

Vision Impairment and Mitigation in Primary Healthcare

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ECHO-Chicago provides training via Zoom to build capacity at the primary care level to help primary care providers (PCPs) become more competent and comfortable delivering care. In partnership with Prevent Blindness, this series will use an evidence-based approach to improve and empower PCPs with knowledge and confidence to deliver better healthcare across the lifespan, promote the prevention of vision disorders, and improve healthcare for patients who are visually impaired or those patients at risk of losing vision. This program is open to primary healthcare providers and eye care providers throughout the United States, and is sponsored by Amgen. **There is no cost to participate and no travel (completely virtual).**

Children-focused series

Beginning August 28th

Series Curriculum

**Every Wednesday (6 weeks)
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CDT)**

August 28: Anatomy of the Eye & Common Vision Conditions in Children
September 4: Evidence-based Vision Screening in Children
September 11: Developmental Milestones before Kindergarten
September 18: Developmental Milestones after Kindergarten
September 25: Treatments for Children's Vision Conditions
October 2: Referrals and Resources

Adult-focused series

Beginning November 6th

Series Curriculum

**Every Wednesday (6 weeks)
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CDT)**

November 6: Age Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)
November 13: Diabetes, Hypertension, and Eye Health
November 20: Diabetes
November 27: No meeting - Thanksgiving Week
December 4: Glaucoma
December 11: Cataracts, Autoimmune, and Dry Eye
December 18: Vision Rehabilitation, Assistive Devices, and Community Resources

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The objectives of this series are to:

- Increase education and self-efficacy among primary care providers in community health centers to help prevent and mitigate vision loss and blindness across the lifespan through referrals and follow-up.
- Improve interprofessional communication between primary care providers and eye care providers in community health centers.
- Increase self-efficacy among primary care providers in community health centers to advocate for expansion of vision services in their clinics.

Lead Facilitator

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The Vision Impairment series from Project ECHO was helpful in our practice, as we integrate more vision services into our primary care setting. The didactic portion covered the kinds of problems that present in our office and the discussion of cases brought the information to us in a practical way. The clearest outcome was that we standardized our vision screening process across all of our offices.

- Carl Toren, MD, MPH from HealthLinc

Participants receive:

- CME credits certified by the University of Chicago (1 credit per hour attended) for PCPs, and COPE credits for ODs
- New skills and knowledge through case-based interactive learning (including cases provided by participants)

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