

Medical Skills Education and Innovation Centre

The Simulation Safety Pledge

1. We will label all equipment, supplies, and medications with the official logo label denoting the item: Not for Human Use – Education Only.
2. We will continuously educate all faculty and staff of the simulation program about potential hazards to patients, participants, and staff that result from conducting simulation exercises.
3. We will always inform participants about potential hazards to patients, participants, and staff that result from conducting simulation exercises.
4. We will periodically review simulation related programs, courses, scenarios, and facilities for potential threats to safety and institute mechanisms to mitigate them.
5. We will vet our teaching to make sure we don't inadvertently convey the legitimacy of simulation related "short-cuts" (i.e., Not wearing gloves, using expired medications)
6. We will vet our teaching to make sure we don't convey incorrect information, treat controversial topics as certain, or leave incorrect actions in a simulation out of the debriefing discussion.
7. We will make every attempt to educate those who conduct simulations outside of our direct control about simulation safety issues.
8. We will have a rigorous process for returning equipment or supplies used in a simulation back into the clinical environment in an appropriate and safe manner.
9. We will maintain an open and transparent reporting mechanism for simulation safety violations, near misses, and accidents whether or not direct harm to a staff member, simulation participant, or patient has actually occurred.
10. We will always weigh simulation safety ahead of cost, expediency, and fidelity when making decisions about the conduct of simulations.

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