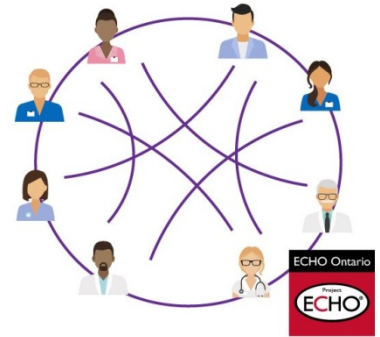




Project ECHO Ontario Skin and Wound Questions and Answers



1. How does Project ECHO Ontario Skin and Wound work?

ECHO stands for **E**xtensions for **C**ommunity **H**ealthcare **O**utcomes.

The ECHO model™ links specialist/ resource team (Hub) with primary care community-based partners (Spokes) to form the Hub and Spokes model. It uses a combination of live online sessions and in-person skills training to build health care capacity. The online sessions are live 2 hours weekly and include a short educational lecture, followed by case-based learning from the participants' own patients.

The resource team (Hub) puts together the content of the ECHO educational lectures. Participants present *de-identified* cases of their own patients during the live online sessions. Participants also contribute to case discussions, and evaluation surveys. They also receive continuing education/ continuous professional development credits (CE/ CPD).

Through the ECHO model™, community providers and specialists learn from each other, acquire knowledge, skills, increase competency and build a strong community of practice. Participants become part of a supportive community of practice and an inter-professional team.

2. What will participants learn from Project ECHO Ontario Skin and Wound?

Wound and skin care issues, including:

- Diabetic foot ulcers
- Pressure injuries (ulcers)
- Venous leg ulcers
- Common dermatological issues related to wounds e.g. hidradenitis suppurativa

3. What is the curriculum based on?

- International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC) offered at the University of Toronto.
- The Registered Nurses Association of Ontario's best practice guidelines (BPGs)
- Health Quality Ontario Quality Standards
- Wounds Canada Best Practice Recommendations



4. What is required of participants?

A. Time: Weekly 2-hour sessions: 15 minute educational lecture, followed by 75 minutes of patient case discussions. There will also be opportunities to attend in-person ‘boot camp’ skills trainings a few times per year, to be held at various locations in Ontario.

B. Internet Access and a Webcam Enabled Device: Participants must attend the online sessions that will be offered via Zoom technology, a free online platform accessible from most desktops, laptops and smartphones. A webcam is highly encouraged as the learning experience will be highly visual and interactive. Participants will also be encouraged to download supplementary reading and material that will be made available online.

C. Commitment: As space is limited and demand is high, we ask that interested persons who sign-up commit to attending the majority of the online sessions and sign a written statement of collaboration. We also ask that participants act respectfully towards each other and members of the resource team. Further, participants should ensure that there is no sharing of identifiable information regarding the patients of the cases presented.

5. What costs are involved?

ECHO Ontario Skin and Wound **is provided at NO COST** for Ontario based health care providers.

6. What are the benefits for health care providers?

- Enhanced care for patients with skin and wound care issues
- Certificate of Attendance, if a regular participant
- Continuing Medical Education (CME) Credits awarded by Queen’s University
- Being part of an interprofessional community of practice

7. How to sign up?

Email: info@echowoundskin.com

Please provide information on your location, team members, health organization and what skin and wound care conditions you are interested in.

8. When does the Project start?

Anticipated start date is in spring 2019.



9. How will participants be selected?

Health care providers with an interprofessional team / health care organizations within Ontario are welcome to apply; however space in Project ECHO Wound and Skin will be limited.

Preference will be given to health care providers who can participate in the online sessions as part of an interprofessional team, who are in underserved areas, and/or who often treat First Nations/Metis/Inuit people living in Ontario.

10. How can I learn more?

Visit: <https://www.echoontario.ca/Echo-Clinic/Wound.aspx>

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