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## **Maine eConsult Network Pilot Program (MEeCN)**

Facilitated by **MCD Global Health**, and funded by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, the Maine eConsult Network Pilot Program (MEeCN) uses a web-based system, powered by ConferMED, to enable primary care providers to submit electronic consultation requests to a network of Maine-licensed specialists (over 13 specialties available). This platform allows providers to securely share patient health information and communicate about patient care with the ultimate goal of improving equitable access to specialty care across rural Maine.

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*Connecting a specialist and a primary care provider, and allowing that PCP to consult and to confer with the specialist before they make the decision about whether to order a face-to-face visit, has an enormous positive impact on access.*

**Daren Anderson, MD**  
ConferMED President

## Available Network

MEeCN facilitates eConsult requests through the ConferMED platform using traditional referral workflows, which allows us to leverage Maine-licensed specialty providers.

Specialties available for eConsult requests include:

- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- Endocrinology
- ENT
- Gastroenterology
- Hematology
- Infectious Disease
- Nephrology
- Ortho
- Pain Medicine
- Psychiatry
- Rheumatology
- Urology

## Benefits of Engagement



### For Our Patients

**Timely access to care and early intervention in addressing symptoms** will result in better quality of care. Unnecessary in-office visits, including those to the emergency department, will alleviate the financial burden on patients.



### For Our Providers

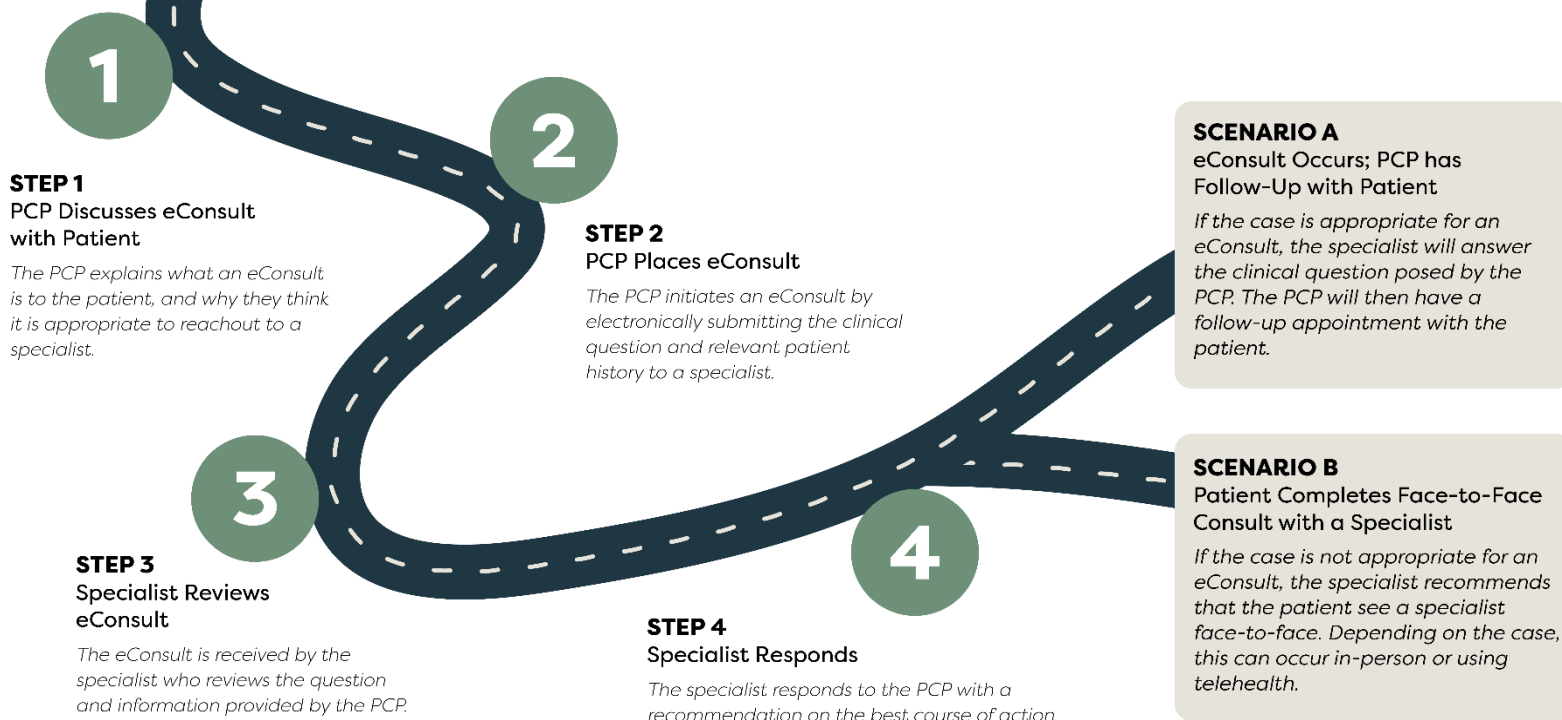
PCPs who self-manage patients in need of specialty consultation will gain **enhanced education and increase their scope of practice**. Specialists will experience fewer inappropriate visits and reduced disruption in workflow.



### For Our Organization

Participation in a growing trend in primary care referrals will **enhance our organization's market awareness as a trusted resource**. Additionally, reimbursement for referral review work will result in financial improvement.

# The eConsult Roadmap



Learn more about the benefits of eConsults at  
**econsultmaine.org**

## Program Goals

Ultimately, the goal of the program is to reduce disparities and improve access to specialty care in Maine, particularly among rural populations. Further, the facilitators and funders of the program hope to:

Improve Patient Experience and Access to Care

Support Patients Needing Specialty Care

Support Primary Care Providers in Managing Patients

Improve Payer Support of eConsults

Reduce the Overall Cost of Care

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