

## The SIRC Has a New Look

The Simulation Innovation Resource Center (SIRC) website has undergone some major enhancements. We hope you like the new look and are finding the resources useful. We are grateful to our communications and marketing team for their creativity and hard work. Please take the time to visit the site and please let us know what you think at [info@sirc.com](mailto:info@sirc.com).

## Did You Know?

The SIRC site has a new feature: [HomeGrownSolutions](#). INACSL and the NLN have joined forces to provide you with a way to share cost effective methods to produce simulation situations. Created by education professionals to address tricky issues in simulation, HomeGrown Simulation Solutions comprises self-made items, creative adaptations to existing items, simulation recipes, and ideas that add to the suspension of disbelief in simulation. Each item includes objectives for use, ideas to integrate it into the curriculum, and step-by-step instructions that provide a roadmap for replication. Solutions may be highlighted in future publications and/or conferences with INACSL and the NLN.

Submissions must meet the following criteria for consideration:

- ▶ Offers a unique solution to everyday simulation issues, or ideas to suspension of disbelief in simulation
- ▶ Identifies a problem to be solved in simulation
- ▶ Provides a list of supplies or ingredients
- ▶ Details the steps for re-creating the solution (Pictures and videos submissions are encouraged.)

The application deadline is **January 15, 2015**. To learn more, visit the [HomeGrown Solutions](#) section of the [NLN SIRC website](#).

## And Did You Know?

The most popular areas on the SIRC website are the pages featuring our simulation centers and vendors. Having your center or your simulation services in the directory is great publicity.

- ▶ If you have a simulation center or you are a vendor and are already listed, check your link to ensure that it's accurate.
- ▶ If you are not yet listed, click the links below. (*Centers don't need to be large. There are only two simple criteria: agree to let others tour your center and be willing to share your insights - at your convenience, of course.*)
- ▶ Submitting your information is easy.
  - Simulation Centers: fill in the form [here](#).
  - Vendors: fill in the form [here](#).

## Do You Need Help Getting Started with Simulation? Are Ready to Advance Your Skills?

The SIRC has 16 courses, ranging from basic to advanced, created under the direction of Dr. Pam Jeffries. Check them out at the [SIRC](#).

## NLN Research Journal Special Issue: Call for Simulation Manuscripts

Nursing Education Perspectives is planning a special issue on the use of simulation in nursing education for September/October 2015. Dr. Pamela R. Jeffries, editor of the NLN's *Simulation in Nursing: From Conceptualization to Evaluation* (2nd ed.) and vice provost for digital initiatives, Johns Hopkins University, will serve as guest editor. Please submit your simulation manuscript to NEP for consideration.

[Read the Journal »](#)

## Upcoming Events

### January 10-14, New Orleans, LA 2015 Society for Simulation in Healthcare Conference

Visit NLN Booth 809 in New Orleans, where more than 2,000 health care simulation professionals from around the globe convene for the premier educational and networking event for health care simulationists from all disciplines. The NLN will also be represented at the following sessions:

- ▶ *Creating Better Simulations for All Your Learners – Here's How*  
Dr. Mary Fey, Dr. Joe Lopriato, Dr. Sharon Decker, Connie Lopez, Dr. Taylor Sawyer
- ▶ *Debriefing Practices in the United States: Results of a National Survey*  
Dr. Mary Fey

- ▶ *Enhancing Clinical Reasoning: Teaching Thinking Through Debriefing*  
Dr. Susan Forneris, Dr. Kristina Dreifuerst, Dr. Jone Tiffany
- ▶ *Faculty Development Model: Meeting Health Care Needs of Special Populations*  
Dr. Susan Forneris, Dr. Mary Anne Rizzolo
- ▶ *Expert Panel: Benefits and Barriers to Assessment of Simulated Experiences*  
Dr. Judy LeFlore, Dr. Mindi Anderson, Dr. Mary Anne Rizzolo, Sandy Swoboda, MS, RN, FCCM

[Learn more about the conference »](#)

## **February 5-7, San Antonio, TX**

### **2015 NLN Leadership Conference: Academic Leadership Excellence: Co-Creating a Collaborative Culture**

Leadership is needed in order to advance excellence in the use of simulation as an effective teaching strategy. Leading change requires skills. Joining the many participants for this year's conference are our 2015 Simulation Leaders. This year the Leadership Development Program for Simulation Educators program welcomes three international simulation experts from South Africa, Australia, and Canada. This year's interactive leadership conference will focus on co-creating a positive culture for effective leadership in academic environments. Organizational culture establishes the foundation for how people work, think, and behave. Esteemed experts will share insights and strategies to address dynamics that often serve as barriers to successful organizational performance: resistance, power, authority, and competition.

The conference will promote courageous dialogue that engages participants in experiential learning. Join the NLN to explore innovations to co-create strategic environments that build collaboration among faculty, administrators, and students.

Congratulations to our 2015 simulation leaders who will also be attending this year's Leadership Conference:

Linda Bensfield - *DePaul University*  
 Sabrina Beroz - *Montgomery College*  
 Cathy Coram - *Colorado State University, Pueblo*  
 Amy Cowperthwait - *University of Delaware*  
 Justine Dawson - *St. John of God Health Care, Australia*  
 Dawne-Marie Dunbar - *University of New England*  
 Crystel Farina - *Chesapeake College*  
 Kim Hawkins - *Creighton University*  
 Martha Hepler - *University of North Carolina at Pembroke*  
 Alaina Herrington - *Hinds Community College*  
 Vanessa Kramasz - *Gateway Technical College*  
 Patricia Morgan - *University of Calgary, Canada*  
 Carla Nye - *Virginia Commonwealth University*  
 Kathryn Parrish - *University of North Georgia*  
 Julie Poore - *Indiana University School of Nursing*  
 Tonya Rutherford-Hemming - *Cleveland Clinic*  
 Tonya A. Schneidereith - *Stevenson University*  
 Ejim N. Sule - *Prairie View A&M University College of Nursing*  
 Nancy Sullivan - *Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing*  
 Catherine Thurling - *University of Witwatersrand, South Africa*

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