

VA-ECHO: Strengthening Health Care Education through Simulation and Collaboration

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Logo for Veterans Administration Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes. (VA Courtesy Image)

The Veterans Administration Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (VA-ECHO) currently offers **four programs** in partnership with the Simulation Learning, Evaluation, Assessment, and Research Network (SimLEARN). These programs include the SimLEARN Community of Practice (CoP), Resuscitation Education and Innovation (REdI) 2 Rescue, Simulation Validation, Evaluation, and Training (SimVET) Analysis, and SimVET Integrations.

[REdI to Rescue VA-ECHO Sessions](#)

The REdI to Rescue VA-ECHO sessions are held on the second Wednesday of each month from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM (PT) / 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM (ET). Some previous session topics include:

- “Using HRO Strategies to Improve Code Blue Practices and Outcomes: Innovative Solutions to Educate and Empower Staff”
- “Achy Breaky Heart Ward”
- “Surviving SEPs90 Campaign”
- “National Early Warning Scores (NEWS) Update”

Visit the [REdI 2 Rescue SharePoint](#) site to view the most up-to-date schedule, TMS links, recordings of previous sessions, and handouts/resources.

[SimLEARN CoP VA-ECHO Sessions](#)

The SimLEARN CoP VA-ECHO sessions are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM (PT) / 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM (ET). Some previous session topics include:

- “IMSH Recap: Implementing Holoportation Technology as a New Frontier in Interdisciplinary Healthcare Education”
- “Bringing ECG Interpretation to Life utilizing the Cardiac Toolbox and Simulation”
- “How Simulation Can Foster Critical Thinking in Nursing Assistants”

Visit the [SimLEARN VA-ECHO Community of Practice SharePoint](#) site to view the most up-to-date schedule, TMS links, recordings of previous sessions, and handouts/resources.

SimVET Analysis and Integrations Sessions

SimVET Analysis and SimVET Integrations sessions are offered periodically, with around three to four sessions each per year. Dates and times vary, so we strongly recommend adding yourself to the [email lists](#) to receive information and invitations to future sessions. Some previous session topics include:

- “SimVET Analysis Explores AI Ambient Dictation Software: Embracing Tomorrow’s Technology Today”
- “SimVET Integrations: Empowering Possibilities, Delivering Solutions”
- “SimVET Analysis Shares the Buzz About the AI Tech Sprint”

Visit the [SimVET Analysis SharePoint](#) or the [SimVET Integrations SharePoint](#) to learn more about these exciting programs and to view recordings of all previous sessions.

Continuing Medical Education (CME) Credit

For sessions that offer CME credit, registration in TMS is not needed to attend any of the VA-ECHO sessions. However, to receive CME credit, you must register in TMS **prior** to the session start time and complete all TMS requirements within 15 days to earn CE credit.

Visit the [VA-ECHO SharePoint](#) to join the ListServ(s) and never miss an invitation. The VA-ECHO SharePoint provides access to all session resources and schedules.