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**Emerging Trends in  
Medical Simulation:  
A Clinical Perspective**  
**MMVR 2005 Tutorial**

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**Emerging Trends: A Clinical  
Perspective**

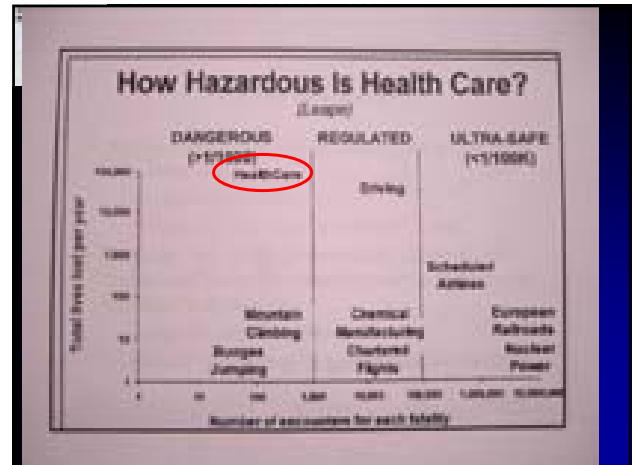
- The Expanding Need for Medical Simulation.
- The Role of Validation.
- Incorporating Simulation into Curriculum.
- Simulation What's Missing, What's Needed.

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**The Need**

- Less physician teaching time
- Less resident time
- Fewer patient hours available for teaching
- Larger number of procedures
- Teaching high risk procedures without endangering patients
- **"To Err is Human"** Institute of Medicine report

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**"To err is human"**



**How do we  
Minimize Error?**

**THE BOTTOM LINE**



**How Do We  
Train Medical  
Personnel for  
the Future?**

- Patients as "Guinea Pigs" not acceptable
- Less tolerance for error
- Training hours shortened

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DEJA VU IS A GOOD THING  
FOR A PILOT TO FEEL WHEN  
WALKING INTO A COCKPIT.



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Anybody here know how to play  
Microsoft's "Flight Simulator"?





### ACS Proposed uses of Simulation

- Screening for aptitude
- Provide initial training
- Promote ongoing education
- Enable periodic assessment
- Maintain proficiency through rehearsal pt specific procedures

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**SIMULATION WILL BE READY FOR PRIME TIME ONLY WHEN PROPONENTS CAN SHOW THAT CLINICALLY USEFUL LEARNING RESULTS FROM SIMULATOR USE!!**



**VALIDATION**  
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### Designing a Validation Study for simulation

- Need clear (unambiguous) definition of what constitutes error and success for the procedure.
- Need high inter-rater reliability

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## Research Questions

- Can Simulator training provide an equal or better training experience than what is currently available?
- How do you incorporate appropriate simulators into curricula?

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## Need to apply Proper Scientific Methodology to the Process

It “looks good” and it “feels good” just don’t cut it

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## Choice of procedure for simulation

- Common procedure
- High stakes
  - Consequences severe if done wrong
  - Time sensitive
- Limited opportunity for training

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## Validation Lessons Learned

- Many of our “gold standards” are not validated
- There are no widely established standards for validation of medical simulators
- IRB’s not familiar with validation

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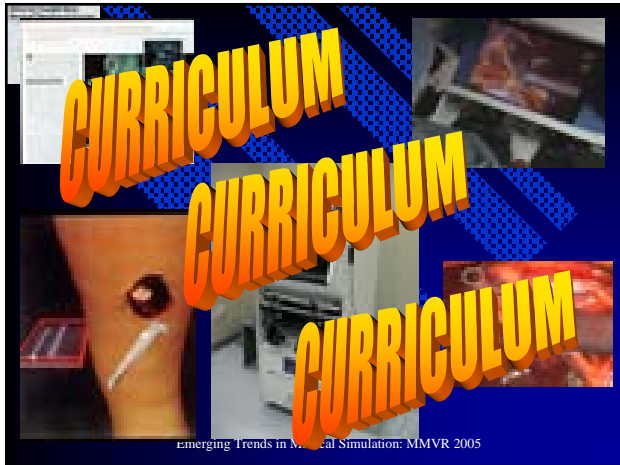
## IRB APPROVAL Medical Students

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## FEEDING TIME AT THE NATURAL SELECTION ZOO

Go ahead and build a simulator without considering the end-user and the Curriculum

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- How do we incorporate simulation into medical and surgical curricula?
  - How much validation is needed to introduce simulation into existing curricula?
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- ### Potential benefits of adding simulation into medical and surgical curricula
- Mastery of skills – perform as advertised
  - Asynchronous learning
  - Decreased faculty lecture time increased time for assess & remediation
  - Decreased use of animals
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- ### Choice of Curriculum (where should we start to introduce simulation)
- Well established course
  - Procedure Dependent
    - Lends itself to simulators
  - Established Metrics
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- ### Realizing the Potential of Simulation
- Allow boards to certify skill rather than oral discussion
  - Permit prototyping “*in silico*”
  - Testing of new devices in a simulated environment
  - Patient specific rehearsal of operations
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## What is Required

- REALISM – realistic organ responses, tissue-tool interaction, visual display
- AUTHENTICITY – Educational content that is clinically useful and provides validated transfer of learning
- ACCEPTABILITY- teaching physicians and specialty organizations

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## Can You Simulate This?



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## Or This?



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## Distributive Learning

- Training groups who are geographically separated
  - Real time
  - disparate
- Training teams

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**What's needed (desired)**

- Improved fidelity
- Improved Tissue tool interaction
- End user input
- Curriculum Driven Development
- Funding – national initiative
- Mandate/by-in from organized medicine
- Continued validation “VR to ER or OR”

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- Collaboration
- Integration
- National Agenda
- Teamwork

