


**“Nuts and Bolts” of  
Integrating Human Patient  
Simulation into the PharmD  
Curriculum**

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**Who are we?**

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**Session Overview**

- ▶ HPS scenario construction (utilizing template)
- ▶ Review resources required for HPS programs and determine “best” technology for intended use.
- ▶ Inter-professional simulation discussion

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### Learning Objectives

- ▶ Construct a pharmacy focused human patient simulation (HPS) patient case scenario.
- ▶ Distinguish important factors to consider during a cost analysis of adopting HPS into the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum.
- ▶ Match programmatic and curricular outcomes with the right "level" of simulation technology.
- ▶ Develop strategies for partnering with other healthcare disciplines to create inter-professional HPS learning opportunities for student pharmacists.

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### HPS Scenario Construction

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### Key elements of running a HPS scenario

- ▶ Prepare!!
- ▶ Identify target audience
- ▶ Learning (assessment) objectives
  - **ONLY** 3-4
- ▶ Setting: where, length of scenario
- ▶ Patient case script
- ▶ Equipment, supplies, props
  - Programming simulator
  - Medications
  - Medical record

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### Key elements of running a HPS scenario

- ▶ Roles: may need students to play different roles i.e. nurse, significant other or spouse
- ▶ Evaluation/assessment tools
- ▶ Debriefing plan
- ▶ Pre-scenario preparation & logistics:
  - Students
  - Facilitators/faculty
  - Scheduling - see sample

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### Emergencies in the Community Pharmacy Simulation

- ▶ Target Audience: PY-2 student pharmacists
  
- ▶ Learning Objectives:
  - Correctly assess patient by identifying the emergency in a timely manner.
  - Implement emergency procedure for specific emergency as outlined in the required reading.
  - Correctly utilize the contents of the patient's prescription and OTC medications.
  - Administer appropriate intervention/treatment for specific patient.
  - Provide patient with appropriate follow-up instructions.

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### Emergencies in the Community Pharmacy Simulation

Setting: Community Pharmacy Counter



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### Emergencies in the Community Pharmacy Simulation

**Patient Case:**

Samuel Adams is a 55 year-old white male. He works as an engineer with Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories. He is at the community pharmacy today to pick up a refill prescription. Mr. Adam's medical record indicates that he has allergies to penicillin and bee stings. He is being treated for the following medical problems: hypertension (which has been well controlled with a diuretic) for the past 5 years; his blood pressure is usually about 125/80, diabetes, asthma. PMH: post-MI and post-stroke. Most recent prescription (filled yesterday) was for amoxicillin prescribed by his dentist for a dental procedure

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### Emergencies in the Community Pharmacy Simulation

- ▶ Equipment, supplies and props
  - Manikin in casual clothes sitting in a wheel chair
  - Refill medication bag
  - Blood glucose meter
  - Computerized medication profile
  - Telephone
  - Stethoscope and BP cuff
  - Curtain
  - Clock with second hand

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### Emergencies in the Community Pharmacy Simulation

- ▶ Roles in the pharmacy:
  - Counter pharmacist
  - Pharmacist coming off shift
  - Pharmacist beginning shift
- ▶ Evaluation/assessment tool (used in debrief)
  - See sample



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## Emergencies in the Community Pharmacy Simulation

- ▶ Logistics
  - Facilitator/faculty training
    - Not everyone knows how to facilitate vs. teach
  - Student pharmacist instruction
    - How should they prepare?
    - Assigned readings?
  - Schedule – see sample provided

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## Sample Scenario – Emergencies in the Community Pharmacy

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**Sample Scenario - Emergencies in the Community Pharmacy – Debriefing**

If time allows.....

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**Your turn!  
Constructing a Scenario**

- ▶ Utilize template provided
- ▶ Form small groups
- ▶ First steps
  - Determine scenario topic (focus and content)
  - Identify target participants
  - Develop three to four learning objectives
- ▶ Report back in 5 minutes

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### Your turn! Constructing a Scenario

- ▶ Next steps – Scenario development
  - Establish setting for scenario
  - Define roles for students
  - Patient case narrative
  - Information to include in simulated patient data
  - Initial manikin settings
  - Supplies and equipment
  
- ▶ Report back in 10 minutes

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### Your turn! Constructing a Scenario

- ▶ Next steps
  - Student instruction/preparation
  - Evaluation
    - Develop Debriefing plan
    - Grading Rubric (see example provided)



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### Lessons Learned after Conducting a HPS Scenario

- ▶ Student survey data
  
- ▶ Student performance on meeting learning objectives
  
- ▶ Feedback from facilitators
  
- ▶ Identify strengths, weaknesses and revisions for next time!

