





Goals of Project ECHO®

To expand the capacity to provide best practice care for common and complex diseases in rural and underserved areas and to monitor outcomes.



Model of Project ECHO®

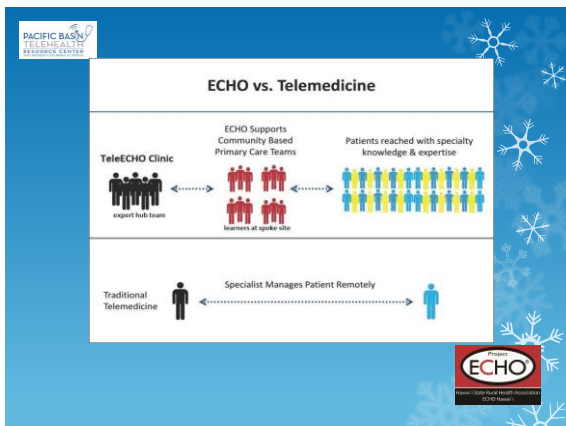
- 1) Use telehealth technology to leverage scarce healthcare resources
- 2) ... to share best practices and reduce variation in care ...
- 3) to improve outcomes through practice-based learning that develops specialty expertise among primary care providers,
- 4) and monitor outcomes.












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It is important to understand what **ECHO**[®] **is**, and what it **is not**

- ECHO is not simply a patient-care clinic, and we do not do telemedicine.
- ECHO is educational, not merely consultative.
- We build expertise at the primary care level to safely and effectively manage common, complex conditions so that these experts can meet some of the need for specialty care within the community.
- ECHO clinics are all different, based on the disease focus and the style of the teams involved.



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Methods

- Use technology
- Sharing “best practices”
- Case based learning
- Web-based database to monitor outcomes



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Benefits to Rural Clinicians

- No cost CMEs and Nursing CEUs
- Professional interaction with colleagues with similar interest
 - Less isolation with improved recruitment and retention
- A mix of work and learning
- Access to specialty consultation with GI, hepatology, psychiatry, infectious diseases, addiction specialist, pharmacist, patient educator



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ECHO in Hawai'i, for Hawai'i

- ✓ Hawai'i State Rural Health Association
- ✓ AHEC
- ✓ State of Hawai'i, Department of Health
- ✓ Pacific Basin Telehealth
- ✓ Ohana Health Plan





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Behavioral Health ECHO

- Started 1/19/2016

Session Date	Attendees	Sites	# Islands
1/19	33	15	3
1/26	29	16	3
2/2	22	13	4
2/9	26	16	4
2/16	28	17	4
2/23	27	18	4
3/1	18	13	4


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Endocrine ECHO

- Started 2/19/2016

Session Date	Attendees	Sites	# Islands
2/19	19	12	4
2/26	25	16	3
3/4	17	11	4

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