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, and the Montana Geriatric Education Center, 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; and articulate the 4M’s of geriatric care.

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

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UW ECHO in Geriatrics Curriculum

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

UW ECHO® in Geriatrics Format:
12:00pm-12:05: Introductions & Welcome
12:05pm-12:30pm: 25 minute case presentation
12:30pm-12:55pm: 20minute didactic
12:55pm-1:00pm: Closing & Evaluations

Community Discussion Topics: May – July 2020
A Focus on Palliative Care

May 7th  Introduction to the ECHO Model & Age-Friendly Healthcare
Presenter: Catherine Carrico, PhD & Emma Bjore, MD

May 21st  Palliative Care: Who, What, Why?
Presenter: Hillary Lum, MD, PhD. University of Colorado School of Medicine. Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center

June 4th  Comprehensive Goal Setting to Support Palliative Care
Presenter: Soo Borson, MD

June 18th  Harnessing Local Strengths to Incorporating Palliative Care Principles
Presenter: Emma Bjore, MD

July 2nd  Care Coordination to Support Palliative Care
Presenter: Faith Jones, MSN, RN, NEA-BC

July 16th  The Palliative Care Plan: Illustrative Case Examples
Presenter: TBD

July 30th  The Palliative Care Plan: Illustrative Case Examples
Presenter: TBD

Aug 13th  The Palliative Care Plan: Illustrative Case Examples
Presenter: TBD

Aug 27th  The Palliative Care Plan: Illustrative Case Examples
Presenter: TBD

Sept 10th  Is this Working? Assessing the Impact of Palliative Care
Presenter: Soo Borson, MD

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:
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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 each 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.
  *Completed evaluation required for CE/CMEs

Continuing Education
Continuing education CE/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 CreditsTM. 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.