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Laramie, WY – The University of Wyoming Center on Aging in collaboration with the Montana Geriatric Education Center will be offering an ECHO in Geriatrics for healthcare professionals and students in the Rocky Mountain Region. ECHO stands for Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes and it is a virtual model facilitated by distance meeting technology that allows for lifelong medical learning and collaborative practice that links front-line healthcare providers with specialist care teams to manage patients who have chronic conditions requiring complex care. It is transforming the way medical knowledge is shared and translated into everyday practice – and, in the process, enabling thousands of people in remote and medically underserved communities to get care they could not easily get before, if at all.

Each ECHO network will also feature a brief community discussion on a variety of important topics related to geriatrics. Healthcare providers are invited to present challenging cases for discussion with a network of colleagues as well as feedback from a specialist care team. The ECHO's focus will be on Palliative Care starting May 7th with an Introduction to the ECHO Model & Age-Friendly Healthcare presented by Catherine Carrico, PhD & Emma Bjore, MD. Other topics include, Palliative Care: Who, What, Why; Comprehensive Goal Setting to Support Palliative Care; Harnessing Local Strengths to Incorporating Palliative Care Principles; Is This Working? Assessing the Impact of Palliative Care, and more!

This is also a great opportunity to earn continuing education CEs/CMEs hours. They will be available for interdisciplinary healthcare providers including medicine, pharmacy, nursing, social work, psychology, and other healthcare professionals and social service providers and students.

Past attendees have stated, "Thank you. Please pass on to the team how beneficial their guidance has been. I've been able to utilize the info/recommendations and pass on to many of the professionals I work with. We are proceeding with their recommendations!" "It really is for our benefit, for our residents, and what a wonderful opportunity!!"

The UW ECHO in Geriatrics with a focus on Palliative Care will start May 7th and run through September 10th. It will be held every other week at 12:00pm MDT. For more information and a complete agenda, check out the University of Wyoming Center on Aging at <u>www.uwyo.edu/wycoa/</u> A one-time registration is required. Please call (307) 766-2829 or email <u>wycoa@uwyo.edu</u>.

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