



G-ECHO

GI Hepatology **ECHO** of sub Saharan Africa

The Gastroenterology Foundation invites you to join
Thursday afternoon WEEKLY webinars

West Africa: 15:00
Central/South Africa: 16:00
East Africa: 17:00

Please email us to be added to the weekly distribution email list

or the whatsapp group notification by sending your cell number, including country code

Queries:

Cheryl Valentine valdent@telkomsa.net

Karin Fenton Karin.fenton@uct.ac.za

G-ECHO

A proud initiative of the Gastroenterology Foundation of sub Saharan Africa in
partnership with Project ECHO and the University of New Mexico

In 2018 the introduction of the Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) model of tele-mentoring for the treatment of chronic viral hepatitis B and C was initiated by Professor's Wendy Spearman and Mark Sonderup in South Africa and facilitated by the Foundation. ECHO links the Cape Town Hub with spokes in Johannesburg (SA), Kumasi (Ghana), Lagos (Nigeria) and Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) on a monthly basis and participation has grown as it has matured. With the advent of COVID, the ECHO model has been modified to include weekly COVID-related meetings hosted by experts in the field of epidemiology and infectious diseases.

Now we plan to extend ECHO meetings to other aspects of Gastroenterology, beginning in September 2020 with G-ECHO incorporating a weekly programme which includes GI Endoscopy, Inflammatory Bowel disease (IBD), Patient Blood Management (PBM) and a MDT approach to the Screening and treatment of Liver cancer (HCC) in SSA. COVID related issues will be addressed by each sub-specialty.

The endoscopy program, in partnership with the World Endoscopy Organization (WEO), will include a series of talks hosted by WEO faculty on aspects of GI endoscopy relevant to the SSA continent.

www.gastrofoundation.co.za