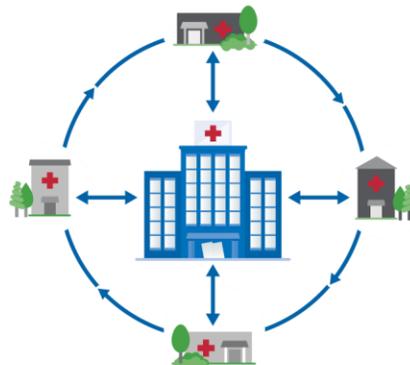


In the U.S. and around the world, people are not getting access to the specialty care they need, when they need it, for complex and treatable conditions.

## Moving Knowledge, Not Patients

Through technology-enabled collaborative learning, ECHO creates access to high-quality specialty care in local communities.



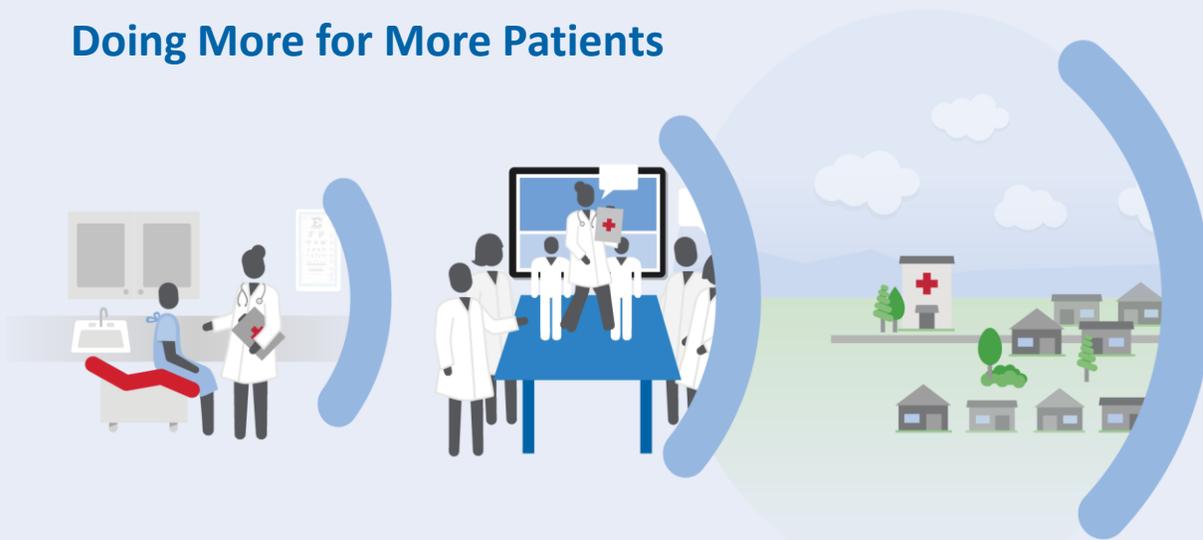
Hub and spoke knowledge-sharing networks create a learning loop:

**Community providers learn from specialists.**

**Community providers learn from each other.**

**Specialists learn from community providers as best practices emerge.**

## Doing More for More Patients



### PATIENTS

- Right Care
- Right Place
- Right Time

### PROVIDERS

- Acquire New Knowledge
- Treat More Patients
- Build Community of Practice

### COMMUNITY

- Reduce Disparities
- Retain Providers
- Keep Patients Local

### SYSTEM

- Increase Access
- Improve Quality
- Reduce Cost

## Changing the World, Fast



### NEW MEXICO

- More than 300 community clinic sites
- 77,000 CME credits provided for free via ECHO-operated clinics



### NATIONAL

- Operating in 30 states and growing
- 45 complex conditions



### GLOBAL

- Operating 90+ hubs in more than 13 countries and growing
- Goal of touching 1 billion lives by 2025

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# Beacon Health Options – Project ECHO®

## Opioid Use Disorders

The Beacon teleECHO Project is designed to provide video conference consultation and education services to qualified Medicaid Program providers who are interested in expanding their knowledge, confidence, and utilization of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorders.

A primary goal of the program is to expand access to, and utilization of MAT, particularly buprenorphine through the provision of education and support to Data 2000 waived providers who are operating well below the prescribing capacity allowed under the waiver.

A diversity of provider types (psychiatry, general medicine, APRN, etc.) and settings (mental health clinics, medical practices, methadone, etc.) are desired for participation in the project.

Project ECHO has three primary components;

1. teleECHO Hub
2. teleECHO Spokes
3. teleECHO Support Team

The **Beacon teleECHO Hub** is composed of a team of Beacon staff who function as experts on MAT for opioid use disorders and particularly, the prescribing of buprenorphine. The teleECHO Hub will convene biweekly 1-hour video conference teleECHO clinics, providing education, support, and consultation to the teleECHO Spokes. The teleECHO Hub team will include some combination of the following; MD addiction medicine specialist(s), pharmacist, nurse, clinician, case manager, local (CT) based substance use disorder clinician knowledgeable regarding the local community of care, peer, or other relevant specialist.

The **teleECHO Spokes** will consist of up to ten local clinics, provider groups, group practices, or other settings employing multiple trained Data 2000 Waived eligible buprenorphine prescribers that are CMAP practitioners authorized to bill Connecticut Medicaid. Up to eight staff at each teleECHO Spoke may participate in each teleECHO clinic including waived prescribers and other staff involved in the care and treatment of members with opioid use disorders (nurses, clinicians, care managers, non-waived physicians, etc.).

The **teleECHO Support Team** is composed of Beacon employees that work for Beacon's Corporate Division and those that work locally in Beacon's Connecticut Engagement Center.

### Provider Benefits

- Professional interaction with colleagues who share similar interests
  - **Diminishes professional isolation**
- Provides access to **specialty consultation and mentorship** with addictionologist, psychiatrist, pharmacist, and patient specialists
  - Develop clinical expertise
  - Become a local expert for your clinic or group
- Establishes a **good mix of work and learning**
- Improves **Professional Satisfaction/retention**

### System Benefits

- Improves Quality and Safety
- **Reduces variations in care** across settings
- Improves access for rural and underserved patients
- **De-monopolizes specialty medical knowledge**
- Supports the Medical Home Model
- **Cost-effective care** – prevents excessive testing and travel
- Addresses the **impact of untreated disease** (e.g. overdose deaths, comorbid physical health complications)

For more information about Project ECHO and how to be a part of the program, please review the Request for Qualification (RFQ) posted to the [www.ctbhp.com](http://www.ctbhp.com) website located under News & Events.