

Dear Colleagues,

As we are all aware, the perinatal and maternal mortality rates here in Missouri are challenging:

- Missouri's maternal mortality rate was 28.5 deaths per 100,000 live births, which ranked 42nd nationally. ([Kansas City Star](#) 12/19/17)
- In Missouri in 2017, 456 infants died before reaching their first birthday, an infant mortality rate of 6.2 per 1,000 live births. ([CDC](#) 01/15/19)

Our collective goal is to develop and support initiatives to improve outcomes for the women and children of Missouri. There are several approaches to these challenges which all work synergistically to improve outcomes.

*Show-Me ECHO* is one of these tools, providing ongoing education for our clinicians, including myself. This tool is an excellent avenue to pause to learn new things and confirm that we continue to practice standard of care medicine.

Home State Health supports the *Show-Me ECHO* initiative and platform. As your colleague, I encourage you to participate in these free education opportunities which also offers CEUs.

Once you discover the valuable information and ease of use of Show-Me ECHO, you will undoubtedly include it as one of your continuing education tools.

[Show-Me ECHO](#) will launch four new online educational programs in February 2019. They will connect experts in obstetrics, neonatology and oral health with primary care providers and others across the state. The hour-long videoconferencing sessions will be provided twice a month and offer continuing education credits at no cost.

<a href="#">High Risk OB – Urban (HOPE) ECHO</a>	Begins February 5, 2019
<a href="#">NAS (Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome) ECHO</a>	Begins February 7, 2019
<a href="#">Oral Health ECHO</a>	Begins February 13, 2019
<a href="#">High Risk OB – Rural (CROWN) ECHO</a>	Begins February 28, 2019

There are other ECHOs offered by the University of Missouri addressing a multitude of subjects including:

- [Asthma](#)
- [Autism](#)
- [Child Psychiatry](#)
- [Community Health Workers](#)
- [Dermatology](#)
- [Ethics](#)
- [Hepatitis C](#)
- [HIV](#)
- [Opioid Use](#)
- [Pain Management](#)
- [Veterans Behavioral Health](#)

Visit the [Show-Me ECHO website](#) to register and learn more about upcoming ECHOs.

Collegially,  
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