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(CCSQ Grand Rounds Enduring Webinar)**

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## Continuing Education Credit Information

### Continuing Education Credit

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## Activity Information

### Activity Description

This presentation will cover methods, benefits, and outcomes of sharing specialized medical knowledge in a national and global setting as demonstrated by Project ECHO®.

### Target Audience

This activity is designed for physicians and other health care professionals.

### Learning Objective

By the end of this presentation, learners will be able to identify methods, benefits, and outcomes of sharing specialized medical knowledge in a national and global setting as demonstrated by Project ECHO®.

### Participation

Register for the webinar, participate in the webinar, and access and complete the assessment and evaluation.

### Speaker Bio & Disclosure

No one in a position to control the content of this activity has anything to disclose. The planner/developer of this activity has signed a disclosure statement indicating any relevant financial interests. This activity was developed without commercial support.

**Sanjeev Arora, MD, developer/presenter**, is the Director and Founder of Project ECHO®. He is a Distinguished Professor of Medicine with tenure in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center. Dr. Arora developed the Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) Model as an innovative paradigm to expand

access to specialty medical care for vulnerable populations and under served areas. Using videoconferencing technology integrated with clinical management tools, ECHO builds capacity among community-based clinicians via case-based learning and co-management of patients. This helps rural clinicians develop knowledge and self-efficacy so they can adopt research findings and deliver best practice care for complex and chronic health conditions.

The first teleECHO clinic was developed in 2003 to respond to a growing Hepatitis C health crisis and has since expanded to cover over 45 disease areas and complex issues at 82 academic medical centers in 12 countries. The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and the Department of Defense (DOD) have also adopted the ECHO model to enhance access to specialty care. In 2007, Project ECHO® ranked first among more than 300 entries from 27 countries in winning the Changemakers Award. This international competition was sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the Ashoka Foundation to identify programs that are changing the paradigm for how medicine is practiced. In 2011, ECHO published a prospective cohort study in the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM), to prove that treatment for the Hepatitis C virus (HCV) by primary care providers using the ECHO model is as safe and effective as treatment by specialists at an academic medical center.

Over the last 13 years, Dr. Arora has received more than 65 million dollars of grant support. Dr. Arora has been awarded numerous prestigious awards including: the Teresa Heinz and the Heinz Family Foundation 19th Heinz Award for Public Policy, the Second Rosenthal Award from the Rosenthal Family Foundation, and the American College of Physicians (ACP) and the American Telemedicine Association (ATA) President's Award. Dr. Arora was also recognized at the White House during World Hepatitis Day 2014, as a leader in advancing efforts to address viral hepatitis and the goals of the Action Plan for the Prevention, Care, and Treatment of Viral Hepatitis.

### ***Hardware/Software Requirements***

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