Project ECHO comes to West Virginia

Cabrini Health Systems is teaming up with Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) to promote the spread of specialty care throughout West Virginia. The new project is funded by the Alcon and Allergan Foundations, and expands state and national collaborative efforts to improve access to specialty care.

The project involves WVU providers, ophthalmologists, and public health representatives. Preliminary data has helped inform recommendations for improving access to retinal photography code for this service and changing Medicaid policies to cover the retinal photography code for this service.

Recent data has helped increase access to retinal screening scans in a primary care setting, leading to early diagnosis and treatment.

The project continues to inform other agencies.

The project is funded by the Alcon and Allergan Foundations, and supported by WVU Health Sciences, West Virginia University Eye Institute.

The project is led by Dr. D. Ron Gross, MD, Dana King, MD, and Jonathan Kline, PharmD, WVU Project ECHO.

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The project connects WVU Hepatitis C specialists with rural primary care providers from across the state.

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