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### **PWSA | USA Launches ECHO 4 PWS Healthcare Provider Series**

*First Project ECHO® Offered in Prader-Willi Syndrome Space in the United States*

**[April 10, 2023]** – 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.

While this ECHO series is only for healthcare providers to attend, recordings of the webinars will be made available for our PWS families at <https://www.pwsausa.org/events/projectecho/>.

"Genetics in PWS 101" Project ECHO webinar registration link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvd-2uqjkrEtNSn0FOcLoDqsl7Ss0xqGlb>

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### **About PWSA | USA**

Formed in 1975, Prader-Willi Syndrome Association | USA (PWSA | USA) unites individuals, parents, professionals, and others to enhance the quality of life of those affected by Prader-Willi syndrome (PWS). PWSA | USA empowers the PWS community through shared experiences, research, education, advocacy, and support. Our purpose is to assist individuals with PWS and their families every step of the way. To learn more about PWSA | USA, please visit [www.pwsausa.org](http://www.pwsausa.org).

### **About 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>.