The ECHO Model™

Moving Knowledge, Not People
Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is a movement to demonopolize knowledge and amplify the capacity to provide best practice care for underserved people all over the world. The ECHO model is committed to addressing the needs of the most vulnerable populations by equipping communities with the right knowledge, at the right place, at the right time.

Four Principles of the ECHO Model
- Use Technology to leverage scarce resources
- Share "best practices" to reduce disparities
- Apply case-based learning to master complexity
- Evaluate and monitor outcomes

Benefits of Becoming a Part of the ECHO community
- Access Communities
- Reduce Disparities
- Promote Consistency
- Rapid Dissemination
- Increase Professional Knowledge
- Isolation Decrease

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Project ECHO’s Story
Launched in 2003, Project ECHO grew out of one doctor’s vision. Sanjeev Arora, M.D., a social innovator and liver disease specialist at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center in Albuquerque, was frustrated that he could serve only a fraction of the hepatitis C patients in the state. He wanted to serve as many patients with hepatitis C as possible, so he created a free, educational model and mentored community providers across New Mexico in how to treat the condition. A New England Journal of Medicine study found that hepatitis C care provided by Project ECHO trained community providers was as good as care provided by specialists at a university. The ECHO model is not traditional “telemedicine” where the specialist assumes care of the patient, but is instead telementoring, a guided practice model where the participating clinician retains responsibility for managing the patient.

Building a Global Community
Dozens of teleECHO™ programs addressing common complex conditions take place every week—and their reach extends far beyond New Mexico. Global interest is mounting. ECHO programs operate in North and South America, Europe, Australia, Africa and Asia.

Changing the World, Fast
Replicating the ECHO model across the U.S. dramatically increases the number of community partners participating in ECHO, enabling more people in rural and underserved communities to get the expertise they need.

190+
U.S. Partners

100+
Global Partners

35
Countries

Goal: Touch the lives of 1 Billion by 2025

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