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The Care Collaborative

Sharing knowledge. Improving health.

At The Care Collaborative we believe frontline healthcare professionals deserve better access to specialized knowledge. So, every day we build connections across Colorado's medical community—linking people with knowledge to drive high-quality, timely care where it's needed most.

The Care Collaborative offers two innovative programs at the University of Colorado Anschutz School of Medicine: ECHO Colorado (Extension for Community Health Outcomes) and eConsults (electronic consultations). Through these programs, primary care providers across the state can partner with colleagues at the Anschutz Medical Campus, creating a virtual, patient-centered medical community that ultimately improves access to care for Coloradans.

Making expertise accessible throughout the healthcare system creates sustainable solutions that support better outcomes for patients and providers, to help Coloradans live healthier lives.

ECHOs are interactive learning experiences that promote peer-to-peer engagement while disseminating curated medical knowledge that addresses today's health challenges. Providers share knowledge and experiences during ECHO sessions, creating a virtual community that leads to a stronger healthcare network.

eConsults facilitate asynchronous communication between Colorado primary care providers and specialists at CU Anschutz. eConsults help healthcare practitioners and their patients by making it easier and more affordable, especially for people living in rural areas, to get the care they need, when they need it.

2,600
ECHO sessions
since 2016

11,200
eConsults +
ECHO
participants

35,000
eConsults
since 2018

eCONSULTS SPECIALTIES

Allergy and Immunology • Cardiology • Dermatology
Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism • ENT
Gastroenterology • Hepatology • Nephrology
Hospice and Palliative Medicine • Neurology
Infectious Disease • Nephrology • Ophthalmology
Obstetrics and Gynecology • Psychiatry
Pulmonary Medicine • Rheumatology • Urology
Sleep Medicine • Urogynecology • Wound Care

FOCUS AREAS

Specialty collaborations with primary care including endocrinology, neurology, psychiatry, rheumatology and urology

Public health preparedness and response focusing on PFAS, public health updates and syphilis

Adolescent reproductive health, autism, early-stage type 1 diabetes, pediatric suicide prevention and more

The Care Collaborative partners with organizations across the state to:



Increase access
to care



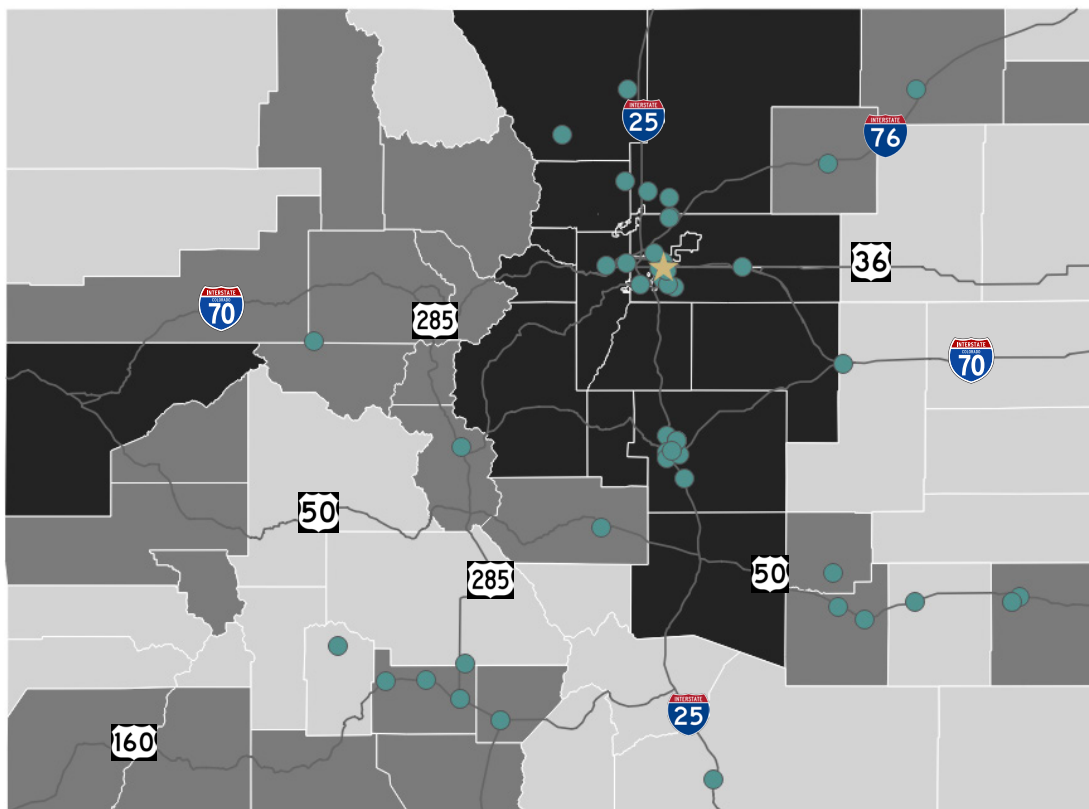
Improve patient
outcomes



Reduce costs and
unnecessary care



Improve patient and
provider satisfaction



- Urban
- Rural
- Frontier
- ★ CU Anschutz
- 52 community-based eConsults partners

888,000
travel miles
saved due to
eConsults

93%
of eConsults
save an
in-person visit

Colorado Reach

The Care Collaborative's programs reach all 64 Colorado counties. More than 6,600 healthcare professionals have participated in an ECHO, and over 2,100 providers have submitted an eConsult. Twenty one percent of ECHO Colorado participants are from rural or frontier counties.

*I have improved
knowledge of where to
refer for care and how
to protect my patients.*

DO from Pueblo County

*I can work up a patient
much more thoroughly
now; I feel confident in
my clinical approach.*

MD from El Paso County

Medicaid, FQHCs and Rural Colorado

In order to impact health equity across the state, The Care Collaborative's efforts focus on serving Medicaid, rural and Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) patients and providers in Colorado. Medicaid is a vital partner in this work. Since 2021, the eConsults program has extended its reach to 52 community-based clinics through an external platform, including 47 FQHCs (Salud, Peak Vista, Valley-Wide, High Plains and STRIDE) and five clinics at MidValley and Rio Grande. To date, 298 FQHC providers have submitted over 2,700 eConsults.

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