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## Large WISER Presence at the 2012 International Meeting for Simulation in Healthcare in San Diego

WISER had a large presence at the 2012 International Meeting for Simulation in Healthcare (IMSH) in San Diego, California. There were over 3,100 participants at this year's IMSH. This year, Dr. Paul Phrampus became the president elect of the Society for Simulation in Healthcare. As well as becoming president elect, Dr. Phrampus was also part of a preconference round table discussion titled "Translation and Beyond - International Curriculum Sharing" and a preconference course "Structured Debriefing: Scalable, Teachable, and Testable."

Several other WISER team members had significant roles in this year's meeting. John Lutz, Director of Information Technology, led several workshops titled "Advanced Data Analysis and Reporting" and "Common Definitions for Data Management and Reporting of Simulation Center Activities." Mr. Lutz also

lectured on "Getting Data Out of Your Laerdal Simulator and Into Your Reports and Research Projects." Tom Dongilli, Director of Operations, served as course director for several sessions: "A Simulation Journey: Developing, Designing, and Constructing the University of Wisconsin Health Clinical Simulation Program and Center," "Meet the Sim Consultants," "Experts of Administration," "Competencies for Simulation Specialists," "Experts of Mobile Simulation," and "Experts in AV." Mr. Dongilli also served as faculty for "Fundamentals of Building a Successful Policy and Procedure Manual." Daniel Battista, Director of Administration, served as course director for "Fundamentals of Building a Successful Policy and Procedure Manual" and faculty for "Experts in Administration."



## WISER Unveils YouTube Page

WISER recently unveiled a series of YouTube videos designed to help simulation users improve their methods and techniques. The series is called "WISER Minute" and can be found on WISER's very own YouTube page titled "wiseruser."

The first 3 videos that were released deal with topics such as changing the head of your SimMan, troubleshooting your AVS, and extending the life of your Laerdal IV torso. The series will be ongoing and will cover an assortment of topics ranging from properly utilizing programming forms, obtaining flashback from an IV arm, and how to conduct mock codes.

We welcome suggestions for future topics and any feedback you may have. Please email us at [wiserhelp@upmc.edu](mailto:wiserhelp@upmc.edu).

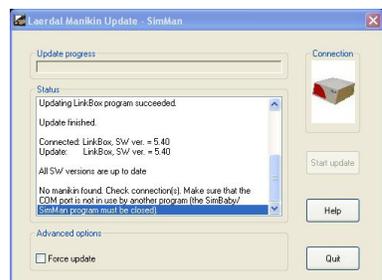
## 5th Annual WISER Symposium on Nursing Simulation

### ASK OPS

If you are having trouble getting your PC to establish connection with your Simman or Simbaby.

#### Try this tip:

- Disconnect cable from simulator
- Run the “Manikin Update” on PC
- This will usually re-establish connection between PC and Linkbox
- Once update is finished, re-connect cable
- Re-launch Simman / Simbaby software
- Connection should be re-establish between PC and simulator



WISER will hold its 5th annual Symposium on Nursing Simulation on May 24 & 25, 2012 at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott, Pittsburgh, PA. The world’s leaders in simulation will be presenting the latest advancements across disciplines and across the globe. This all star conference has a dual focus on academic and practice setting. Attendees can immerse themselves in presentations, discussions, and interactive sessions on how to move their program where it needs to be for the best patient, student and professional staff outcomes.



This fast paced conference, a full day on Thursday, May 24 and a half day on Friday, May 25 will be held at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott.

#### Featured Speakers:

- Valerie Howard, EdD, MSN, RN - INACSL President, RISE Center @ Robert Morris University
- Pamela R. Jeffries, DNS, RN, ANEF, FAAN - Johns Hopkins University
- Suzie Kardong-Edgren, PhD, RN - Editor in Chief of Clinical Simulation Nursing, Washington State University
- Michelle Kelly, RN, ICC, BSc, MN - University of Technology, Sydney
- Mary E. Mancini, PhD, BSN, MSN - President of the IMSH, University of Texas
- John O’Donnell, CRNA, MSN, DrPH - Associate Director, Nursing Programs at WISER, University of Pittsburgh

and many more!

#### Participants who complete this one and a half day course will be able to:

- Describe unique approaches and opportunities in simulation curriculum development for graduate, undergraduate, and professional nursing educators
- Review recent advances in simulation research and education
- Develop skills as simulation educators in curriculum development and implementation
- Participate in interactive sessions and realistic simulation vignettes

For more information and to register online, visit [www.wiser.pitt.edu/nursingsymposium](http://www.wiser.pitt.edu/nursingsymposium)

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## 5th Annual WISER Symposium on Nursing Simulation (continued)

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Best practices
- Leadership skills
- Assessment methods
- Program development
- Interactive workshops
- Debriefing methods and practices
- Practical pointers and demonstrations
- Use of supplemental educational technology
- Internationally recognized simulation experts
- Overcoming problems and pitfalls in building your simulation program
- Developing competencies through simulation
- Networking opportunities

### VENDORS THIS YEAR INCLUDE:

- B-Line Medical
- Gaumard Scientific Co.
- iSys Global Solutions
- Laerdal
- MET/CAE
- National League for Nursing
- Pocket Nurse
- Simulaids
- Turning Technology
- UPMC Nursing Recruitment

