

University of Vermont Project ECHO Lyme Disease and Tick-borne Illness

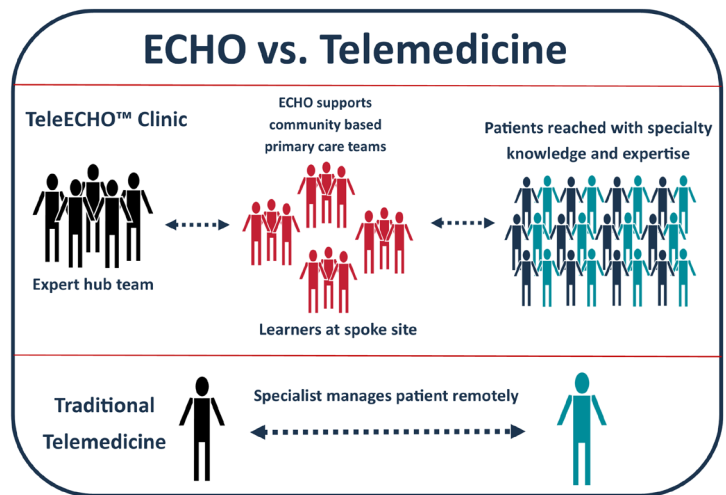


This program will highlight best practices and evidence-based care for treating patients with exposure to ticks, and associated illnesses – with a focus on Lyme disease. The program will identify strategies, best practices, and emerging topics in this field. The intended audience is a cohort of individuals or practice teams, including family medicine, and internal medicine throughout Vermont.

This program is offered at no-cost to participants through a grant from the Vermont Department of Health. Participants can receive CME credits for each learning session attended. A limited number of practice-level stipends are available for participating practice teams. Please see the practice stipend application for details.

About Project ECHO

This program uses the Project ECHO model™. **Project ECHO®** (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is an evidence-based interactive distance-learning method developed by researchers at the University of New Mexico. The ECHO model™ links teams of interdisciplinary specialists with primary care clinicians. During teleECHO™ sessions, experts mentor and share their expertise across a virtual network via case-based learning, enabling primary care practice teams to treat patients with complex conditions in their own communities.



2019 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

DATES (All Fridays, 12pm to 1pm)	SESSION	DIDACTIC TOPICS (in addition to case review)
May 17	TeleECHO Session #1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation to Project ECHO • Program Overview • Anatomy of teleECHO Session • Case Presentation Templates • Tick-borne Illness/Epidemiology
June 21	TeleECHO Session #2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early localized Lyme diagnosis, treatment, and interpreting tests
July 19	TeleECHO Session #3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early disseminated and late Lyme diagnosis and treatment (cardiac, rheumatologic, neurologic)
August 16	TeleECHO Session #4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chronic Lyme Disease
Sept 20	TeleECHO Session #5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anaplasmosis
October 25	TeleECHO Session #6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other tickborne diseases (babesiosis, etc.)

The program will help participants build capacity by:

- Providing consultation from an experienced team of experts and specialists through regular web-based case conferences and teaching;
- Providing an interactive and engaged virtual learning environment; and
- Focusing on critical issues that arise in the care of patients with Lyme disease and tick-borne illness.



Participants commit to:

- Participate in each Project ECHO case-based learning session, using a virtual meeting platform (see program schedule, 6 sessions total);
- Each virtual learning session is 60-minutes in duration and will consist of a case presentation and brief lecture with Q&A
- Use a webcam to participate face-to-face in each session (this is a core element of the Project ECHO model and is required for this program);
- Submit case(s) and present them to the group;
- Complete a post-assessment survey at end of each session; and
- Provide requested evaluation feedback at the end of the full program.

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TO REGISTER

Complete the registration form by May 3, 2019. As part of the registration process, participants are asked to complete a Statement of Collaboration (SoC) outlining the program commitments.

NOTE: The program has limited enrollment. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

General questions about the University of Vermont's Project ECHO can be directed to Elizabeth.Cote@uvm.edu, clinical/topic-specific questions can be directed to Mark.Pasanen@uvm.edu.