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.

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GI Hepatology ECHO of sub Saharan Africa
Thursday afternoon WEEKLY webinars

Thursday 10 September 2020: AGENDA

Colonoscopy and CRC in Sub Sharan Africa
Prof Sandie Thomson (15 mins)

Case presentation: Interactive discussion on managing cholangitis
Prof Eduard Jonas (20 mins)

Discussion: GECHO going forward

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The recordings of these webinars will be available on the Gastro Foundation website

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