



Weitzman ECHO

Terms of Participation

Introduction

- Project ECHO® is an integrated, case-based, distance-learning collaborative system that delivers best practice, specialist expertise and guidance directly to primary health care providers to educate them on how to provide medical services that are evidence-based, safe and effective.
- The Weitzman Institute ("WI") is part of the Community Health Center, Inc. (CHC). CHC is committed to providing videoconference education for managing several different areas of concern in primary care such as pain, medication assisted treatment, HCV and HIV care, pediatric care and community health work, among others, via Project ECHO in order to support health care providers' provision of community health services by providing education and recommendations on challenging cases.

Services Provided

- CHC will deliver via videoconference regularly scheduled Project ECHO sessions. Each session will consist of a didactic presentation and de-identified case discussions. Each session will be recorded and posted on a secure website.
- CHC will provide an expert faculty team to conduct the Project ECHO sessions.
- CHC will provide live access to the Project ECHO sessions. Live access includes the ability to observe and actively participate in each ECHO session by listening to and presenting cases, and asking questions.
- Cases selected for discussion will be reviewed in advance by WI Project ECHO faculty members and will be discussed during the Project ECHO session.
- During case discussions, faculty members will provide the presenters with recommendations regarding the appropriate evaluation and treatment of the case.
- CHC will provide appropriate technical and administrative support as required for Project ECHO including the management of de-identified case submissions, maintenance of a project web page, tracking project operational details, and supervision of all data collection.

Participant's Responsibilities

- A participant is a provider or care team member who joins live Project ECHO sessions ("Participant").
- It is expected that participant will:
 - Participate in at least 6 of the 10 sessions
 - Submit at least 1 real patient case for recommendations
 - Share your webcam during the live sessions, if you have one available
- Project ECHO constitutes an educational intervention and Participants retain full authority and responsibility for medical decision-making and shall exercise independent professional judgment in the performance of providing clinical services to their patients.
- In providing information on cases to be discussed during Project ECHO sessions, where other providers may be involved and sessions may be recorded for future use, the Participant shall remove all patient identifying information in a manner that complies with 45 CFR §164.514 prior to sending such case information to CHC. If Participant fails to remove patient identifying information, CHC cannot guarantee that such patient identifying information will not be disclosed during Project ECHO sessions and it disclaims any responsibility for such disclosures.
- Participants must notify WI Project ECHO staff in writing via email two weeks in advance of the next live Project ECHO session if they wish to withdraw participation from Project ECHO at any time.
- To obtain CME credits, Participants must report their attendance via reply email to WI Project ECHO staff and complete surveys related to the program in a timely manner to ensure compliance with the CME accreditation organization, the American Academy of Family Physicians.
- Participants shall not share session access information or session recordings without written permission via email from WI Project ECHO staff.

Funding

- There is no fee associated with accessing the Project ECHO program as access is being funded by a third party. In the event that the third party funding terminates for any reason, CHC has the right to immediately rescind access to Project ECHO.