## MORE UPCOMING CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS

- | **MOCA**  
*May 19, 2012*
- | **ISIM-COURSE  
WISER**  
*May 21-23, 2012*
- | **5TH ANNUAL WISER  
NURSING SYMPOSIUM**  
*May 24-25, 2012*
- | **OPERATIONAL BEST  
PRACTICES**  
*June 6-7, 2012*
- | **DIFFICULT AIRWAY  
MANAGEMENT**  
*June 23, 2012*
- | **FIBEROPTIC  
BRONCHOSCOPY**  
*June 24, 2012*
- | **ISIM COURSE  
WISER**  
*July 18-20, 2012*

For more course offerings  
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## WISER Welcomes Dr. Shin Ho Lee

WISER would like to welcome Dr. Shin Ho Lee to the WISER staff. Dr. Lee is a visiting international fellow from the Department of Emergency Medicine at Ilsan Hospital in Korea. Dr. Lee also serves as a Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine at Yonsei University, Korea. Dr. Lee will be with WISER for one year learning WISER's course creation processes as well as the operational best practices that are used to run WISER.



## 10th Annual Safar Symposium

WISER and the Safar Center for Resuscitation Research will be joining forces again this year to host the 10th Annual Safar Symposium on June 27-28. Attendees of the symposium will have an opportunity to review research abstracts during the Multi-Departmental Trainee's Research Day on Wednesday, June 27th.

Day two of the symposium will include the traditional session on Resuscitation & Simulation along with the 32nd Peter & Eva Safar lecture given by Dr. Gabriel G. Haddad, Professor of Pediatrics and Neuroscience at the University of California, San Diego. In the morning a variety of speakers from across the United States will discuss this year's Safar Symposium topic "Breakthroughs in Resuscitation – Pediatric Issues." Guests of the symposium will then be welcomed to WISER for an afternoon of discussions on "Simulation: Spanning the Spectrum of Technology."

For more details on the upcoming 10th Annual Safar Symposium, please visit <http://www.safar.pitt.edu/>.

## Dr. John O'Donnell named Associate Editor, Clinical Simulation in Nursing

John O'Donnell CRNA, MSN, DrPH, Associate Director for Nursing at WISER, has been named Associate Editor of Clinical Simulation in Nursing (CSIN). Clinical Simulation in Nursing is an international, peer-reviewed journal published online nine times annually. Clinical Simulation in Nursing is the official journal of the International Nursing Association of Clinical and Simulated Learning (INACSL) and reflects the mission of INACSL. The journal accepts manuscripts meeting one or more of the following criteria:

- Collaborating, mentoring, and networking for the advancement of nursing and health care education and practice through simulation and technology
- Integrating teaching strategies developed from simulation and technology
- Advancing nursing and health care through education, research, and technology
- Supporting the use of simulation and technology to enhance patient-centered care and evidence based practice
- Disseminating, reviewing, and updating knowledge, guidelines, regulations, and legislative policies that impact nursing and health care education and practice

Dr. O'Donnell joins Dr. Suzan (Suzie) Kardong-Edgren (Editor in Chief) and fellow Associate Editor Ms. Nicole Harder as the editorial team for the journal. When asked about his new role, O'Donnell stated, "I have been a reviewer for CSIN for the past two years and enjoyed that role. However I was thrilled to be selected as an associate editor for the premier nursing simulation journal.



My belief is that we are moving into the evidence-based scientific inquiry phase of simulation education and this puts me, the Pitt School of Nursing, and WISER at the forefront of the effort."

## Director's Corner

Greetings Fellow Simulation Enthusiasts,

As we continue to roll out more and more instructors trained through our iSIM course all over the world, the buzz about the Structured and Supported Debriefing Method or (GAS Model) that was developed by WISER in a collaborative effort with the American Heart Association (AHA) continues to grow. We also conducted a very successful pre-conference workshop teaching the method at the IMSH 2012 meeting in San Diego.

There are so many debriefing training sessions and models to use it is no longer acceptable just to let facilitators “wing it” during debriefings.

The advantages to the GAS Model are many, but in particular it is relatively easy to train new facilitators and is scalable, and can be used by novices and advanced facilitators alike. The GAS mnemonic stands for (G)ather, (A)nalyze, and (S)ummarize, which are the three principle phases of the method. There are handy cards and templates that can accompany the novice getting started to assist in the conducting of effective debriefing.

I recently had the opportunity to visit colleagues in Hong Kong where we had previously held iSIM training and was pleased to watch very effective debriefing sessions being conducted by iSIM alumni using the Structured and Supportive Method. It was great to see the adoption, and in particular, I was happy to observe that the facilitator was using one of the GAS Model cards as a debriefing guide.

Lastly, I wanted to mention that our own John O'Donnell, Director of Research and Associate Director for Nursing Programs of WISER was recently named as an Associate Editor to the journal *Clinical Simulation in Nursing*. Congrats John. It is certainly a testament to John's scholarly and research accomplishments in simulation over the last 18 years.

In closing, it was so exciting to see many of you at the IMSH meeting in San Diego. What a great meeting in all measures including size, scope, and productivity. I cannot wait to see what this year will bring!

Until Next Time, Happy Simulating!

Paul



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### Call for Poster Abstracts!

Poster Abstracts are now being accepted for the 5th Annual WISER Symposium on Nursing Simulation.

Participants whose abstracts are selected will receive \$100 off their registration fee.

Submission deadline is May 1, 2012.