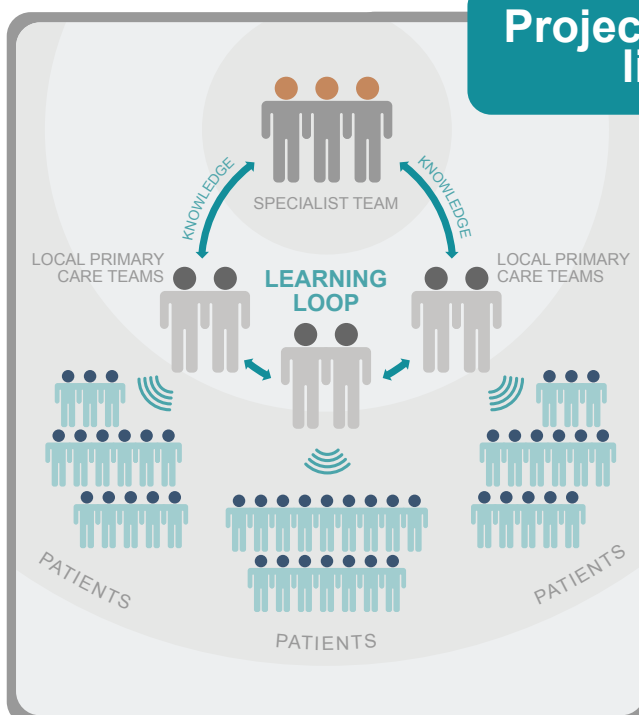


# Project ECHO®:

*Right Knowledge. Right Place. Right Time.*

Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is a movement to demonopolize knowledge and amplify local 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.

**Project ECHO is a movement to improve the lives of people all over the world.**



### Moving Knowledge Not People

Project ECHO transforms the way education and knowledge are delivered to reach more people in rural and underserved communities.

This low-cost, high-impact intervention is accomplished by linking inter-disciplinary specialist teams with multiple primary care clinicians through teleECHO™ clinics. Experts mentor and share their expertise across a virtual network via case-based learning, enabling primary care clinicians to treat patients with complex conditions in their own communities.

People get the high-quality care they need, when they need it, close to home.

### 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 care they need.

- 50+ U.S. Sites
- 100+ Global Partners
- 18+ Countries

**GOAL** touch the lives of **1 Billion by 2025**

### Building a Global Community

Dozens of teleECHO clinics addressing common complex conditions take place every week—and their reach extends far beyond New Mexico. From Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston to the University of Hawaii.

Global interest is mounting. ECHO programs operate in North and South America, Europe, Australia, Africa and Asia.

### What is the ECHO Model?

1. Use Technology to leverage scarce resources
2. Share “best practices” to reduce disparities
3. Apply case-based learning to master complexity
4. Evaluate and monitor outcomes via web-based database



# Project ECHO's Story

Spreading *knowledge*,  
expanding *capacity*  
& accelerating *collective wisdom*.

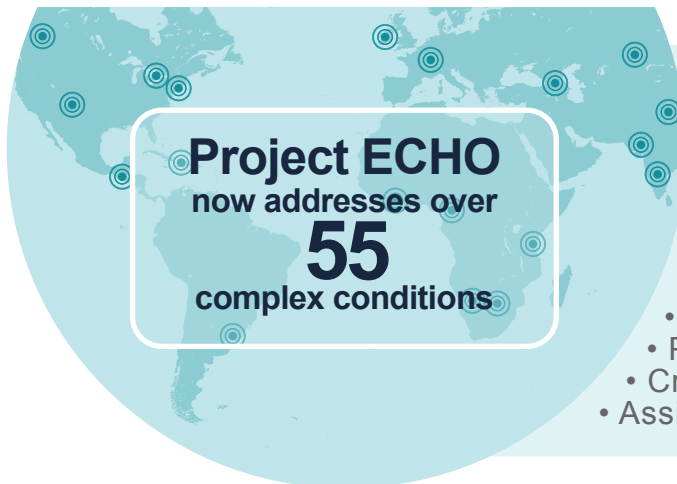
Launched in 2003, Project ECHO grew out of one doctor's vision. Sanjeev Arora, M.D., a social innovator and liver disease specialist at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center in Albuquerque, was frustrated that he could serve only a fraction of the hepatitis C patients in the state. He wanted to serve as many patients with hepatitis C as possible, so he created a free, virtual mentoring platform and mentored community providers across New Mexico in how to treat the condition. The ECHO model is a telementoring, guided practice model where the participating clinician retains responsibility for managing the patient. A study published in the New England Journal of Medicine found that hepatitis C care provided by Project ECHO trained community providers resulted in outcomes equal to those provided by specialists at a university.



## Benefits of Becoming a Partner in the ECHO Movement

ECHO partners acquire new skills and competencies. They become part of a community of practice and learning, increasing their professional satisfaction while their feelings of professional isolation decrease.

- Better access for rural and underserved communities
- Reduced disparities
- Better quality and safety
- Rapid dissemination of best practices
- Promote consistency in care and practice
- Greater efficiency



## Including:

- Hepatitis C
- HIV
- Substance Use Disorders
- Diabetes and Endocrinology
- Chronic Pain
- Tuberculosis
- Autism
- Palliative Care
- Crisis Intervention Training
- Assistive Technologies in Education

## Funding Partners

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality  
Albuquerque Area Tribal Epidemiology Center  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Society of Addiction Medicine  
Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation  
BlueCross BlueShield, Molina, Presbyterian

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Defense Health Administration  
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation  
GE Foundation  
Goradia Charitable Foundation

Health Resources Services Administration  
Helmsley Charitable Trust  
Indian Health Service  
I-TECH  
L.I.F.E.R Foundation  
Merck Foundation

New Mexico Department of Corrections  
New Mexico Department of Health  
New Mexico State Legislature  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation  
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Help us build the ECHO Movement! Join Project ECHO now.

For more information on Project ECHO visit [echo.unm.edu](http://echo.unm.edu)

