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History of SimEd Network

The SimEd Network is a partnership that was developed in 2014, between Dalhousie University Faculties of Health Professions and Medicine, the IWK Health Centre and Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA). Our vision is to lead interprofessional simulation based learning in health to improve patient safety and quality of care.

Just as flight simulation has been used as a standard of learning in the aviation industry, interprofessional simulation education is the gold standard in healthcare education. The result is highly skilled healthcare providers who will help to improve patient outcomes.

IMS Course Held in November, 2016

The SimEd Network recently hosted the IMS Simulation Instructor Training Course at Dalhousie University in the Collaborative Health Education and Research Building. The course was held over four days, facilitated by faculty from the Center for Medical Simulation (CMS). CMS is Harvard based and a world renowned leader in interprofessional healthcare simulation education. This course has been taught in 44 countries around the globe with more than 4000 participants. The 22 recent graduates, representing sites from NS and NB, add to the existing team of simulation educators and increases capacity of skilled simulation educators within the Partner organizations.



IWK Simulation Program Updates

By Kathy Johnston

On September 29th, 2016, the IWK Simulation Program opened the door to the new Simulation Learning Centre, room G2279 on the main floor. The open design permits a variety of configurations to accommodate a range of simulation events. The Centre was also built to code for patient care, with the vision it could be utilized in the event of a pandemic, mass casualty incident or other major crisis.



To date, the Centre has been used by health centre staff, interprofessional teams and learners. An exciting development is the number of teams new to simulation based learning expressing interest in integrating it into their team education. Truly, if you build it they will come! The Simulation Learning Centre will enhance the delivery of simulation based learning at the IWK, allowing for expansion and growth of the Program.

Upcoming SLIIC Course

There is a Simulation Leader Interprofessional Instructor Course (SLIIC) scheduled for May 31(afternoon only), June 1 and 2, at Dalhousie University. The last time this course was offered was in October, 2015. This course will be facilitated by some of our new IMS graduates and existing simulation educators from within the four Partner organizations. In the near future a flyer will be distributed, highlighting more details around registration for this course.

Research Retreat Spring 2017

SimEd Network is coordinating a research retreat, scheduled for April 27th, 2017 at Dalhousie, with the goal to increase research activity around interprofessional simulation based education. This will be a half day session held in the morning at the CHEB. For those unable to attend it will be video recorded for viewing at a later date. A flyer will be circulated soon outlining more details.

A new category for simulation has been added to the ASPIRE awards this year; deadline for submissions is February 28, 2017.

Information Session April, 2017

The afternoon of April 27th there will be an information session organized by the Network, held at the CHEB, Dalhousie University. The focus of this session is for individual simulation programs in HRM to share with others what is going on at their individual sites. In the future this will be expanded to a wider audience in the province. This is a great networking opportunity for interprofessional simulation educators and other interested staff.

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