The Dementia ECHO empowers and supports health professionals to develop competency in identifying and caring for people affected by memory and thinking problems. A team of experts in dementia, geriatrics, palliative care, neurology, psychiatric pharmacology, nursing, social work and public health will offer online collaborative learning sessions every first and third Friday of the month from 12 to 1 p.m.

HOW THIS ECHO WORKS
Participants will join the expert team in case-based learning via videoconferencing. Together, they will discuss how participants will be able to:

• Develop confidence in knowing how and when to screen for memory and thinking problems.
• Diagnose conditions causing cognitive impairment.
• Implement a comprehensive framework for helping people with Alzheimer disease and related dementias.
• Optimize access to and dissemination of resources available to patients and their care partners.

WHAT DOES THIS ECHO OFFER?
• Free continuing education for professionals
• Collaboration, support and ongoing learning from specialists in caring for patients with dementia
• Patients get better care in their community
• No cost to participating sites or individuals

TOPICS FOR LEARNING AND DISCUSSION
• Defining normal cognitive aging, subjective cognitive decline, mild cognitive impairment and dementia
• Dementia screening tools: How to apply in practice
• How to do a cognitive assessment
• Overview of differential diagnostic criteria
• Medically associated causes of reversible dementia
• Diagnostic criteria for Alzheimer disease
• Communicating diagnosis
• Prognosis and advance care planning
• How to support brain health
• Medications to treat dementia-causing diseases
• Behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia
• Medications to treat symptoms
• Diagnostic Criteria: Distinguish Alzheimer disease from other common dementia such as frontotemporal dementia, Lewy body dementia and Vascular dementia
• Safety: Living alone and medication

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