



Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is a collaborative model of medical education and care management that empowers clinicians everywhere to provide better care to more people, right where they live (such as rural communities).

Providers can connect to a teleECHO clinic that is focused on a complex condition that is of interest to them. There are over 40 areas of medical specialty offered.

➤ **How teleECHO works:** • Primary care providers from multiple locations connect at regularly scheduled times with a team of specialists.

- During teleECHO clinics, providers present patient cases to specialist expert teams who mentor the providers to manage patients with common, complex conditions.
- These case based discussions are supplemented with short presentations to improve content knowledge and share evidence based best practices.
- Most teleECHO clinics last 1-2 hours depending on the clinic and the focus.
- Often times, teleECHO clinics are scheduled either before office hours or during lunch to provide little disruption to clinic hours.

➤ **Benefits of Project ECHO:** • Many patients no longer have to travel long distances to see a specialist

- When patients are treated in their local communities, by providers they know and trust, it enhances their adherence to treatment and follow-up care
- Opportunity to earn continuing education credits for provider participation
- Participation in teleECHO clinics is free. Project ECHO is grant funded

➤ **All levels of providers are encouraged to participate in teleECHO clinics including:**

- Physicians
- Physician Assistants
- Nurse Practitioners
- Registers Nurses
- Psychiatrists
- Social Workers
- CHWs
- Pharmacists