

University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center (UNMHSC) Project ECHO® Informed Consent for COVID-19 ECHO Participant Survey

Introduction

Sanjeev Arora, MD from the Department of Internal Medicine, and Project ECHO® staff and evaluators are conducting a study called, “*Global COVID Retrospective Evaluation*.” The purpose is to understand how the ECHO model has been used in the global COVID-19 pandemic response, and what the impacts have been. You are being asked to complete a survey because you participated in a COVID ECHO program.

What will happen if I decide to participate?

If you agree to participate, you will be asked to complete a brief electronic survey. The survey includes questions about what you liked and did not like about the COVID ECHO program, and its impact on you.

What are the risks or side effects of participating in a survey?

There are minimal risks of discomfort when answering questions. Interviewers are professional researchers and experienced interviewers. Only one participant will be interviewed at a time.

What are the benefits to participating in a survey?

By participating in this survey, you will provide key information for Project ECHO’s response to COVID-19. Results will be used to improve and expand the response of ECHO programs across the world to this and future pandemics.

How will my information be kept confidential?

You will complete the survey using a secure and private electronic survey tool. Only study team members will have access to your survey results. We will only report summary results; reports will not include any information that would let anyone know what your specific answers were.

Can I stop participating in the survey once I begin?

It is your choice to participate in this survey or not, and you can choose to stop at any time or skip questions you prefer not to answer. Declining to participate in this survey will not impact your relationship with Project ECHO.

Whom can I call with questions or complaints about my survey?

If you have any questions about this research project, please call Dr. Arora at (505) 272-2808.

CONSENT

By answering the survey questions, you give your consent to participate in this study.

Thank you for your consideration,

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