initial Hepatitis C Virus Treatment Selection for Children**—Dr. Claudia Espinosa and Dr. Clark Allen (December 21, 2022)
- **Treatment Evaluation and Management for Post-Treatment Monitoring for Adults**—Dr. Cody Chastain and Dr. Clark Allen (January 4, 2023)
- **Treatment Evaluation and Management for Post-Treatment Monitoring for Postpartum Persons and Children**—Dr. Claudia Espinosa and Dr. Clark Allen (January 18, 2023)
- Presentation topics submitted by you!

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Why?

We are aiming to build a community of practice to share awareness, education, and resources given that HCV cases are on the rise in Tennessee and are most pronounced among persons of reproductive age. The TDH HCV Project ECHO will focus on building treatment capacity for adults living with HCV among Primary Care Providers, building treatment capacity for pediatric HCV among Pediatricians, Family Physicians and Family Nurse Practitioners, and building HCV treatment capacity to treat postpartum persons for interested Obstetrician-Gynecologists and Family Physicians who provide Obstetric care.

How?

Project ECHO transforms the way education and knowledge are delivered to reach more people in rural and underserved communities.

This low-cost, high-impact intervention is accomplished by linking inter-disciplinary specialist teams with multiple primary care clinicians through teleECHO™ programs. Experts mentor and share their expertise across a virtual network via case-based learning, enabling primary care clinicians to treat patients with complex conditions in their own communities.

People get the high-quality care they need, when they need it, close to home.