



**WHEN:** TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023 | 5:00PM CST  
**WHAT:** GENETICS IN PWS 101  
**HOW:** VIRTUAL/ZOOM VIDEO  
*THIS PRESENTATION IS FREE TO ATTEND*

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## PWSA | USA's - ECHO 4 PWS Healthcare Provider Series



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PWSA | USA is excited to announce the launch of our new **Healthcare Provider Project ECHO Series** on May 16, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. CST. We are proud to offer this opportunity to healthcare professionals who work with patients affected by Prader-Willi syndrome (PWS) and to be the first PWS organization to implement Project ECHO in the United States.

*"We understand the need to further educate healthcare providers taking care of our loved ones. Through this ECHO series we will offer access to specialists in PWS, expanding knowledge and sharing standards of care for PWS patients,"* said Paige Rivard, MBA, PWSA | USA CEO.

Our first healthcare ECHO topic will be "Genetics in PWS 101" presented by Jessica Duis, MD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Genetics at Children's Hospital Colorado, University of Colorado, followed by a 20-minute case study on PWS presented by Shawn McCandless, MD, Chair of the Department of Genetics and Metabolism at Children's Hospital Colorado.

PWSA | USA's Healthcare Provider Project ECHO Series will touch on a wide range of healthcare topics in the PWS space and will be available for all health professionals across our network including (but not limited to): Geneticists, Pediatric Endocrinologists, Neonatologists, Nurses, Pediatricians, Endocrinologists, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Social Workers, Occupational Therapists, Pulmonologists, Orthopedic Surgeons, Dieticians, Physiotherapists, Speech and Language Therapists, Medical Students and Professional Caregivers.

### What is Project ECHO?

Project ECHO® (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) was established at the University of New Mexico in 2003. Using videoconferencing technology and enabling software, Project ECHO connects providers in underserved communities with specialists and experts for long-term tele-mentoring, collaboration, and case-based learning on urgent health conditions. Today, people and organizations from all over the world leverage this ECHO Model™ to scale their own social initiatives in health and in other fields like education and social justice. ECHO partners in 40 countries and operates more than 860 ECHO networks, which have trained more than 140,000 professionals eager to learn best practices in their field. For more information, please visit: <https://echo.unm.edu>.

### Core Principles of Project ECHO

The ECHO model is based on four principles, which develop knowledge and capacity through ongoing tele-mentoring and education:

- Amplification – use technology to leverage scarce resources
- Share Best Practice to reduce disparities
- Case Based Learning
- Monitor outcomes using a Web-based Database

**Questions?** Contact PWSA | USA at [research@pwsausa.org](mailto:research@pwsausa.org) or (941) 312-0400  
For more information on PWSA | USA's ECHO 4 PWS, visit [www.pwsausa.org/events/projectecho](http://www.pwsausa.org/events/projectecho).

*While this ECHO series is only for healthcare providers to attend, recordings of the webinars will be made available for our PWS families at [www.pwsausa.org/projectecho](http://www.pwsausa.org/projectecho).*