February 2019

WV Project ECHO Participation Agreement

Agreement between WV Project ECHO and _____

To Participate in the WV Project ECHO Heart Failure:

Through funding and support from the WVU School of Medicine, the West Virginia Clinical & Translational Science Institute (WVCTSI), Cabin Creek Health Systems and The WV Primary Care Association are partnering with Project ECHO® (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) to expand the WV Project ECHO program to the area of Heart Failure. Federally qualified health centers, community health centers, primary care physicians and behavioral health providers will have an opportunity to be trained in the areas of improving provider knowledge of basic heart failure physiology in both prescribed and reduced ejection fraction, increase knowledge in regards to heart failure medication guidelines, better understanding of advanced heart failure and treatment options, and improve understanding of the effects of nutrition on patients with heart failure at no cost, delivered right to your clinic using simple videoconferencing technology. This is an expansion of the successful ECHO projects in the areas of HCV/HIV, chronic pain, medication-assisted treatment, psychiatry, chronic lung disease, and endocrine. Hub member specialists in the area of Heart Failure and other complementary areas (pharmacist, dietician, cardiac nurses, and case managers) will consult with participating primary care providers from around West Virginia on de-identified patient cases and discussion questions regarding policies and processes.

The consultation and education for primary care providers is provided on the **1st and 3rd Fridays** of each month starting on ***March 1, 2019 from 12-1pm.***

The key elements of the WV Project ECHO Heart Failure are as follows:

Who can participate?

- Organizations wishing to be trained in the areas of improving provider knowledge of basic heart failure physiology in both prescribed and reduced ejection fraction, increase knowledge in regards to heart failure medication guidelines, better understanding of advanced heart failure and treatment options, and improve understanding of the effects of nutrition on patients with heart failure.
- Primary care providers, behavioral health, pharmacists, nurses, and case managers/social workers.

How does it work?

- Case are submitted using the electronic case form
    - Each form will be given a random “ECHO ID” once submitted for tracking purposes.
- At the video-conference sessions a “Hub” of WVU specialists in the area of Heart Failure and other complementary areas (pharmacist, dietician, cardiac nurses, and case managers) will consult with participating primary care providers from around West Virginia on de-identified patient cases and discussing questions regarding policies and processes.
- The session will include a brief didactic piece related to Heart Failure (15-20 minutes).
- No protected health information is shared in the sessions.

- The sessions are conducted using Zoom, a video-conferencing platform. The Zoom platform is provided without charge to the primary care practices. The participants will require a desktop, laptop, tablet or phone with a camera and microphone with internet access. Participants can join by phone but it is recommended to join by video conference.
- Participants can attend as little or as many as possible.
    - There is no minimum or maximum number of sessions that must be attended.
- These sessions are ***case driven*** and we ***strongly encourage*** all participants to present a patient at a session.
    - Submission and scheduling of presentations will be handled by the ECHO coordinator.
- The ECHO sessions are not reimbursable (unlike telemedicine sessions).
- CME credit will be offered at each session for those who attend.
    - Flat rate of 1 credit hour for all Hub members and participants
    - WVU Department of Continuing Medical Education will handle all CME evaluations and certificates.
- Hub members will be available off line in between sessions for urgent questions or situations.

During the video-conference all participants can view each other on their computer screens and participate in the discussion. This is both a means of getting specialty consultation for individual patients and a creating an opportunity for expanding specialty learning.

Continuing education credits will be provided for all types of Physicians, Nurse Practitioner, Physicians Assistants, and Nurses through WVU's Department of Continuing Medical Education. In order to receive the credits participants will be asked to fill out a periodic survey on the ECHO sessions that is provided from the WVU Continuing Medical Education office via email.

Participating physicians or administrators may contact the specialty team for assistance between video-conference sessions as needed. Please contact Jay Mason at jdmason@hsc.wvu.edu or Kayetlyn Edinger at kedinger@hsc.wvu.edu with any questions you may have about the WV Project ECHO Program.

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