



WV Project ECHO

*Expanding Knowledge across
West Virginia Communities*

What is Project ECHO?

- Project ECHO® is a lifelong learning and guided practice model that revolutionizes medical education and exponentially increases workforce capacity to provide best practice specialty care and reduce health disparities through its hub-and-spoke knowledge sharing networks.



People need access to specialty care for their complex health conditions.



There aren't enough specialists to treat everyone who needs care, especially in rural and underserved communities.



ECHO trains primary care clinicians to provide specialty care services. This means more people can get the care they need.



Patients get the right care, in the right place, at the right time. This improves outcomes and reduces costs.

How does it work?

- Twice-a-month video conferencing session for 1 hour
- Rural Primary Care Physicians (spokes) present de-identified case presentations
 - Case forms are completed electronically
- Hub members provide recommendations and advice on case presentations
- Hub members present didactic presentations
 - All didactic materials are shared and uploaded to the WV Project ECHO website
- CME credit is offered to both Hub members and Spokes

What are the benefits?

| Providers | Patients | Communities |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to treat more patients • Less isolation with improved recruitment and retention • A learning collaborative opportunity among rural primary care teams | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased access to specialty care • Local care at trusted sites • Reduce travel and wait times | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced health disparities • Retention of providers in local communities • Enhanced community resiliency |