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, the Montana Geriatric Education Center, and Mountain Pacific Quality Health Foundation healthcare professionals throughout the region 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.

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!!"

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 the Rocky Mountain Region, implement best practices for geriatric patients; identify strategies to assess and address the 4Ms (What Matters, Mentation, Mobility, Medication) of geriatric healthcare.

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

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WY ECHO in Geriatrics Curriculum

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

Why This Work Matters to Me: Geriatric Care in Trying Times
Presenter: Crystal Morse, CSW, CCM. Scott Veatch, Caregiver. Sabine Schenck, MS.

Why We Do What We Do
Presenter: UW ECHO in Geriatrics IP Specialist Hub Team

Stabilizing Care Through Staffing Changes
Presenter: TBD

Seeking The Positives (Managing Vicarious Trauma)
Presenter: Maya Pignatore, PhD

The Gray Matters: Dilemmas, Decisions, and Uncertainty in Geriatric Care

Supporting Complex Clinical Decisions
Presenter: TBD

Seeking a Higher Level of Care (Independent vs living facility)
Presenter: Tennille Nelson, PT, DPT

Hospice Care
Presenter: Mary Kerber, MD & Monica Trimble, LCSW

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Dementia Dilemmas (Safety vs Autonomy)
Presenter: Maya Pignatore, PhD

Dementia Dilemmas (Involving Family)
Presenter: Mary Kerber, MD

Alzheimer’s Medications
Presenter: Tonja Woods, PharmD, BCGP

Medication Dilemmas
Presenter: Tonja Woods, PharmD, BCGP

Utilizing Best Practices in Low-Resources Settings
Presenter: Monica Trimble, LCSW

Advanced Care Planning/Surrogate Decision Makers
Presenter: TBD

Previous sessions available for viewing: Contact WyCOA for more info!

General Information

Case Consultation and Networking
Healthcare professionals throughout the region 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:
Emma Bjore, MD. Geriatrician
Tonja Woods, PharmD, BCGP. Geriatric Pharmacist
Monica Trimble, 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
Maya Pignatore, PhD. Psychologist
Faith Jones, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Care Coordination Specialist

Requirements for participation:
- A one-time registration is required. Contact wycoa@uwyo.edu
- 1 case presentation from each site each year.
- All participants are asked to complete an evaluation for each session.
- *Completed evaluation 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.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of University of Wyoming and Cheyenne Regional Medical Center. Cheyenne Regional Medical Center is accredited by the Colorado Medical Society to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Cheyenne Regional Medical Center designates this presentation for a maximum of (1.0)AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit that commensurates with the extent of their participation.

Nursing CEs approved through the Wyoming Hospital Association. WyCOA can provide a Certificate of Completion to all other disciplines.