

NEWS IN SIMULATION

To share, inspire, and recognize excellence in simulation at Upstate Medical University



Director's Message

from Darren Carboni

The collective work of Upstate's Simulation Center and Standardized Patient program is to promote excellence in patient care. We do this by providing meaningful interactive educational experiences that support the growth and development of learners along the continuum of training and professional practice.

The purpose of the is newsletter is to share, inspire, and recognize excellence in simulation at Upstate. There are so many amazing programs taking place and many more taking shape at Upstate. We want to recognize the efforts that go into developing these educational offerings and explore what makes them special.

With the help of an amazing support team and the guidance of our Advisory Board, we stand ready to share concepts and stories to help Upstate improve patient outcomes.

We look forward to creating magic in partnership with you.

With thanks,

Darren

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Program Highlight: Immersive Interprofessional Simulation Series with Internal Medicine and Pharmacy Residents

Interviews with Dr. Waseem Sous and Dr. Gregory Meola

The immersive interprofessional simulation series with Internal Medicine and Pharmacy Residents was launched in Spring 2020. As the inaugural and longest-running simulation series, Drs. Sous and Meola were recently interviewed regarding their experiences participating as facilitators for this program.



Dr. Sous, "I think having the experience in medical simulation is vital. It allows for an opportunity to improve medical knowledge as well as procedural, interpersonal, and communication skills. It promotes a multidisciplinary approach to care as these sessions typically involve internal medicine and pharmacy residents. Additionally, having a debrief session after a simulation case is essential to discuss lessons that were learned and ways to improve in the future."

Dr. Meola, "From a pharmacists' perspective, medical simulation and interprofessional simulation are beneficial for multiple reasons. Firstly, it allows us to expose residents to high acuity, low occurrence events that they may not otherwise be exposed to during their one-year residency program. This not only helps expand learning experiences but helps develop our residents' ability to make treatment decisions under the pressure of acute patient changes. Secondly, it develops our pharmacists' ability to effectively communicate as active team members during these acute situations. Lastly, as a facilitator it allows me to utilize patient cases and scenarios to give a pharmacists' perspective on potential drug-induced contributions to acute patient changes in the hospital."



To schedule a Simulation Session scan the QRS code:



Clinical Skills Staff Spotlight:

Steve Harris



Steve Harris, Director of the Clinical Skills Center and Standardized Patient Program, has been involved with clinical skills student-centered education for 25 years. Steve oversees the standardized patient activities that utilize the Clinical Skills Center. The Clinical Skills Center supports programs within Upstate Medical University including: College of Medicine-Clerkships; College of Nursing; College of Health Professions; Chaplain Interns; Residency Programs; and outside entities including Syracuse University School of Education and Le Moyne College NP and PA programs. Steve has a close connection to the pioneers in the field of standardized patient development.

Steve's favorite aspects at his job include meeting and working with students, shepherding them through standardized patient exams, and assisting to reduce their stress. Through his work with students and standardized patients, Steve has come to know people from every culture and cultural background who have shared amazing life experiences which he finds a fascinating feature of his position.

Standardized patients provide learners valuable feedback and Steve firmly believes the students, as future practitioners, will gain a better understanding of themselves, their practice, and improve their communication skills through standardized patient encounters.

To schedule a Standardized Patient Session, contact Steve Harris directly via email at harrissd@upstate.edu

New Simulation Staff Welcome:

Shannon Summers



Simulation Technician Shannon Summers joined the Upstate Simulation Center in November 2021.

Shannon comes to Upstate Medical University with twelve years experience as a cardiac and hospice hospital nurses aid and over three years at SUNY Broome Community College as a simulation technician in their Nursing Skills Lab. Shannon has an associate's degree in Liberal Arts from SUNY Broome.

Since arriving at Upstate, Shannon has been training on a variety of simulation equipment including the new operating room manikin and marshaling the supply areas for more efficient utilization. She is learning standardized procedures for setting up simulation scenarios and how the Upstate Simulation Center operates.

Shannon is enthusiastic about the opportunity to continue to increase her knowledge about health care simulation education and is a wonderful addition to our simulation team!

For current Simulation employment opportunities scan the QRS Code.

