



Improve Sickle Cell Care and Outcomes with Project ECHO®

Sickle cell is a genetic life-long disease characterized by episodes of severe pain, frequent hospitalizations, long-term organ damage and a shortened lifespan. Most physicians with expertise in sickle cell disease practice in academic healthcare centers or large medical centers. That means that there are large gaps in access to care. Lack of knowledge about the long-term effects of sickle cell disease and physician assumptions can lead to suboptimal care and a less desirable quality of life for these patients.

ECHO® (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes), is an Internationally recognized tele-mentoring model that connects providers with specialists through regularly scheduled, interactive, tele-mentoring sessions.

Benefits of ECHO®

- Specialists train community providers in an area outside of their expertise
- Specialists use low-cost videoconferencing to conduct tele-ECHO clinics
- Expands access to care for rural and underserved patients
- Rapid dissemination of best practices
- Providers receive CME/CE and MOC II/IV points by participating in virtual grand rounds.



The **EMBRACE Network** (Education and Mentoring to Bring Access to Care), is a project that seeks to expand access to quality care, improve care delivery, and provide knowledge and support. Through regular ECHO® clinics, like virtual grand rounds, patient case presentations will be combined with didactic learning and mentoring. We invite you to participate in these sessions to engage with a team of multi-disciplinary specialists around the management of sickle cell disease.

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