



POISON EMERGENCY  
POISON INFORMATION

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Hello,

We are writing to let you know about an exciting project we have implemented which combines distance learning with tele-health. We have listened to your requests for innovative ways to keep you informed with new trends that the poison center is seeing and also to collaborate across our 54-county region. The Upstate NY Poison Center of Upstate Medical University is teaming with Project ECHO to launch a Toxicology ECHO beginning in April 2019.

The mission of Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is to develop the capacity to safely and effectively treat chronic, common, and complex diseases in rural and underserved areas, and to monitor outcomes of this treatment. Our goal for the Toxicology teleECHO clinic is to assist clinicians who lack access to medical and clinical toxicologists. We plan to address new and emerging trends in drug use, substance abuse as well as the complications of pharmaceutical and over the counter drugs and environmental threats to our communities. Our plan is for instructional presentations and case discussions to stimulate conversation and create an environment where we all learn.

These CME accredited Toxicology Care clinics are one-hour teleconferencing (video and/or phone) sessions that will be held one Tuesday a month from 12-1 PM. We plan to host our first clinic on April 23, 2019 at 12 pm. A full clinic schedule with dates and topics is attached in this email.

Please contact Deidre Keefe, the ECHO Project Manager, if you are interested in participating and/or have any questions about the program. Once she is made aware of your interest she will send along a welcome letter that details the program, technical requirements, clinic outline and call-in information. Her contact information can be found at the bottom of this page. To keep informed about the upcoming educational activities, please subscribe to our listserve: [toxhealth@lists.upstate.edu](mailto:toxhealth@lists.upstate.edu).

If you have specific content questions related to the Toxicology ECHO or suggestions for other topics we should add in the future, please contact Jeanna Marraffa at [marraffj@upstate.edu](mailto:marraffj@upstate.edu) or 315-464-7076.

We are very excited to be able to offer this nationally known telehealth program here in conjunction with the Upstate NY Poison Center.

We hope to hear from you soon,

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