

## **Amputation Care ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes)**

### **What is ECHO**

Amputation Care ECHO is a hub and spoke educational telementoring model that links expert specialist teams at a 'hub' with clinicians at other locations – the 'spokes' of the model. Together, they participate in monthly ECHO sessions to learn new material and discuss patient care. Each Amputation Care ECHO event contains a short didactic presentation related to amputation care followed by case presentations. Hub specialists serve as mentors and colleagues, sharing their medical knowledge and expertise with clinicians new to amputation or those who do not work with amputation on a routine basis. ECHO creates ongoing learning communities where "spoke" clinicians receive support and develop the skills they need to treat a particular condition. As a result, clinicians can provide comprehensive, best-practice care to patients with complex health conditions right where they live.

### **Purpose Statement**

Amputation Care ECHO strives to:

- a. Use technology (multipoint videoconferencing and audio conferencing) to leverage scarce resources and create knowledge networks. A multidisciplinary team of experts located at the hub is connected with learners at spoke sites on regularly scheduled, monthly Amputation Care ECHO sessions.
- b. Improve outcomes by reducing variations in processes of care and sharing of best practices and expertise.
- c. Utilize case-based learning: guided practice through diverse, real-life cases with subject matter experts to facilitate learning by doing and creating learning loops. Over time, these learning loops create deep knowledge, skills and self-efficacy.

### **Target Audience**

Health care professionals including physicians, occupational therapists, nurses, physical therapists and other clinical staff including, researchers, orthotists and prosthetists.

### **Future Amputation Care ECHO Sessions**

29 NOV	1200 - 1330 ET	<i>2017 Rehabilitation of Lower Limb Amputation CPGs</i>
24 JAN	1200 - 1330 ET	<i>Bilateral Transfemoral Protheses</i>

**Remaining Amputation Care ECHO sessions are held every fourth Wednesday of the month from 1200 – 1330 ET.**

**1.5 CMEs (AMA PRA Category 1) are approved for each activity.**

### **What to Expect**

1200 – 1205 ET	Introductions/ Roll Call
1205 – 1235 ET	Didactic Presentation
1235 – 1325 ET	Case Studies (2)
1325 – 1330 ET	Closing remarks

**To register, participate or for more information, please contact the Amputation Care ECHO Education and Training lead at 703-681-3248 or [usarmy.ncr.hqda-otsg.list.eace-clinical-affairs@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.ncr.hqda-otsg.list.eace-clinical-affairs@mail.mil).**