



January Project ECHO Training Featured Lung Cancer Screening

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An interdisciplinary team of specialists at SUNY Upstate Medical University hosted a virtual two-session mini-ECHO series to promote and educate on lung cancer screening. The first session, held January 5th, focused on the clinical presentation and guidelines of lung cancer and lung cancer screening. The goal of this session was for the participating providers to gain knowledge and confidence in addressing screening needs with their patients while stressing the importance of increasing routine screenings for those eligible and/or at high risk.

The second session was on January 19th and mainly focused to raise the self-efficacy of the providers in the clinical handling of abnormal scans as well as the basics in tobacco cessation counseling. There was also information pertaining to SUNY Upstate’s Lung Cancer Screening Program and how to refer patients to the program.

We hosted 60 providers between the two sessions. This number includes mainly PCPs but also some prehospital providers, office managers, and public health workers. Some of the notable health networks that joined to learn about our Lung Cancer Screening program included Bassett, Connexicare, PACE/Loretto, Onedia, Guthrie, and Finger Lakes Health.



Participating Upstate experts included (from top L to R):
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