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## Cost Implications of HPS


- ▶ Resources
  - Partial Task Trainers



Full body human simulators



Simulation environment



<http://www.laerdal.com/doc/42045480/SimMan-3G.html>  
<http://www.laerdal.com/nav/7144139/Task-Trainers.html>

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## Cost Implications of HPS

- ▶ Personnel
  - Training
  - Computer access
  - Availability
  - Troubleshooting
- ▶ Planning
- ▶ Faculty Resources
- ▶ Student Assessment Needs

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## Cost Implications of HPS

- Keys to Success
  - Share resources
  - Interprofessional collaboration
  - Patient care
  - Pharmacy expertise

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## Technology Selection

*Matching "right" technology to intended outcomes*

- Formative assessment
- Summative assessment



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## Technology Selection

*Matching "right" technology to intended outcomes*

- Foundational skill
  - Communication
    - Standardized patient
    - Patient actor
    - Faculty
    - Peer
    - Written communication
    - Many other examples
- Decision making skill
  - Patient care
  - Partial Task Trainers



- Simulators
- Actual patients
  - Experiential learning
- Patient cases

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## Technology Selection

- ▶ Examples
  - **Profession of Pharmacy**
    - Partial Task Trainers
  - **Therapeutic Disease Modules**
    - Standardized patients
    - Actors
    - High-fidelity human patient simulators
  - **Acute Care Pharmacotherapy**
    - High-fidelity human patient simulators
  - **Experiential Learning**
    - Patients
  - **Residency Training**
    - Patients
    - High-fidelity human patient simulators
    - Standardized patients

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## Interprofessional Opportunities for Simulation Learning

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### Why use simulation for IPE? SWOT analysis

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health care is provided in teams</li> <li>• Good simulation technology is available</li> <li>• Evidence basis to support simulation</li> <li>• Well-received by participants</li> <li>• No reliance on SP scheduling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires training on simulator</li> <li>• Requires dedicated faculty</li> <li>• Preparation and case development</li> <li>• Finding common time in student schedules</li> <li>• Faculty may initially feel challenged providing feedback to other health science students</li> </ul>
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improves team communication skill</li> <li>• Increases awareness and appreciation of health care provider roles</li> <li>• Enhances professional role development in individual participants</li> <li>• Demystifies "real world" stress</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simulator expense, prep, and maintenance</li> <li>• Curricular overload may threaten open common times</li> <li>• Educational administration may not appreciate need for IPE</li> </ul>

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## In the beginning, there are silos...

Program	Credits for Graduation	Advanced Clinical Training
Medicine	313	Years 3&4 of 4
Medex	162	Year 2 of 2
Nursing	180	Year 4 of 4
Pharmacy	206	Year 4 of 4




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## And... then there is shared learning

- Identify shared competencies (39 for UW!)
  - Team collaboration
    - TeamSTEPS program for UW
  - Clinical competency
    - reasoning and critical thinking
  - Health systems, professionalism, ethics, legal
    - Professional identity and role development
- Identify educational content and timing overlap between programs
  - Experiential training
  - Coursework
    - Health and society
  - OSCEs, standardized patients, simulations
- Identify gaps in competency development amongst programs
  - Speaking up against a perceived power gradient
  - Disagreement and negotiation



Participants are referred to the UW poster at AACP 2010

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## Finding Common Ground for Learning Together

- ▶ Classroom
  - Common topics
- ▶ Clerkship
  - The patient
- ▶ Practice
  - The patient
    - Diabetes
    - Geriatrics
    - Intensive care
    - Emergency medicine
    - Disaster response




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## UW Macy Simulations

### ▶ Cases

- 15 year old with acute asthma in the emergency room
- Heart failure and shortness of breath on the medical floor
- Code ACLS in the ICU



Prep: Each case includes a knowledge primer

Macy Grant, Capstone IPE Simulation June 2010

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## Lessons Learned



- ▶ Attitudes and preconceived notions are key players
  - Faculty or clinicians are at different levels of interprofessional experience and attitude
  - Workshops or group facilitation are helpful for unpacking beliefs, correcting assumptions and providing "ground rules" for working together
- ▶ Curriculum can lead or get in the way
  - Curricular mapping is a critical first step to interprofessional education
  - Curricular change requires top-down support
  - Champions in each school are vital
  - More than just the "early adapters" are needed to facilitate true curricular change
  - Non-practice faculty are an important part of the interprofessional education discussion
- ▶ Simulation
  - A great tool for facilitating practice & skill development
  - Practice is needed to be successful in the simulation
  - Well received by students and faculty

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