What is ECHO?

Project ECHO is a virtual model 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 couldn’t easily get before, if at all. Through the UW ECHO® in Geriatrics, sponsored by the Wyoming Center on Aging, healthcare professionals throughout the state have the opportunity to receive best-practice recommendations for consideration in management of older adults. You are invited to present challenging cases for discussion and feedback to a network of colleagues as well as a specialist care team. Each ECHO network will also feature a brief community discussion on a variety of important topics related to geriatrics.

Goals/Objectives:
At the conclusion of this activity, learners should be able to: develop a network of geriatric care practitioners; create hubs of geriatric expertise in Wyoming; plan ways to support providers who care for geriatric patients; and increase knowledge of how to access and address opioid misuse in older adults.

To learn more about Project ECHO visit: http://echo.unm.edu/

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UW ECHO in Geriatrics Curriculum

Thursdays 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm MST
A biweekly case conference plus educational presentation

UW ECHO in Geriatrics Format:
12:00pm-12:10pm: Welcome & Introductions
12:10pm-12:40pm: Case Presentation & Discussion
12:40pm-1:10 pm: 30 minute Community Discussion
1:10 pm-1:15pm: Closing & Evaluation

Community Discussion Topics: 2019
Chronic Pain Management and Opioids

Feb 14  Best Practices for Opioids & Older Adults
Presenter: Cara Johnson, DO

Feb 28  Medication for Management of Chronic Pain with Older Adults
Presenter: Natalie Winter, MD

Mar 14  Psychological Effects of Chronic Pain on Older Adults
Presenter: Soo Borson, MD

Mar 28  Non-Pharmacologic Management of Chronic Pain with Older Adults
Presenter: Tennille Nelson, PT, DPT, GCS

Apr 11  Substance Use to Manage Chronic Pain
Presenter: Berton Toews M.D.

Apr 25  Medication Assisted Treatment
Presenter: Berton Toews M.D.

May 9  Opioid Legislation & Regulatory Update
Presenter: Antoinette Brown, RPH

May 23  Evidenced-Based Programs for Older Adults: A Focus on Falls Prevention
Presenter: Tennille Nelson, PT, DPT and WY Dept. of Health Injury & Violence Prevention Program

June 6  Older Adult Driver Safety: Assessment and Resources
Presenter: Cara Johnson, DO and WY Dept. of Health Injury & Violence Prevention Program

June 20  Older Adult Driver Safety & More Resources!
Presenter: AGS Safe Drive app

General Information

Case Consultation and Networking
Healthcare professionals throughout the state are offered the opportunity to receive best-practice recommendations for consideration in the management of older adults by presenting challenging cases for discussion and feedback to a network of colleagues as well as a specialist care team.

Interprofessional Specialist Hub Team:
Cara Johnson, DO. Geriatrician
Tonja Woods, PharmD, CGP. Geriatric Pharmacist
Pamela Oiler, LCSW. Social Worker
Mary Kerber, MD. Neurologist
Soo Borson, MD. Geriatric Psychiatrist
Tennille Nelson, PT, DPT. Physical Therapist
Erin J. Bush, PhD, CCC-SLP. Speech Language Pathologist
Carmen Bowman, MHS, BSW. Culture Change Expert
Maya Pignatore, PhD. Psychologist

Experiences of Case Presenters:
"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!"

"Thanks a million for the copy of the recommendations."

"It really is for our benefit, for our residents, and what a wonderful opportunity!!"

Requirements for participation:
- A one-time registration is required. Please call (307) 766-2829 or email wycoa@uwyo.edu.
- 1 case presentation from each site for the 2019 year.
- A venue or room for participants at your site that has a PC with a webcam, iPad, or iPhone connected to the internet.
- A designee who is responsible for working with WyCOA on network details.
- All participants are asked to complete an evaluation for each network.
  *Eval required for CE/CMEs

Continuing Education
Continuing education CEs/CMEs hours will be available for interdisciplinary healthcare providers including pharmacy, nursing, social work, psychology, and other healthcare professionals and social service providers and students for the networks they attend.